

NEWSLETTER – AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2011

Welcome back after the summer break. I hope you all had a good rest and will soon be raring to go! Everything starts up again on Monday 5th September and we already have lots of exciting things lined up for next term so please do read on. And enjoy the rest of the summer.

Gail, Sharon & Chris

END OF YEAR SHOW

Congratulations to everyone who took part in this year's End of Year Show which proved to be an excellent event despite some of the issues with tickets. Thanks also to everyone who sent in thank-yous and nice comments – these are really appreciated by everyone in the team. There are lots of photos of the event on the website and on Flickr so be sure to have a look at these and order any prints you'd like to keep.

The ticket issue was obviously a problem and we have learned lessons from this so we can ensure this situation doesn't happen again. We'll be sorting out things for next year's show in plenty of time and will let you know details as soon as possible. DVDs can still be ordered by using the form attached with the newsletter. Please send the form and payment directly to Surrey Video Services and not to the office.

Great fun was had by all on this year's summer course with students devising a great musical show using Broadway songs. Students also researched the musicals and designed the poster and programmes themselves, so very well done to all.



Students perform their devised show – Dreams of Love

DANCE CHALLENGE

Congratulations to Gail's Tuesday street dance class who all travelled up to London on July 17th to compete in this national event. Although we didn't win, we did sit right next to the group from Kettering that did win, and a great time was had by all. Students danced very well and gained lots of experience for next year. The annual event was attended by over 24, heat-winning groups from around the country and with all styles of dance being represented from tap and ballet to hip-hop.

HORSHAM CARNIVAL

Thank you for everyone who turned up and participated in this event. We had a great day in the sun and danced in front of the crowds at this packed event. The event was well covered by the local papers and there are some photos on our website too.



Lots of fun was had at the Horsham Carnival

INVOICES

All autumn term invoices were sent out in July by email. Thank you if you have already paid and taken advantage of the early payment discount. If you have not paid yet, please ensure your payment reaches us by **Monday 5th September** at the latest. Late payment surcharges will be added if not received by this date as late payment incurs extra costs associated with due to having to chase-up invoices, so please help us (and you) avoid these extra costs by paying by the due date.

NEW PRE-SCHOOL CLASSES IN DORKING

We are starting a new pre-school dance and drama class on Tuesdays at the Follett Hall, United Reformed Church, Church Street on Tuesdays at 2-3pm. Come along for a free trial for this class suitable for preschoolers ages 3+.

NEW SENIOR YOUTH THEATRE PRODUCTION

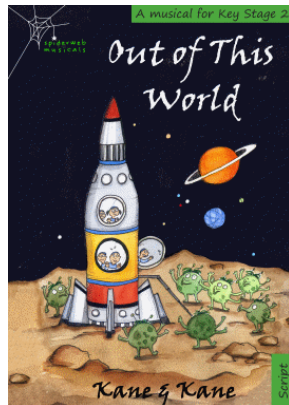
This production will run at The Leatherhead Theatre in the week 30th Jan – 4th February 2012. We are hoping to put on 2-3 performances of the fantastic all singing, all dancing musical ***Anything Goes on 2-4th February 2012*** but we are still waiting for the performance licence to be confirmed. In case this is refused, we will choose another equally good show so come along on the first read-through anyway. *Anything Goes* is the age-old tale of Boy-Meets-Girl and the amusing complications which ensue, intrigue every audience. No musical puts it on stage better than *Anything Goes*. With one of Cole Porter's magical scores, it includes some of his most well-known and well-loved songs such as: *It's De-Lovely*, *Friendship*, *I Get A Kick Out Of You*, *All Through The Night*, *Anything Goes* and *You're The Top*. The show has great characters, comic situations and some fabulous song and dance routines.

The senior youth theatre is open for students aged 13–19 (school years 8-13) and is a great way to put all the skills learned in core classes such as dancing, singing and drama together. The production will be directed and choreographed by Gail and Mark Willment will be the musical director. The fee for the senior youth theatre is £200 and this covers the entire production.

The first read-through is on **Monday 12th September** at The Hut, Furlong Road, Westcott and is open to anyone so if you have friends who may be interested, bring them along. The auditions will be Monday 19th and 26th September as we need to get started and there's a lot to do. If you'd like more information and an audition pack, please email or call the office.

NEW JUNIOR YOUTH THEATRE PRODUCTION

The junior youth theatre production will be *Out Of This World*, an exciting new musical for 6-12 year olds (school years 1-7 inclusive). This best-selling musical begins when a spaceship lands on an unknown planet. The Captain and his ill-assorted crew soon realise that they are trapped by the ruthless Geekoids. Can they escape, free the friendly Choopies and save the Earth from alien invasion? It's a good job the Geekoid guards aren't too bright! *Out Of This World* combines a fantasy story with an environmental message, and has 25 speaking parts and seven outstanding and memorable songs so there's a lot for everyone to do.



