



## **The Junior Musical Theatre School**

*A partnership between the YMCA of Singapore and The Musical Theatre School*

The Junior Musical Theatre School will open its doors for classes on **January 7<sup>th</sup> 2012**.

The school will be located at the YMCA of Singapore, No 1 Orchard Road: directly opposite Dhoby Ghaut MRT and the SMU. Some 8 bus routes stop right outside the YMCA.

For its first term, the school will be operating on **Saturday afternoons only**.

There will be two age-groups *but the ages shown are flexible and a guide, rather than being exact requirements*.

**On Saturdays at 1.00pm to 3.30pm for the 13 years to 16/17 years age group**

**On Saturdays at 3.45 to 6.00pm for the 7 years to 13 years age group**

There is no age cut-off for the 13's. Some might be more comfortable in a younger class and that's fine with us! It will be a case of which class time/day suits them best.

If any 'teen', of any age cannot attend the 1.00pm class one week, they can come to the 3.45pm one. The age difference is not at all important in musical classes.

The 'teens' class will consist of 70 minutes singing - followed by a ten minutes break - then 70 minutes of dance.

The younger class will be 60 minutes of singing – a fifteen minutes break – then 60 minutes of dance.

The principal aim of the school is to introduce the children to the wonderful world of Musical Theatre, which has a history going back almost one hundred and fifty years. This is *not* a course for Pop singing. Much of the music will be what can be heard on shows like "Glee".

*We aim to help children develop their self-confidence and personalities through song and dance and, above all, through the fun of song and dance.*

We are not grooming children just to appear in concerts and performances; first they will learn the basics of singing and dancing in class and the correct study of both art forms and their history. Elementary music "recognition" will be taught, the correct singing scales and voice production. All the music used and songs learnt will be from the musical theatre repertoire.

For dance, the correct warm-up exercises for dance will be taught. The dance style used in the school will be jazz-based, not ballet. Learning dance steps and dance 'combinations' through following a choreographer will be the principal focus of the dance class and, of course, the art of dancing ... whilst singing at the same time!

If the classes are not fun, then they will be boring and young people don't like being bored! We do not offer diplomas or exams; we want the students to get away from all those pressures in their young lives for two hours a week and simply have a good time and express themselves through song and dance. Learning to perform will develop their self-confidence greatly.

There will be an end-of-term workshop performance (included in the fees) on Saturday March 17<sup>th</sup> in the evening.

Fees are \$660 for one term of classes from January 7<sup>th</sup> to March 17<sup>th</sup> the fee includes all music copies for the course, the performance on March 17<sup>th</sup> and GST.

There will be NO class in the week of Chinese New Year. (week of Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>)

The school is offering a free, trial class on Saturday January 7<sup>th</sup> 2012.

**This free, trial class time is from 3.45pm to 6.00pm in studio 9 at the YMCA, Dhoby Ghaut.**

It is for both age groups (for this – trial - session/week only).

Places will be limited for the trials, so pre-registration is required and **only one trial class may be taken.**

The YMCA dance studios are modern and fully air-conditioned. The YMCA café ("The Y") is open throughout the day for meals and snacks.

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