



SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2011



SHARPE ACADEMY OF THEATRE ARTS

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THE BROADWAY MUSICAL

WEST END PERFORMERS

HARROW CENTRE (*Musical Theatre & LAMDA*) **Sundays****ACT 1 Musical Theatre (Foundation)** (Ages 3-5) • 10.00am – 10.45am**ACT 1 Musical Theatre (Foundation)** (Ages 3-5) • 11.00am – 11.45am

This 45-minute class covers all the basics of Musical Theatre whilst helping to boost child confidence levels. The children work on 15 minutes each of Singing, Dancing and Acting with a great team of teachers who make sure every child in the room is improving their own individual skills. This class also includes weekly drama games, occasional workshop days with guest teachers and end-of-term presentations for parents.

ACT 2 Musical Theatre (Junior) (Ages 6-9) • 12.00pm – 2.00pm**ACT 3 Musical Theatre (Senior)** (Ages 10-16) • 12.00pm – 2.00pm

This class is split into two lessons – one hour of Singing and one hour of Drama. In the singing lessons, students work on vocal technique whilst learning Musical Theatre songs from around the world. Once songs are ready, movement routines are added. In the drama lessons, students work on scripts, improvisations, confidence games and drama techniques. We also organise optional annual visits to places of interest such as BBC Television Centre in central London, Recording Studios or West End shows. All students work towards end-of-year theatre showcases.

LAMDA Acting Examinations (Grades 1-8) • 20-30 minute *Private Lessons*

If you wish to take acting exams then you can do so alongside taking one of our other classes. Children will be taken out of their group lessons 4-6 times a term for 20-30 minute private tuition to work towards acting grades. This is a great opportunity to work towards something which rewards you with a nationally recognised certificate for your wall.

**PINNER CENTRE** (*Dance & Private Tuition*) **Tuesdays****Children's Freestyle Jazz & Tap** (Ages 6-12) • 5.15pm – 6.00pm**Private Singing / LAMDA Exams** • 6.00pm – 7.00pm**Adult Freestyle Jazz & Tap** (*All Adults welcome*) • 7.00pm – 8.00pm

If you enjoy dancing and wish to learn technique, routines and perform in showcases without the hassle of yearly exams and syllabus work then these classes are for you.

The children's class is 45-minutes long whilst the Adult class is one hour. We begin each lesson with an intense cardio warm up – in the Adult lesson this is an ideal fitness work out for the day. Then depending on the week either freestyle Jazz or Freestyle Tap is taught, learning techniques and teaching routines to the popular music of today. All students work towards end-of-year theatre showcases.

Adults are also offered the option of performing in the shows if they wish to.

STANMORE CENTRE (*Musical Theatre*) **Wednesdays****ACT 4 Musical Theatre (Company)** (Ages 14-21) • 7.30pm – 9.30pm

If you are aiming for a career in the Performing Arts and wish to have more opportunities to perform on the stage then this is the place to be. All members work towards large scale Musical Theatre shows and gala performances, presented in theatres twice a year. Our February 2011 the musical was **Beauty and the Beast**. In July company members will perform in the West End for our gala show **West End Performers** and from September 2011 members will begin rehearsals for **Fame** the Musical.

This is not run as a class, but as a Theatre Company where singing and dance are worked on weekly, with acting in the final weeks leading up to a musical production.

**ROTHERHAM CENTRE** (*Dance*) **Thursdays & Fridays****Rudston Lower School Jazz & Tap** (Lower 2–Lower 4) • 8.00am – 8.45am *Thursday***Rudston Upper School Jazz & Tap** (Upper 1–Upper 4) • 8.00am – 8.45am *Friday*

These special dance classes are run weekly in school term time for pupils of Rudston Preparatory School in Rotherham, South Yorkshire. Children work on the basics of jazz dancing whilst learning a repertoire of routines to perform in school productions.

Rotherham was the original home of Sharpe Academy.

PRIVATE LESSONS**Singing** – Harrow on the Hill • **Monday Evenings****LAMDA** – your Home • **Thursday Evenings**

If you are interested in private lessons, then please contact Daniel on 07500 569024.



A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR...

Dear Parents, Students and Members,

This is our Spring Newsletter detailing all our classes, productions, visits and holidays schools for the coming months. 2011 has already been hugely successful for Sharpe Academy with the impressive and widely acclaimed February production of **Beauty and the Beast** at Watersmeet in Rickmansworth. 56 of our students took part in the production and with one thousand five hundred audience members watching the four shows it was a huge success. I would like to say a big thank you to all creatives, cast and crew who took part. We have now set the bar incredibly high for next year's production of **Fame** the Musical, which I fully intend to make even better. I have already begun planning and I look forward to welcoming new faces into the company for the start of rehearsals in September.