The production will be on **Saturday 10th March 2012** and rehearsals will be on Mondays from 5.00 – 6.30pm at The Hut, Furlong Road, Westcott. The fee for the junior youth theatre is £150 which covers everything in the production and with over 50 hours of tuition scheduled, this really is one of our best value classes.

HALF-TERM ARTS ALIVE WORKSHOP

We are running a musical theatre workshop at The Hut, in Westcott on **Thursday 27th October** as part of the Mole Valley Arts Alive Festival. The workshop costs £25 and runs from 10–4pm ending with a short performance. Students will learn songs and dances from current West End shows. Please apply to the office as spaces are limited.

NEW ADULT DANCE CLASSES

We are starting some adult dance classes on Thursdays in Dorking. Faye is going to run these classes which will be a fun way to keep fit and learn some great steps. The venue is still to be confirmed but they will run as follows:

- Adult stage/street 8-9pm
- Adult tap 9-10pm

These will run in blocks of 10 lessons per term starting on **Thursday 22nd September**. Please let us know if you are interested in these classes by calling or emailing the office.

NEW HORSHAM TEACHERS

In order to accommodate the demand for singing lessons in Horsham, we will be welcoming a new singing teacher in Horsham on Saturdays to take over some of the group classes and take on some private lessons. Tamara will still be teaching as well but will concentrate on her private pupils.

Caroline has unfortunately handed in her notice so that she can concentrate on her performing career. She has sent her best wishes to everyone saying that she loved the job and the students and will miss it very much. We'd like to send our best wishes to Caroline for a happy and successful future.

The new drama teacher will be Stephanie Walls and the additional singing teacher is Amy Beth Smith. Both come highly recommended and have lots of experience so we hope you will join with us in making them both welcome.

CONTACT DETAILS

Please let us know if you have changed any contact details. This is vital as we need up-to-date contact details for all students in case of emergencies. If you're not sure if we have your correct details, please just email: sharon@phoenixcreativearts.co.uk with your email, home and mobile numbers and address. Better to be safe than sorry!

SLIGHT CHANGE TO SOME DORKING START DATES

Please note that due to **Karen and Mark** being away on 6th and 10th September respectively, Mark's singing classes and the Dorking Saturday classes will not start until **Tuesday 13th and Saturday 17th December** but will run an extra week at the end of term, ending on Saturday 17th December.

As a reminder, Karen's lessons are now:

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| 9.30 – 10.30 | Preliminary tap/ballet |
| 10.30 – 11.15 | Grades 1-2 ballet |
| 11.15 – 12.00 | Grades 1-2 tap |
| 12.00 – 13.00 | Grade 5 tap |

DRAMA CLASSES ON 21 SEPTEMBER

Please note that due to room availability on 21st Sept, the intermediate/advanced drama class with Claire will run from 6.00 – 7.30pm instead of the usual 5.00 – 6.30pm.

FACEBOOK & TWITTER

Just a reminder that we now have both Facebook and Twitter accounts so if you are a user of social networks, please look us up and join our groups.

- Facebook – Phoenix Creative Arts
- Twitter – @PhoenixCrtvArts

SINGING LESSONS

We have a few spaces for private singing lessons as follows:

- One slot with Mark on Tuesdays in Dorking
- A couple of slots in Dorking with Tamara on Wednesdays
- Some slots on Saturdays in Horsham.

Please email us if you are interested in these lessons.

DIARY DATES

2011

- **5th Sept** – Term starts and Dorking open week (No singing with Mark)
- **10th Sept** - Horsham open day
- **17th September** – start day for Karen's Saturday Dorking classes
- **22 Sept** – adult classes start
- **24-29 Oct inclusive** – Half Term
- **27th Oct** - Arts Alive MT Workshop
- **8th Dec** – Dorking Gala night
- **10th Dec** – Last day of term (not incl. Karen's Dorking Saturday classes)
- **11th Dec** - Dorking exam session
- **17th Dec** – last day of term for Karen's Dorking Saturday classes

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- **9th Jan** – Start of term
- **2-4th Feb** – *Anything Goes*
- **10th March** - *Out of This World*

ACTION POINTS

1. Ensure payment is received by 5/9
2. Enter all relevant dates in your diary
3. Join new classes such as youth theatres, singing and adult classes
4. Book onto Arts Alive course
5. Confirm correct contact details
6. Join us on Facebook and Twitter