

Drama, Dance and Singing classes for 4-17's...building confidence for life

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THE HAMPSTEAD FACTORY

1. Hi Parents....

Well what an amazing Summer Holiday! We are enjoying another term and looking forward to our "back to basics" show on December 3rd and 4th. No ticket fees are requested for the show, however donations can be made to our nominated children's charity. Students rely on their performance rather than scenery or lighting for this back to basics show. Film scripts will be used in drama this term with the emphasis on "TV and film" acting helping them to learn the skills towards their free film workshop and cinema premier over the Easter Holidays. This year the 4-7's show will be based on "Toy Story" , the 8-11's "Chronicles of Narnia" and the 12-17's "Mean Girls" . Each group performs for around 30 minutes.

Here's to another fab term.

Take Care... **Laura x**



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2. Contact us

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3. Term Dates and Class Times

GLOUCESTER SCHOOL; Sir Thomas Rich's School,

Sports Centre, Oakleaze, Longlevens, Gloucester (turn right through gates and follow sports centre signs)

CLASS TIMES:

"Little Angels" - 2.00pm-4pm

"Juniors" - 2.00pm-4.45pm

"Seniors" - 2.00pm-4.45pm

Autumn 2011

Saturday 17th September 2011 - Saturday 3rd December 2011

(Weekend off Saturday 22nd and 29th October 2011)

EXTRA REHEARSAL DATE...Located at "Manor by the lake" NOT

CHELTENHAM FILM STUDIOS

Tuesday 22nd November and Tuesday 29th November

"Little Angels" - 5pm-7.00pm

"Juniors" - 6.00pm-8.00pm

"Seniors" - 6.00pm-8.0pm

Please be advised it is compulsory for all children to attend the extra rehearsal dates, as this makes all the difference to the end of term shows! **The "Manor by the Lake" is right next to The**

"Cheltenham Film Studios" and opposite the new Asda on Hatherley Lane, Cheltenham. Please drive into the "Cheltenham Film Studios" entrance and the "Manor on the Lake" is located on the right hand side.

SHOW DATE

Saturday 3rd December at Sir Thomas Rich's-gym

2pm-students arrive for dress rehearsal

5.10pm-doors open

5.15pm-show starts

7.15pm-approx show finishes

The 4 to 7's will open the show but we would strongly advise that ALL parents attend from the beginning of the show to avoid missing part/all of your child's performance as we cannot give definite start/end times for each age group. We encourage children and parents to watch and support each age group however we leave this to the discretion of the parents due to mature content for some 12-17's shows.

Autumn Show Costumes

Please bring costumes on Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th November for a dress rehearsal

There will be no costume budget (as we are not requesting tickets from parents) so we would be grateful to parents to see if they have any items of clothing that may suit their child's character in one of the below plays:

Toy Story-Fun "toy" type dresses for girls, trousers and T-shirts for boys-the more modern, colourful and fun the better! Think Cowboys and Indians!

Chronicles of Narnia-An old fashioned slant such as pretty dresses in dark colours for girls and braces for boys trousers and shirts. Anything furry to show animal costumes a bonus!

Mean Girls- Funky jeans for boys and girls, cheer leading outfits and American football shirts and jerseys for boys-gothic for Janice. Any short skirts **MUST have dark leggings underneath for dance.**

Materials that will be helpful for the end of term presentations for parents to provide. If you have any of these items please ask your child to bring along for the "dress rehearsal" after half term. We would suggest most of the items can be found within the house as opposed to buying new.

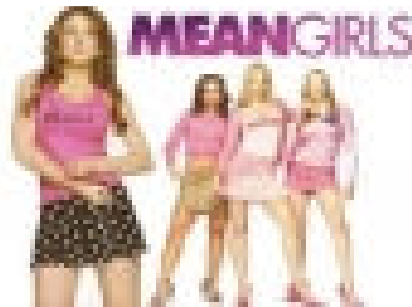
The Autumn Term Donations

The Autumn show will be a fun, relaxed presentation. We will have “buckets” at the ready for anyone wishing to give a donation after the performance (no ticket fees requested). All profits will be presented to GROW a Gloucestershire based charity who helps underprivileged children to achieve their potential through extra curricular hobbies.

So far you have helped us to raise:

£130 for Click Sargent in 2010, £180 for Winston’s Wish in 2009, £350 for The Chernobyl Children’s Charity in 2008, £250 that we raised for the Gloucester Royal Hospital Children's Ward in 2007, £220 we raised for Great Western Hospital Children's Ward in 2006, £180 raised for Children in Need in 2005.

So in the last five years alone you have helped us to raise well over £1000 for various local, National and International charities! If that’s not worth a pat on the back to you all then I'm not sure what is.



4. FLexiclasses



Does your child LOVE drama and singing but dance is a no no?!
or Do they LOVE dance and drama but not so hot on singing?!

Well now they can enjoy creating their own class timetable with our new **Flexi Classes from as little as £3.60 an hour.**

Flexi Classes allows youngsters to join in 2 out of the 3 classes of their choice every weekend. In addition to the classes they get to have fun socializing in their “class” break which means you get 50 Min's of EXTRA childcare while they enjoy time with their classmates! Youngsters get to perform at the end of term too!

Clever hey... So what are you waiting for! Check out our Flexi Fees at the venue best for you!

For more info on how you can join our Flexi Classes, just log onto our website www.thehampsteadfactory.co.uk

5. Birthday Parties

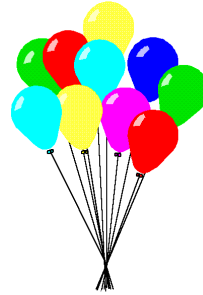
We can provide **fun themed parties** with mini-performances for children of all ages.