We now move swiftly on to our next musical **Hairspray**. This is being presented as our Easter School from **18th-23rd April**. Please do check our website to see if we still have places available and you will be able to book online www.SharpeAcademy.co.uk. I wish the cast of Hairspray all the best for their two performances on Saturday 23rd April. Rehearsing an entire musical in just one week is something no other youth theatre in the area attempts, but with the talent we have I know it will be fantastic.

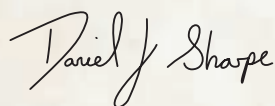
Our next full company Gala show is also now in full swing, with numbers being prepared by all of our classes. **West End Performers** is a special concert/gala organised to take our students into the very heart of London's West End for one performance only on **Sunday July 3rd**. Please see our Forthcoming Productions page of this newsletter for full details including how to book tickets. For those students who are studying for their GCSE's and A'Levels, we do run a basic rehearsal schedule over the summer months and do not call any extra rehearsals, apart from your usual class times, so we don't take any valuable study time away from you.

As a special treat for all students in our Act 2, Act 3 and Act 4 classes (ages 6-21) I have booked **Resident Recording Studios** in Willesden on Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th May to record our very first Sharpe Academy Album. As we are unable to get the rights to film West End Performers due to its West End location I thought the next best thing was to have an official audio recording of the show. This also allows our students the chance to visit and perform in a professional recording studio and experience how artistes record and mix their music. All 60 places for this visit were snapped up within 48 hours.

My last word of good luck must go to our LAMDA students who have been entered for a variety of acting grades from 1-8 over the Easter break. I know you'll all do us proud. If your child is interested in studying LAMDA from next term please do get in touch. Lessons are available on Sundays as part of our Act 2/3 Musical Theatre Class and also Thursday evenings where I can offer private tuition in your home.

I hope you have a good break.

Kind Regards



Daniel Sharpe
Director



SHARPE ACADEMY OF THEATRE ARTS
PRESENTS

WEST END PERFORMERS

Sharpe Academy of Theatre Arts is heading into the West End. On Sunday 3rd July all students aged 6-21 will perform at the Trafalgar Studios theatre in London for a celebration concert/gala show aptly named **West End Performers**. This compilation show will feature some of the best song and dance routines from the West End and also give a sneak peak of our next big musical **Fame**.

Students will be expected to wear black jazz pants, black jazz shoes and their West End Performers t-shirt.

Jazz shoes and Jazz pants can be ordered online from www.dancedirect.com or bought from any dance shop in London. They are ideal class wear for weekly lessons so they will be put to good use after the show. The cost for the t-shirt, which is £10.00 per child, has been added to each student's invoice for the summer term and we will organise these. Students will be handed their t-shirt on the day of the show and will of course then be able to keep it as a show memento once the show is over.

TICKETS

£20.00 each (No Concessions)

Due to the expensive nature of performing in the West End the tickets are priced considerably higher than our other productions – but with a West End credit on each child's CV we felt this was a worthwhile venture for this academic year. Because of this, we will only be performing in the West End once every 3-4 years, therefore our next visit will be at the earliest in 2014.

The Trafalgar Studios holds 350 people so we are **limiting tickets to three per cast member**. This is very much a show for parents and not for extended families. All students have been allocated three tickets – these should be paid for before 14th May by cash or cheque made payable to Sharpe Academy. Any tickets unpaid for after this time will be released for those families who wish to purchase more, on a first-come first-served basis. Once your tickets have been released they are no longer available for you to purchase. If you wish to place your name down for additional tickets please let me know and I will be in touch should we have availability. **This show is a compulsory part of the Sharpe Academy term** as performance is an integral part of our teaching. All students must take part if they wish to keep their place.

AFTERNOON REHEARSALS

All cast members will be called for afternoon rehearsals from 12.30pm on Sunday 3rd July at The Trafalgar Studios. Each cast member will need to bring a packed dinner with them. The Trafalgar Studios is based on Whitehall, in between Trafalgar Square and Downing Street. The nearest tube station is Charing Cross on the Bakerloo and Northern Lines. We will NOT be holding any other rehearsals apart from your usual class times.

SHOW INFORMATION

Date: **Sunday 3rd July 2011**

Time: **7.00pm**

Venue: **Trafalgar Studios Theatre, Whitehall, London, SW1A 2DY**

HOW TO BOOK

Send payment for your allocated tickets as soon as possible before 14th May. Remember this is 3 tickets per cast member priced at £20.00 each. E-mail or call any further ticket requests through to Daniel@SharpeAcademy.co.uk or 07500 569024. Daniel will then contact people from the 16th May onwards if he has tickets available.

