



14th March 2017

Dear Parents,

Each year we put on a production celebrating the work of the Pop Stars – and now Musical Theatre Junior Students! Participation in this exciting show is an incredible 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” and invite your child to take part! The show is scheduled for **11am Sunday 28th May at Dulwich College Arts Centre.**

Students will rehearse in class; with a few added sessions on weekends as the show get closer. Please see the attached schedule for extra rehearsal dates and note down any unavoidable prior commitments on your show contracts. Involvement in a show of this size is a big commitment so we would ask that you ensure your child can attend **all** classes and extra rehearsals. 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. This only comes with consistency of attendance from all concerned.

The show fee for this years’ production will be \$320, for which you will receive: 2 Tickets, 1 Costume and all extra training sessions. As well as help contribute to production costs: set, lighting, sound, licensing, music rights and theatre hire. (Centre Stage will absorb all remaining costs.)

To register for the show, visit: centre-stage.com/home/register-pop-flick-2017 and complete the form by **Saturday 25th March**. Please also return the attached contract to your teacher.

Finally we would just like to thank you all for your support and encouragement with Popstars, especially those of you who have been with us for a long time. It is always so nice to hear how much your children are enjoying classes and it’s obvious that many of them really practice at home. We genuinely have a fantastic time in class and everybody’s enthusiasm is much appreciated.

Please don’t hesitate to call or email our office (6732 7211 or 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

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EXTRA REHEARSALS:

- **Saturday 6th May:** 4.30 - 6.30pm, 15 Woking Road
- **Saturday 13th May:** 4.30 - 6.30pm, 15 Woking Road
- **Sunday 21st May:** 9am - 1pm, 15 Woking Road
- **Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th 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 celebrating the work of the Pop Stars, as well as other Centre Stage students who sing and dance as part of their course. It is an opportunity for the children to experience the whole process of performing on a BIG STAGE - featuring costume, lights, sound and an enthusiastic audience at a big external venue. Typically we have around 80 students performing around 16 numbers.

Q: Why should my child do the show?

A: The most important reason is for confidence. Performing in front of an audience is both nerve wracking and exciting. The positive benefits of experiencing this with a group of peers is tremendous and is the only way to help children to become confident and relaxed when appearing in any public event in the future. The more you do it, the better at it you become. So we provide the most fun-filled environment for students to experience so that they can build those skills and develop that feeling of value, self-esteem and confidence.

Q: Why do I have to pay?

A: 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. The fee that you pay not only contributes to a costume that you can keep, plus 2 tickets, but also other essential production costs. Our aim for these shows is 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: Do I have to buy tickets for the show?

A: 2 tickets are included within your show fee; any extras will be available for purchase.

Q: What happens if my child does not join?

A. Whilst we would encourage as many Popstars to take part as possible please do be reassured that if your child does not participate in the show, he or she will still be learning the same songs and dances as everyone else in the class and will 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.