



Wanstead Newsletter

LIPA 4:19 Wanstead

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Principal's Letter Michael Da Silva Pearce



A very Merry Christmas to all our students and parents and the very best wishes of the Season to everyone. Is it really our second Christmas already; and how far we have come since a year ago?

You all should have seen some significant changes at LIPA 4:19 Wanstead. We have split our classes to accommodate the increasing numbers; teaching has become more specific; and we have formally launched our Theatrical Agency.

Of course the changes have brought in new staff. A very big welcome to Janel, our singing teacher; and Bea who recently joined as a Teaching Assistant to the Early Years. More about both inside this Newsletter.

Next term our students will start working towards exams. We are hoping to enter a number of students for the Trinity Guildhall grade exams in Musical Theatre and Performance. These exams offer rigor in performance technique but flexibility for stu-

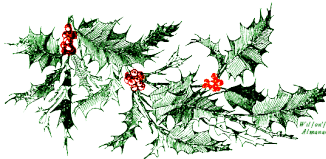
dents to follow their particular strengths and interests. For instance, a student who has an ability for dance can make this a focus of their exam; whereas another student can focus more on acting or singing. I am very much looking forward to seeing the first of students taking their first exams.

Of course this term has seen a lot of hard work culminating in our Christmas Concert on the last day. I am really looking forward to see our students perform. We will put a write up of the show on our Website so keep checking in over Christmas.

I hope you all have a safe and happy holiday and am looking forward to another term of hard but fun work.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND

A HAPPY NEW YEAR



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Term Dates for Term 2 2010/11

Saturday 8th January 2011 – Saturday 2nd April 2011

Half Term: 26th February 2011

Please remember fees should be paid by the start of Term 2 and no later than 8th January 2011



Young Persons' Theatrical Agency

A guide to how it works

As an Academy for Performing Arts we frequently get enquiries from Production Companies and Casting Directors. Now we are registered with SPOTLIGHT—the industry directory of performers—we receive *breakdowns* daily.

A breakdown specifies the job—feature film, TV advert, modelling job etc, its location and the dates for audition and shoots. It then briefly describes the type of actors and models the director is looking for e.g. 12 year old girl with brown hair and eyes etc...

If a student matches the breakdown, I will send in that student's profile. We then wait to see if the director likes the profile and invites the student to an audition.

If I receive notice that the director would like to audition a student, I will contact the parent to check that both you and your child are available for the dates given. If not, then we decline the audition. It is important that we do not waste people's time.

The time spans tend to be very short. Often only 2-3 days notice. If you get the call, you will need to act quickly if you want the job!

If you are lucky enough to get an audition, you will need to accompany your child as a chaperone. If you cannot and do not have a trusted friend or family member to send, you can hire a professional chaperone such as our very own Bea.

If you are successful at the audition, the job itself is likely to be within the following week or so. Never go to an audition unless you are certain you can do the job dates.

On location, the director will expect your child to be professional and follow instructions. That said, your child will be very well taken care of and help given where a child may lack experience.

Of course, most people want to know how much you will get paid. This is always given in the breakdown. Typically, most jobs are between £200-£300. Sometimes a second fee will be paid for unrestricted use of the material. This can be anything from £600—£1000 possibly more.

Good luck!

New academies

A new LIPA 4:19 Academy will be opening in Billericay in January; and I hear our first international one will be launched in Budapest, next year!

Calling Families...

Is your family into performing?

A number of breakdowns that come through ask for whole families for film and photo shoots. Most often for adverts where they want to create a typical family scene.



If this is something your family would be interested in doing, then let me know and if a suitable opportunity comes available I can pass it on.

... And Babies!

Babies are always in demand for TV, film and photo work. If you have a baby or know someone with a baby who may be interested in this kind of work, please pass me the details.

Bring a friend day

We are going to host a 'Bring a friend day' on Saturday 19th February. This is a great opportunity for our older students to introduce a friend to LIPA 4:19 Wanstead. They can come along for the Saturday session and join in with the activities.

Naturally bring a friend who is really interested in performing. You should check with your friend's parents that they are happy for their child to attend.

Of course I am hoping they will want to join LIPA but be assured there will be no hard sell but if they sign up your parents will get 10% off the next term's fees!

Start asking around now!