EASTER SCHOOL 2011

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• THE BROADWAY MUSICAL •

After the huge success of High School Musical last Easter we are producing another full scale musical in just one week from **18th–23rd April 2011** at Hatch End High School. A race against time, this high energy Easter School brings a cast of children aged 7-18 together with our talented creative team from Sharpe Academy.

Children will spend Monday to Friday between 10.00am-4.00pm learning all the songs, direction and dance routines. On the Saturday we will hold one dress rehearsal in the morning and then perform two shows for parents in the Great Hall. There is no audition required to gain entry into this production, but we do require a **non-refundable £50.00 deposit per child**. This can be booked and paid for online at www.SharpeAcademy.co.uk. The remaining balance of £90.00 is then due by the first day of Easter School. There are no sibling discounts for this production. Tickets for the shows will be priced at **£7.50** for Adults and **£5.00** for Concessions and will be on sale from the Easter School registration desk.

BOOK YOUR CHILD'S PLACE NOW by going online at www.SharpeAcademy.co.uk. Easter school is open to all children aged 7-18, even if they don't attend our regular classes.

CREATIVE TEAM

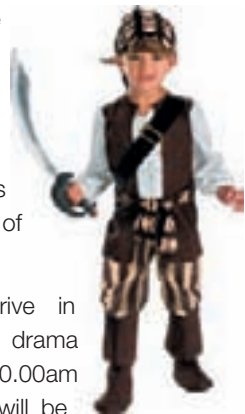
Directors: **Daniel Sharpe / Lydia Smart**
Choreographers: **Shelley Otway / Vicki Manser**
Musical Directors: **Emma Barr / Michael Park**
Band: **Garry Jerry & Friends**

ACT 1 Musical Theatre Presents

PIRATES & PRINCESSES

Parents of Act 1 Musical Theatre children aged 3-5 are invited to join us for an extended lesson on Sunday 26th June as their children present highlights from their classes from the past 12 months. This double lesson will be the last lesson of the term for Act 1 children.

Children should arrive in our Harrow drama workshop at 10.00am and parents will be allowed in at 11.15am for a 30 minute performance. We are leaving the costumes up to each parent, but our suggestion is a pirate outfit for the boys and a princess dress for the girls. Special guest appearances will be made by Beauty and the Beast characters.



AUDITION TECHNIQUE WORKSHOP

On Sunday 10th July we are inviting all our students aged 6-21 to join us for an audition workshop at Harrow High School. We will be inviting guest teachers to put you through your paces.

This will be a great opportunity to show us what you can do. Act 3 members may also use this opportunity to see if the time has come for them to move up into our Act 4 company class. This workshop is FREE !!!



Watersmeet, Rickmansworth

Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th February 2012

Performances at **2.30pm & 7.30pm** each day

AUDITIONS

Join the Sharpe Academy Act 4 class which is our very own Theatre Company. Rehearsals begin in September for one of the greatest musicals ever written – **Fame**. Join in with the direction and choreography – with breathtaking sets, music, lighting and sound, this is certainly going to be the production everyone will be talking about in 2012.

Auditions will be held on Wednesday evenings in Stanmore in June from 6.30pm–7.30pm where you must prepare ONE of the following:

A Song • A Monologue • A Dance Routine

You will then be invited to stay for the company rehearsal from 7.30pm–9.30pm to see who is involved and how we work.

The cost to take part in an audition workshop is £25.00 and can be paid on arrival for your audition. Auditions can be booked online on our Stanmore venue page at:

www.SharpeAcademy.co.uk



Resident Studios

OFFICIAL SHARPE ACADEMY ALBUM RECORDING

Resident Studios

Sharpe Academy is recording its first album this May and you are all invited to take part. As a thank you for Beauty and the Beast I have hired a recording studio for two days to make an official Sharpe Academy album featuring many of the songs from this year's gala. This will go on sale at our West End show on July 3rd.

Resident Studios is in the heart of Willesden in North London which is around a 25 minute drive from Harrow near the large IKEA store heading towards the M1.

Recently under new ownership, the studios have been refurbished to a very high standard and offer the very best quality equipment to record an album. This studio is mainly used by professional bands who are looking to get signed by major labels. They do however have an extensive list of signed talent who use the studios on a regular basis for jamming and recording sessions.

We will have a qualified master technician working the desk, a second sound technician controlling the vast array of microphones and mixing systems used to record voices. We'll also have two personal runners to organise our day and two recording studios which we can use simultaneously to record solo and ensemble voices.

