

# School Girls; Or, The African Mean Girls Play Black Out Night FAQS

#### What is a Black Out event?

"A Black Out night is the purposeful creation of an environment in which an all-Black-identifying audience can experience and discuss an event in the performing arts, film, and cultural spaces – free from the white gaze." blackoutnite.com.

'Black Out Night' is a term coined by playwright Jeremy O. Harris (*Daddy*, *Slave Play*). It is a purposeful creation of an environment in which an all-Black-identifying audience can experience the event collectively. Black Out events and Black Theatre Nights have taken place across the UK and the US, inviting audiences into a space that is especially welcoming and tailored for Black audiences.

When is the Black Out performance for School Girls; Or, The African Mean Girls Play? The Black Out performance will take place on Monday 19 June at 7.30pm. This performance will include a post-show Q&A with the company of School Girls; Or, The African Mean Girls Play.

### Why are you doing a Black Out performance?

The creatives behind the show and the Lyric believe it is important to curate a space that diminishes any barriers some Black audiences may feel when coming to the theatre. This night specifically will celebrate Black Joy and is an opportunity for Black audiences to come together in a shared space and experience the show.

We thank you in advance for supporting this performance as we facilitate an opportunity for a community to celebrate and enjoy this Black Out performance.

#### How much are tickets and what concessions do you offer?

Tickets are priced from £15 - £42

#### Concession rates:

- Under 16s can attend for £20 tickets in price bands B&C
- Access patrons and a guest can receive one ticket at £15 each (£10 for previews)
- If you're 25 or under and live in West London, you can apply for free Young Lyric Membership and access two £5 tickets to all of our main house shows including School Girls; Or, The African Mean Girls Play. To apply for Young Lyric Membership, visit our website <a href="here">here</a>.
- If you live, work or study in Hammersmith & Fulham you can apply for two free tickets to the first performance on 08 June at 7.30pm. To register for free tickets and to enter the ballot, please click <a href="here.">here.</a>



## Can I attend this performance if I'm not Black?

This performance has been programmed specifically for Black audiences to enjoy a collective experience. We will not prevent or preclude anyone from attending the Black Out performance. While the intention of Black Out is to create a space for as many Black-identifying audience members as possible, nobody will be questioned or turned away.

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All ticket holders will need to adhere to our standard terms and conditions.

Is this your only discounted ticket offer for School Girls; Or, The African Mean Girls Play? No, we also have a range of concessions in place on School Girls; Or, The African Mean Girls Play including discounts for those aged under 25 in West London with our Young Lyric £5 tickets. Access concessions are also available, as well as free tickets to the first preview, allocated via a ballot to those who live and work in Hammersmith and Fulham.

What can I expect on the night, and how will it be different from other performances? The theatre will be open for pre-show drinks and snacks throughout the day. Doors to the auditorium will open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. The performance will run for approximately 75 minutes with no interval. A post-show Q&A will follow the performance and will last for 30 minutes. After the Q&A has concluded, audiences are invited to enjoy drinks in the bar and our Roof Garden Terrace with an exciting guest DJ playing tunes inspired by the production.