Canadian Singing Teacher

We are very pleased to welcome Janel Snider to our team of teachers. Janel has recently come to the United Kingdom—in fact 2 weeks before the term started! - and we couldn't be happier that she chose to offer her skills to LIPA 4:19 Wanstead

Janel only recently moved to London from Vancouver, Canada, where she worked as a musical theatre instructor and a professional soloist. While her background is in musical theatre Janel is now an experienced opera singer and classical soloist, having appeared with the Pacific Spirit Orchestra in Vancouver and the Vancouver Island Symphony Orchestra in Nanaimo, British Columbia. She has sung in operas from

The Magic Flute to *Così fan Tutte* and has also toured western Canada in a theatre for young audiences production of *Jack and The Beanstalk*. Most notably, Janel appeared as a finalist in Canada's *How Do You Solve A Problem Like Maria* which saw her perform for Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber at the London Palladium.

Since arriving in London, Janel has had the opportunity to perform at the Royal Albert Hall, and has also served dinner to Prince William. It has been an exciting move and she is looking forward to all the new adventures she will have here in the Old Smoke!



Early Years Teaching Assistant Plus!



Beatrice Rothon joined the team just 4 weeks ago to assist with our ever growing Early Years Classes. Beatrice has extensive experience of theatre and much to offer all our students. We are all looking forward to seeing Bea's role grow over the year.

Bea read English at the University of Leeds and has worked in both community and professional theatre ever since. She has worked in stage management and technical theatre in the West End and on the fringe, and has tutored in youth theatre in East and South

East London, as well as working for two years for a national youth music theatre company. She trained to teach Drama at the Institute of Education, University of London, and subsequently taught Drama at Forest Gate Community School, becoming Head of Drama there in 2008.

Alongside her work at LIPA, she is currently teaching secondary school Drama, working with a young peoples' writing centre in Hoxton, and working backstage on the West End production of *Les Misérables*.

Monthly Payments by Standing Order

We are pleased to announce that we can accept payments on a monthly basis if paid by standing order.

Payments will be spread over 12 months but all standing orders will cease in August. This reduces the risk of overpayments; and gives you an opportunity to consider if you want your child to continue with LIPA 4:19. A new standing

order mandate will need to be completed at the start of each Academic Year.

The total monthly fee is £35 pm for Early Years Classes; and £70 pm for ages 7 and above. Other rates are available for those of you entitled to discounts. The monthly rate includes VAT and a small admin charge.

If you would like to pay by Standing Order, please ask for a Standing Order Mandate or download one from our website.

You will be required to make the first payment by cash or cheque while your bank processes the mandate. There are 8 monthly payments remaining for this Academic Year.

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***Merry Christmas & Happy
New Year to all our students
and parents.***

***Thank you for your continued
support.***



Web presence— www.lipa419wanstead.co.uk

Our website appears to be growing in popularity. A lot of traffic is being directed to it through all our advertising—but I have a favour to ask!!

It would be fantastic if any of you felt you could write a review on the websites we advertise on. Positive reviews would place us higher in the search engines. If you have an idle moment or two over the Christmas break, please visit one or more of the following to write a review:

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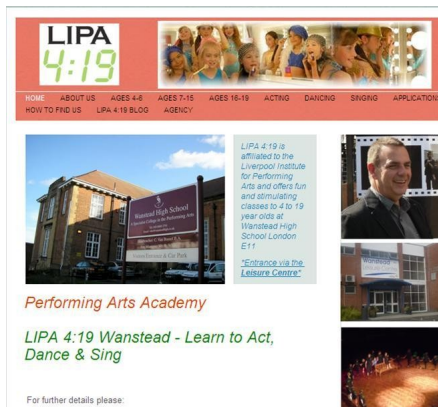
www.qype.co.uk

www.touchlondon.co.uk

Simply type our full name into the website's

search engine ; and then click on our link on the results page. You should find another link inviting you to submit a review. You may have to scroll to the bottom of the page on Touch London.

Your help would be very much appreciated.



As for our own website, don't forget to visit us there. You will find information about the Academy as well downloads of our most recent documents. And of course, our blog of what's going on.

If you have any suggestions to make about how to improve the website, do tell us. It would be great to make it as fun and as informative as you need.

Of course, if you spot any problems, again do tell us about it.

Don't forget to look for us on Facebook and become a fan. We have two pages—LIPA 4:19 East London (our original name!) and LIPA 4:19 Wanstead where you will find links to other groups and pages.

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