Themes include performance parties, model parties **NEW!** and film parties **NEW!**. Simply take your pick and book your party online...parties from home start from **only £69.00.**

Here is an example of the fantastic feedback we have received after our parties:

"I can't get over how much they learned in such a short time...and what an amazing performance too!"

More information on our website: www.thehampsteadfactory.co.uk



6. TELL A FRIEND....

About our free Christmas film workshop for non Hampstead Factory students on Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th



7. Meet Olivia Lennon, HF Student about her new job at NICK JUNIOR!

Hi Olivia, congratulations on getting the voice over role at Nick Junior, can you tell us a bit about the program and your character?

The programme is called Team Umi Zoomie and it's all about three characters called Millie (a little girl superhero), Geo (a little boy

December 2011 and you will receive a **FREE**

Hampstead Factory T-Shirt...how cool is that?

This is an amazing opportunity for non Hampstead Factory youngsters aged 4-17 to work with resident film makers here at the Cheltenham Film Studios. They are just as excited as we are to be filming local talent! Once we have edited your film you are invited to attend your very own **Hampstead Factory Film Premiere!**

Remember HF students film for free every Easter!

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superhero) and Bot (their robot sidekick) who are minute sized maths super heroes who help a place called Umi City to solve problems. For example, if someone loses something or if something goes wrong, the city's people can call Team Umi Zoomie who will be there in a second to sort the problem out. The characters use their mighty maths powers to help people in their hour of need. For example, in one episode the city runs out of milk and there is no milk for the children's cereal. Three children call Team Umi Zoomie for help and the three super heroes come to the rescue. Geo uses his super shapes to create a truck that carries milk to Umi City and Millie uses her pattern power to sort the cows in to different flavours of milk whilst Bot helps them along the way by using his belly screen to show how the children are getting along and his Botomat to carry important items along the journey. In another episode a character called Silly Bear finds some honey for his honey pie but Geo and Bot get stuck in the honey by mistake and get taken back to Silly Bear's cave where they could accidentally be eaten. It's up to Millie to save the day which she does by using her patten power to find the way to Silly Bear's cave so that she can alert him to the fact that Geo and Bot are trapped in the honey.

I play the part of Geo which I thought was a bit weird at first because I am a girl playing a boys part. In the end I didn't mind because I got the chance to be in a real recording studio and begin my acting career.



9. Tim Phelps (past HF member) in his new role!

Tim Phelps one of our past HF students has just got a brilliant new role (using his HF online CV!!) in the BBC's new version of Merlin with Phoenix Casting!! He has been shooting scene's in Cardiff as a Warrior in studios and up a hill! How exciting....look out for the new series coming very soon and remember one of the warriors is HF's Tim!! Tim Phelps still has private lessons with HF and is working towards auditioning for drama schools next year. For more information on private lessons with HF please email the office!

How did you feel when they told you got the role?

My jaw dropped and I was speechless. I couldn't believe that I had been picked to play a character on a real live TV show and I felt really proud of myself for getting the part and my sister was really pleased too and was very supportive of me.

What do you feel is the best way to learn your scripts?

I don't have to learn scripts; the show's producer says a line which I then repeat. But it's not easy, I have to get the line spot or else I have to repeat it again and again which takes up a lot of time. I've been told that the reason I was asked to do four series is because I am very good at getting lines right pretty quickly.

What would you like to do when you are older?

I definitely want to become an actor although I'd prefer to do film or TV productions rather than stage work. I'd like to do comedy and would love to become the next 'Miranda' who I think is hysterical!

Do you have any advice for other children at the Hampstead Factory who would like to follow in your footsteps?

Yes, if you want to do voice over work it's important to speak clearly so people can understand you easily, be prepared to put lots of expression in to what you say to make your voice interesting and easy for viewers to understand. It's also good to have a laid back



10. AGENCY

NEW INFO - CV and Photos!!!

ALL Hampstead Factory pupils can have an online CV template for FREE! If you do not yet have one please email the office (it is an automated system so please don't call) to request one. Photos can now be uploaded from home - for FREE! These must be good quality however and will still be approved by the office.

LAURA'S BLOG ONLINE

Ever wondered what Laura gets up to in the

attitude. I've been told that people who get big headed are often not called back for other auditions because they can come across as vain and difficult to work with.

Anything else.....?

Yes, the readers might want to hear about auditions, although they can be nerve wracking kids should try not to be nervous and try and have fun. I think I won my part because I tried to cover my nerves by breathing slowly when I was asked to speak. This helped me to calm down a lot.



8. Show Material Information!

After a successful summer term, we have been busy dancing and singing around to the material for the autumn term 2011. Get yourself excited

holidays? and her day off? Well check out her online blog and all will be revealed!! With extracts from working with the homeless (come and see her new film at the Guildhall starring homeless people in Gloucester) to her guinea pigs crazy antics! Get to know office life at The Film Studios and a sneak preview into Laura's ideas for the future of HF! Go to the blog section of the HF website.

as we have a variety of funky music that will definitely get everyone moving. With the 4-7's dancing round to **Maroon 5's** new song 'Moves like Jagger' and the 8-11's singing songs from glee and and **Ellie Goulding**. Whilst the 12-17's have a selection of new and classic songs, from **Glee, Wicked, Britney Spears** and the wonderful **Diva Beyonce!**

Whilst working on songs we have also been busy watching films, drama and musical pieces finding some new and exciting drama material. We won't spill all the exciting surprises for this term but hopefully the pictures will give you some clues?? We hope you are all looking forward to what's in store for you guys over the next few weeks!

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