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NEWSLETTER – JUNE/JULY 2011

Congratulations to everyone who participated in our Bring Your Friends week. We had lots of people show up and some new students as well so thanks to all those who took part. We are going to make it a regular annual event so we'll let you know when next year's week is and you can start planning who to invite.

With the End of Year Show looming, things are very hectic in the office, so we'll get straight on to all the news. Please email us or call us if you have any questions about the forthcoming events and we look forward to a fantastic few weeks and an excellent show.

Gail, Sharon & Chris



Horsham students and friends during Bring Your Friends Week

SINGING EXAMS

Congratulations to everyone who took their singing exams in May. We had another 100% pass rate and some more excellent

results including 2 grade 8 pupils so well done to everyone. Thanks to Mark and Tamara for their hard work and preparation. Congratulations again to everyone for their well-deserved success. As soon as the certificates are received, we'll send them out via classes or post.

BUGSY MALONE

Congratulations to all involved in Buggy Malone which was on last Saturday. It was a great show and we've had some lovely comments from parents and students. We'll include some pictures in the next newsletter but check the website in the meantime as Ian is working on them now.



Exam presentation day 2011



END OF YEAR SHOW

As previously reported, this year's End of Year Show will be held at The Capitol, Horsham on **Sunday 10th July at 7pm.**

Enclosed with this newsletter is a schedule showing which classes are in which sections and a detailed rehearsal schedule for **Saturday 9th July.** Please double check with your teachers to confirm which rehearsals you need to attend as your child may be doing more than one item. The rehearsal on Saturday 9th July will be held at The Mulberry Centre, Junction Road, Dorking RH4 3HB. This is the venue next to Waitrose. There are several local car parks within easy walking distance of the venue. Waitrose car park is only for Waitrose customers and is time-limited.

The older singers (called from 1pm) are the people doing Oklahoma, Kiss Me Kate and Just One Voice. The junior singers who are not doing these songs, only need to be there for their set rehearsals.

SUNDAY 10TH JULY – 2PM – THE CAPITOL THEATRE, HORSHAM

All the cast will be needed in the afternoon on Sunday 10th July.

In order to stagger the arrival of students, please arrive as follows:

Students in Act 1	1.30pm
Students in Act 2	2.30pm
Show starts	7.00pm
Approximate end	9.30pm

On arrival, students should sign in at the sign-in desk which will be located near or in the foyer. They will then be shown to the dressing rooms or auditorium.

Refreshments - Please ensure that students have enough refreshments (especially drinks) as there will not be time for people to leave the building between the shows. They should have any uniform that they need (shoes, leotards etc).

Hair - Please try to ensure that hair is already styled especially for the younger ballet students. Older students should make sure they bring their own hair brushes and make up.

Phoenix uniform - It is not necessary to bring your Phoenix tops but if you do wear them on the day, please make sure they are clearly labelled with your name as they all look the same! This also goes for shoes.

Tickets – These are only available from The Capitol by telephoning their box office on **01403 750220** or you can also book online on their website at

www.thecapitolhorsham.com. They are £10 for adults and £5 for under 16s.

The theatre only holds 450 so please book your tickets early to avoid disappointment. Please note that tickets are NOT available from the Phoenix Office.

Please also make sure you have updated us if you have moved, changed phone numbers or emails to ensure we can contact you in case of emergencies.

SHOW DVD

An order form for the End of Year Show DVD will be included with this newsletter. Please complete the form and return it to Surrey Video Services at the address on the form with your payment (payable to Surrey Video Services) if you'd like a copy.

SUMMER SHOW COURSE – NEW DATES

Book your place now for our summer show course. We will be running a "Broadway Week" from the **8–13th August inclusive** in which students will devise a show using music from well-known musical shows. This promises to be another fun week involving dance, drama and singing and is open to students aged 7–14.

The fee for this course is £150 (sibling rate £120) to cover the whole 6 days, 10am–4pm. A non-returnable deposit of £50 is required to secure a place, so put the date in your diaries and email the office for an application form. An early-bird rate of £140 is also available if you book and pay in full before June 30th.

DANCE CHALLENGE

Congratulations to Gail's Tuesday street dance class who won the Surrey heats of the national dance competition, Dance Challenge. We will be competing on Sunday 17th July in London so if you'd like to come along and support us, get in touch with the office asap. And wish us luck!

HORSHAM CARNIVAL

This year's Horsham Carnival is on Sunday 24th July. We have again been asked to participate so we'll be asking some groups if they'd like to be involved. Please get back to us if you can make the date and come and see us in the park.

SEPTEMBER SCHEDULES

The new schedule for September will be on our website within the next week. We will be emailing people directly if classes have changed but please feel free to have a look at the schedule to see what other classes you might want to do.

The junior youth theatre will move to Monday 5.00 – 6.30pm and will be followed by the senior youth theatre from 6.30 – 9.30 pm. Both youth theatres will be starting brand new productions in September. Details will appear on our website over the summer so please check back regularly for updates.

We are thinking of starting adult tap and street/stage classes in Dorking on a Thursday evening again in September. If you are interested in this, please let us know so that we can gauge the feasibility of the classes.

INVOICES

Due to the amount of work involved in the End of Year Show, and the fact that the office will only be manned (or wo-manned!) sparsely over the summer, we will be emailing out your invoices for September in the next couple of weeks.

As usual, these will be due on or before the first day of term on **Monday 5th September**. However, we are also offering the early-payment discount to everyone who pays before the end of July. **Please ensure your payment reaches us before 31st July to claim your discount.**

UPDATE TO TERMS & CONDITIONS

We have updated our terms and conditions to include the following phrase.

The parent/guardian gives the school permission to take and use photographs of students in the normal course of classes of shows for publicity purposes.

We assume that all parents accept this new condition unless you contact Sharon at the office on sharon@phoenixcreativearts.co.uk

FACEBOOK & TWITTER

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

Facebook – Phoenix Creative Arts
Twitter – @PhoenixCrtvArts

SINGING LESSONS

We will have singing spaces in Dorking and Horsham from September. These go quite quickly so please let us know asap if you are interested in private singing lessons. If you are on the current waiting list, then there's no need to contact us again. Sharon will be contacting you shortly to organise times.

DIARY DATES

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- **25th June** – Junior Youth Theatre production of *Bugsy Malone*
- **8th/9th July** – LAMDA exam days
- **9th July – End of Year Show Rehearsal**
- **10th July** – End of Year Rehearsal/Show
- **13th July** – Dorking drama showcase
- **16th July** – End of Summer Term
- **8–13th August – NEW DATES** - Summer School Production
- **5th Sept** – Autumn Term Starts

ACTION POINTS

1. Put all show rehearsals and dates in diary
2. Book onto summer course
3. Order End of Year Show tickets
4. Order show DVD
5. Join us on Facebook & Twitter