I will be splitting the weekend into the following sections:

Saturday 14th May

10.00am – 2.00pm Invited Act 4 Soloists
 3.00pm – 6.00pm 30 FREE Places
 – Sharpe Academy Harrow
All places have now been reserved

Sunday 15th May

10.00am – 2.00pm Daniel Sharpe recording his personal Album
 3.00pm – 6.00pm 30 FREE Places
 – Sharpe Academy Stanmore
All places have now been reserved

Parents must be able to drop their children off at the door to the studios. As my team will be busy in the studios and with normal lessons we are unable to provide transportation.



Daniel would like to thank his amazing team for being such a pleasure to work alongside. You are doing a tremendous job and I know all the students really appreciate it.

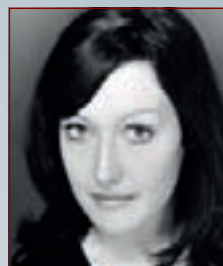
Daniel would also like to give a warm welcome to some new team members joining us for Hairspray including Mr Michael Park who is currently studying Musical Theatre at the Arts Educational College, London and Miss Emma Barr who has taught for Sharpe Academy for many years. Emma has recently finished the European tour of Evita, understudying the title role.



DANIEL SHARPE
Director



NICK JACKSON
Creative Director



SHELLEY OTWAY
Choreographer



GARY JERRY
Singing



LYDIA SMART
LAMDA



AMANDA SIDDLER
Dance



VICKI MANSER
Assistant & Dance Captain



MICHAEL HARRIS
Assistant



ERONDA SCOTT
Costume Maker & Chaperone



JANE STEVENS
Chaperone

HERE ARE SOME PHOTOS FROM OUR RECENT PRODUCTION OF DISNEY'S BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST



2011 TERM DATES

SUMMER TERM

Please note: Harrow's summer term will no longer commence on Easter Sunday, but the Sunday after on May 1st.

Harrow (Sundays)

May 1st 8th 15th 22nd 29th

June 5th 12th 19th 26th

June 26 is also our ACT 1 class

double lesson and End-of-year Showcase

Sunday July 3rd West End Performers

Trafalgar Studios Theatre, London

Sunday July 10th Audition Technique Workshop (open

to ALL Sharpe Academy Students)

Harrow High School

Pinner (Tuesdays)

April 26th

May 3rd 10th 17th 24th 31st

June 7th 14th 21st 28th

Sunday July 3rd West End Performers

Trafalgar Studios Theatre, London

Stanmore (Wednesdays)

April 27th

May 4th 11th 18th 25th

June 1st 8th 15th 22nd 29th

Sunday July 3rd West End Performers

Trafalgar Studios Theatre, London

Rules and Regulations

Uniform must be worn at all times at the Academy.

Students should not wear unsuitable shoes or boots, otherwise they may be asked to sit certain activities out.

All Academy students must buy their own pair of Jazz shoes and Jazz pants if they do not already have them for use in shows. Jewellery should not be worn to lessons or rehearsals under any circumstances. Mobile phones should be kept switched off at all times in lessons and rehearsals.

Half Term Breaks

This year we have done a full 12 month trial without half terms – as so many schools do not have the same weeks off it was becoming confusing. Please remember we will not break for half term in May, but continue our lessons as usual. We will however be reintroducing half terms from September.

10-12 sessions/lessons per term

Your termly fee pays for one term only which is made up of 10-12 sessions/lessons. Any cancellations will not be refunded unless we go below 10 sessions. In this instance you will be refunded in the form of a credit for the following term – 1/10th for each cancelled lesson.

In January 2010, heavy snow fall resulted in the cancellation of one lesson. Please note we will try and reschedule these missed lessons if possible, but no refunds will be given in the form of cash payment.

Required Notice Period

Please remember **we require half a terms notice in writing** if you wish to leave at the end of a term. Failure to give this will mean paying half a terms fee in lieu of notice. All parents sign the registration form on joining our classes which does detail this rule above your signature.

Fee increase from September 2011 due to VAT

We are now registered for VAT and have held off for as long as possible before passing on this extra charge to parents. However, fees must increase very slightly for us to cope with the extra tax. We of course understand a large fee hike is unacceptable so we have added a simple £5 to all our lessons to take the new cost to:

Pinner Adult Dance Class = £5.00 per lesson

Pinner Children's Dance Class = £65.00

Harrow Act 1 Musical Theatre = £97.00

Harrow & Stanmore Act 2/3/4 (First Child) = £197.00

Harrow & Stanmore Act 2/3/4 (Second Child) = £137.00

Harrow & Stanmore Act 2/3/4 (Third/Fourth Child) = £65.00

LAMDA Top Up Fee = £55.00

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to get in touch.

