



14<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Dear Parents,

Each year in May we put on a production celebrating the work of our students who love to Sing and Dance! Participation in this show is a great opportunity to perform on a big stage at an outside venue and experience the whole process of performing, from costumes to lights, sound and a large enthusiastic audience. We are delighted to officially announce our Pop Stars Show for 2017 - "Pop Flick" is scheduled for **11am Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May at Dulwich College Arts Centre** and we would love to invite your child to take part!

On Stage Musical Theatre Students will start rehearsing in class once Peter Pan has wrapped, with a few added sessions on weekends, as the show gets closer. Please see the attached schedule for extra rehearsal dates and note down any unavoidable prior commitments on your show contracts. As you can imagine, a project of this size takes meticulous planning and we need consistency of attendance from all concerned to make sure it is a success. We must ask you therefore to ensure your child can attend **all** classes and extra rehearsals before committing to the show. Our primary concern is for the children to have a wonderful experience on-stage and this can only be achieved if they feel confident and well rehearsed.

The only cost involved will be tickets to the show itself – which will be made available online. It is very important however that if you wish to take part, you officially commit to performing by signing and returning the attached contract to your teacher by **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March**.

We very much hope your child is able to take part this year. This show is tremendous fun and a great opportunity to put the skills of presentation and performance we have been developing in class, to the test on a big stage.

Please do not hesitate to call or email our office (6732 7211 or [info@centre-stage.com](mailto:info@centre-stage.com)) if you have any questions, alternatively – speak to your class teacher in person.

Best wishes  
The Centre Stage Team

### ***PTO for Extra Rehearsal Schedule & FAQs***

## EXTRA REHEARSALS:

- **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May:** 4.30 - 6.30pm (Theatre, 15 Woking Road)
- **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May:** 9am - 1pm (Dance Studio, 15 Woking Road)
- **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May:** Dulwich College ***All Students required at the theatre all weekend for Tech and Dress rehearsals, followed by performance itself.***

**We have put together the following FAQs to help explain the benefits of taking part...**

### **Q: What is the Pop Stars Show?**

A: An annual production showcasing song and dance - it allows the students an opportunity to perform in a large-scale outside venue. It is a fabulous chance for the children to build on their experiences of the whole process of performing - including costume, lights, sound and an enthusiastic audience. Typically we have around 80 students performing 16 numbers.

### **Q: Why should my child do the show?**

A: The most important reasons are confidence and experience. Performing in front of a big live audience is both nerve wracking and exciting. The more you do it, the better at it you become. As a member of the On Stage course your child is naturally inclined towards performance. This show is a great opportunity to put the skills of presentation and performance we develop in class to the test on a big stage. The positive benefits of spending a weekend in a large-scale theatre speak for themselves. It is also lots of fun!

### **Q: Do I have to pay a show fee?**

A: No. As you are invited to take part and this will not be the entire focus of your course. Whilst in previous years there has been a show fee involved that included a costume and tickets to the show, this is not the case this year.

### **Q: Do I have to buy tickets for the show?**

A: Yes. Tickets will be made available through our website soon (costing \$30 per Adult and \$20 per child) Ticket sales function to contribute to essential production costs, as staging a live show is a very expensive business. Weekend hire of a theatre alone amounts to upwards of \$8000. Add to that costume, sets, sound, lighting, extra staff and you can see how quickly these production costs add up. Our aim for these shows is always to provide your children with the best possible platform for their creativity and produce the most high quality show we can for the cost.

### **Q: What happens if my child does not join?**

A. Whilst we would encourage as many On Stage! Students to take part as possible, please do be reassured that if your child does not participate in the show, he or she will still benefit from the training and learning experience regardless. Our top priority has always been, and will continue to be, that we all have a stimulating and fun filled time and that no one feels excluded in any way.