

# NEWSLETTER riverside theatre company

A youth performing arts charity which places the emphasis on **QUALITY, PERFORMANCE & PROFESSIONAL TUTORS** at **MINIMAL COST**

**January 2009**

**Firstly**, we hope everyone has now settled back in and is looking forward to an exciting and challenging new term.

Belated - but hearty - congratulations to all on the outstanding Christmas productions! The Snowflake Soiree & Christmas Cabaret saw every member of Riverside strutting their stuff. Visit the website for a sampling of the positive comments received from independent audience members. These shows, thoroughly enjoyed by all in attendance, set the bar for 2009 – **keep up the great work everyone!**

## AS YOU KNOW.....

Riverside is a not-for-profit charity and we strive to keep monthly fees as low as possible, especially important in these economic times. Where else can you get the outstanding value of highly qualified professional performing arts tutors for as little as £ 1.60 per hour?

Ever wondered why Riverside fees are paid throughout the year? In order to make monthly costs as low as possible we spread them over 12 months.

**Parents & Students** – We need your help to keep Riverside an outstanding value. Please spread the word and encourage your friends to join. Groups that are full enable us to keep the fees low. We are producing new Riverside leaflets and would be grateful if parents could take them into schools for us.

**Student Showcase**



**TICKETS ON SALE NOW!!!!**

**28th February 2009  
@ 3pm & 7.30pm  
St Neots Football Club  
Tickets £5 (cons) / £7**

## DANCE ACADEMY NEWS

It is with great sadness that we have had to bid farewell to Jordi Guitart who has been a tremendous dance tutor and choreographer since the start of the Dance Academy.

Unfortunately, the prevailing economic climate meant that we were no longer able to retain his services without significantly increasing our fees. We wish Jordi well with his own dance school and his many other projects and look forward to the possibility of collaborating with him again in the future.

**The BREAKING NEWS - hot off the press** - We are extremely pleased to advise you all that Sara Johnson, our morning group leader, will now head the dance academy for both junior and senior dance. Sara's skill and enthusiasm is well-known to many of you, from her work with the Musical Theatre Group, as well as her own dance classes.

**Please see the website for further details and future plans.**

**DON'T FORGET TO VISIT [WWW.RIVERSIDETHEATRECOMPANY.CO.UK](http://WWW.RIVERSIDETHEATRECOMPANY.CO.UK)**

**The Website has been IMPROVED!** You'll now find a handy calendar to keep you on top of term dates, concerts, competitions and other upcoming events. Can't remember the login/password? Email [enquiries@riversidetheatrecompany.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@riversidetheatrecompany.co.uk) and we'll get you back on.

**Your feedback on the website is greatly appreciated**

## What's coming up.....

**This year's AGM is on Sunday 22nd February, at 12:30 at the football club.**

This is your chance, as students and parents, to let us know what you think and to hear about the work of the committee. Please come along!

**Coming up on 28th February is a "Student Showcase",** a variety performance from the Sunday afternoon group. This is a variety show devised and choreographed by the students themselves, with just a little help from the tutors. Come along and see what they are made of!

We have some really exciting challenges planned for our groups. In July, all groups will be involved in our biggest challenge ever- 2 musicals on the same day- "The Jungle Book" and "Guys and Dolls". We will be doing both musicals in the same show, one either side of the interval! It should be a real treat.

**The choirs** are really sounding fabulous, having had some time rev up to their hugely energetic new director, Marie-Cecile Henderson. They took part in the first round of the Rotary Young Musician competition and have gone through to the next round of the challenge. We have some very ambitious plans and a programme of concerts arranged (see the website for details). The plans include workshops with the ACM gospel choir, and another with the Cambridge college choirs, that will culminate in a big joint concert at the end of the summer. Watch this space!

**The acting workshop** is going strong, under Richard's direction; they are working on improvisation and technique development, skills which are to be shown off at the Awards evening in May. We are looking to expand all of these specialist groups, as the additional expertise greatly enriches the overall quality of the Riverside performances, as well as developing the individual's own talent.

**We offer free taster sessions to any group, so give them a try! (bring a friend)**

## SUMMER WORKSHOPS

**NewsFlash! Summer Workshop 2009** is in the final phases of planning and it's going to be **WICKED!**

The week will conclude with a production of the musical to which parents and friends will be invited. We are now taking names for provisional registration – please visit the website to register your interest. Riverside members will be eligible for a discount!



## Fundraising it's easy!!

**- Please help us raise funds for Riverside - and help keep your fees down!**

It really is no effort at all. Anyone who does any internet shopping can donate to Riverside, at no cost to themselves, by registering Riverside as their chosen charity on [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk). Again, details are on the website. It really is easy! Once you have registered, you have access to hundreds of on line retailers (including Amazon, Tesco, i-tunes, Argos and other well known companies), and Riverside gets a percentage of what you spend, without increasing any costs to you at all. And, it helps keep Riverside fees low.

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