

Dear Parents & Students,

Firstly, a Big Congratulations to all the students who performed in Annie last week. Great work from all and for many of the young actors who played multiple roles within each show – additional congratulations and well done, as this is extra demanding and everyone rose to the challenge.

We wanted to explain to all parents, why we asked for you not to video the show. When we pay for the licence to perform the musical through MTI – it is an expensive cost and this comes with many restrictions, which we have to sign, agree and adhere to.

We Centre Stage are allowed to make a copy of the show for our own archival purposes. We have to inform the audience of the restrictions and it is made very clear that we are restricted and *this is not to be used for commercial, sale, or distribution.*

Therefore, your teacher requested that there should be no videoing. We noticed that some people did. If you have made a copy of the show or put it up on the internet, we kindly request that you please do not disseminate this and take this down from social media.

We will however – as soon as possible, provide you all with a link for the photos for the show and a link to our copy for ‘archive & reference only’ - providing that there is an understanding that families of Centre Stage do not share or duplicate or post on social media. The video will have the wording straight from MTI License laws which is:

WARNING! THIS VIDEO RECORDING HAS BEEN CREATED SOLEY FOR ARCHIVAL PURPOSES USE WITH THE SPECIAL PERMISSION OF MUSIC THEATRE INTERNATIONAL. UNDER FEDERAL COPYRIGHT LAW, IT MAY NOT, IN WHOLE OR PART, BE SOLD, BROADCAST, TELEVISED, DUPLICATED OR DISSEMINATED IN ANY WAY, INCLUDING OVER THE INTERNET BY MEANS NOW OR IN FUTURE.

In our agreement with MTI - There is an understanding required and failure to follow the requirements, and any breach of this agreement will incur liability for statutory copyright infringement under federal law. Incurring at minimum, reimbursement to MTI for its out of pocket legal fees, and damages to MTI equal to three times the total license royalty fees paid or payable to MTI. in addition further requirements and restrictions are placed.

Thank you for your understanding in advance and for the acceptance of adhering to the terms and conditions of this agreement.

Best wishes

Alison & Pete

And the Centre Stage Team