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Performance Troupe Newsletter

Happy New Year!! It's great to be back! I hope you had a wonderful and relaxing holiday season and are ready for an exciting spring. All of our Performance Troupe Members continue to learn new music. These repertoire will be performed throughout the spring: at the Brandon Festival of the Arts, the On Broadway6 concert in May, on tour in April and May, and at our performances in June. The dates for our performances, as known at this time, are listed below. These performances are NOT optional – we will be there and performing – so do your best to attend all rehearsals so your performance will be an enjoyable one for you and our audience.

Pride is invited to perform with Sound Motif at the **Manitoba Planning Conference on Feb 23 at the Victoria Inn**. An email will follow to Pride families with more details (once I have them from the organizers). This gig will mean an extra rehearsal for the group in Feb. They will be joining experienced performers from the Mecca family, myself included, to provide an hour of entertainment. The experience to be gained is extremely valuable, on stage and off! To prepare, there are two additional rehearsals February 7 (6:00-8:00) and Feb 22 (8:00-9:00). Those that can attend all three events will perform at the Gala and possibly at our other events in the spring.

For future performances, we will be distributing performance shirts this week; our hoodies will arrive prior to festival week. Your costumes for festival are:

Costume List:

Boys Only:

- Provided (need black shoes and socks)

Girls Aloud:

- white shirt (provided)
- tall white socks (provided)
- tank top (provided)
- flesh-coloured tights
- black dance shorts
- black jazz shoes
- hair elastic and sock toppers (provided)

Hair - high pony tail; stage make up (we can help you if you have never done it before)

Sound Dynamix

Girls:

- Black yoga pants
- Grey shirts (provided)
- Black jazz shoes

Hair: Pulled off face
 Basic Stage Make up

Boys:

- Dark jeans
- Black shirts (provided)
- Black jazz shoes
- Or runners & socks

Charisma

- Black & grey shirts (provided)
- Yoga tights or tights - mid calf length
- Black jazz shoes
- Hair: half up, half down
- Stage Make up

Pride

- Freak flag costumes
- Moves Like Jagger - tshirts (provided)
- Girls
- Black yoga pants
- Black jazz shoes
- Boys
- Dark Jeans
- black shoes & socks

Our regular performance troupe class schedule continues until April 21. (Girls Aloud classes are combined with both groups attending from 9:15-10:15 for the three Saturdays in April.) As I mentioned at registration, there are combined and/or extended rehearsals in May and June as we prepare for our performances. Our combined rehearsals are an important part of the learning process, as performers work with older and more-experienced members of the performance troupe. These rehearsals also allow us to make up contact hours and therefore take two weekends 'off' in May to enjoy the beautiful weather. Please let me know of any conflicts by email asap.

As you can imagine, communicating all the different schedules and rehearsals to our families is a challenge. I work hard to update Performance Troupe Calendar calendar but as always, don't hesitate to email me with any questions you have!!

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Mecca's 2011/12 Year-At-A-Glance

Performance Troupe Info

Please visit the Mecca Calendar for More Information

Feb 4	9:15-11:15 Combined Girls Aloud Class
Feb 7	Pride 6:00-8:00 (Rehearsals for Feb 23 performance)
Feb 11	9:15-11:15 Combined Girls Aloud Class
Feb 17	4:30-5:30 Combined Classes for Sound Dynamix, Charisma, Pride & All Solos, duets and trios in festival 5:30-6:00 Charisma & Pride with Sound Motif 6:00-7:00 Pride with Sound Motif
Feb 20 & 21	Mecca @ Festival (see calendar for entries & times)
Feb 22	8:00-9:00 Dress Rehearsal - Pride
Feb 23	Pride entertainment @ Manitoba Planning Conference (Victoria Inn) with Sound Motif
March 8, 9, 10	Nunsense – the Mega Musical @ WMCA
March 17	2:00-3:30 Junior and Senior Combo Classes Run-throughs for The Jungle Book @ Mecca 3:30-4:30 Primary, Junior and Senior Combo Classes Run-throughs for The Jungle Book @ Mecca
Sun, April 1	Junior & Senior Combo Jungle Book Rehearsal 3:00-5:30 @ Mecca
Mon, April 2	5:00 Dress Rehearsal for The Jungle Book – Primary, Junior & Senior Combo classes – location TBA
April 3	5:30 Senior Combo call time 6:15 Primary and junior call time/doors open 6:45 Perf Troupe call time 7:00 The Jungle Book with Special Guests Girls Aloud, Charisma and Pride of Westman Tickets Available at the door; rush seating – location TBA Adults \$8.00 Students and Seniors: \$5.00 Children 6 and under Free

Combo Classes Conclude – See you Summer Camp!

April 24	Pride & Charisma Tour – Day 1
April 28/29	Theatre Arts Workshop Weekend #2
May 4	Combined Class for ALL Performance Troupe 4:30-6:00 Charisma & Pride 6:00-8:00
May 10	Pride & Charisma Tour – Day 2
May 18	Combined Class for ALL Performance Troupe 4:30-6:00
May 16 th	On Broadway6 7:30 WMCA
June 1	Combined Class for ALL Performance Troupe 4:30-6:00
June 3	Children's Fair Performance
June 7 or 11	Wrap Up Concert – location TBA

Performance Troupe Ends for 2012 – See you Summer Camp!

July 2-6	11 th Annual Arts Adventures Summer Camp – Week 1 (pre-school – grade 2)
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