

ARTEMIS STUDIOS

PERFORMING ARTS SCHOOLS



WELCOME BACK TO ALL OUR STUDENTS, AND A BIG 'HELLO!' TO NEW MEMBERS AND STAFF!

Welcome to a new school year at Artemis!

Welcome back to a new term and a new school year at Artemis. There have been so many changes since the end of last term, so read on to find out what's happening at your school!

Firstly - we moved! We have been happily living on our studios in the town centre since 2007, but the renovation of the town meant it was time to move out, while improvements and new building takes place. Bracknell

will be a lovely place to work and study from 2016, when all the renovations are finished. We will move back into the town as soon as possible - hopefully as few as five terms - but the regeneration partnership estimate spring 2016 for completion. We won't go back into the same building - that will become a large shop. We currently have three options available, and will pick the one that will suit your needs best closer to the time. For now, we are working with the 'Swimarium', in

Harmanswater, who are hosting us **for classes** and trying to make you all feel at home. Our **head office (for admin) is in South Hill Park Arts Centre**, where we also continue our agency and corporate training. The website, phone number and emails all remain unchanged.

We **officially became a 'not for profit'** company in August. The old LTD company will remain for now, (ctd. P2)



NATIONAL CHAMPIONS!



NATIONAL THEATRE 2015



NEW HOME

News, Views and Who's-Who's.....

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and will still work with the Agency. The new company will convert to **CIC status** later this school year. The new status means we can apply for **funding and grants** which will allow us to create and even more **amazing learning experiences**, going above and beyond the fees we currently have as income. It will also enable us to take on **additional team members**, offer **apprenticeships** and **scholarships** to young people in our community who are struggling would not otherwise be able to take part. Our students can be confident that **100% of any fee they pay is invested in their education** - not shared out as dividends.

We have changed some of our classes - for the time being, we will be focusing all our time on the **Junior and Teen Theatre Companies, Adult Acting, the three Phoenix Dance Companies (Phoenix JVs, Phoenix Seniors and Phoenix Fusion) and Elite Cheer Squad**. We aren't offering classes to anyone under 7 years old (existing Triple Threat Beginners keep their place in the Junior Company of course!). We will reinstate some of the younger classes in future terms, but for now, the focus is on our students who wish to perform with us or move into vocational careers. We are also not able to offer private classes for now.

We said a sad goodbye over the summer to two tutors. Vivian (who also teaches for RADA and Royal Central, and is a casting director) became ill over the summer and felt unable to make the journey each week this term (she came to us from London and was leaving home at 7.30am and getting back at 9.30pm each week). She continues to work with us on our weekday corporate training though, and hopefully will come back to us before the end of the school year when she feels a bit better.

We welcome new faces to our team, and some **familiar old friends back!** Bart Lee of **Bart Lee Theatre** will return as the lead acting coach for both the Junior and Teen Theatre companies, he will also co-direct the main show. Bart is an exciting and dynamic industry professional (director and writer), as well as a qualified teacher - we think you will enjoy his energy!

Nathan comes to us as a graduate of GSA, and will work with Ann in directing the musical theatre elements of shows and exams. **Johanna Jolson** will be coming back to lead singing masterclass later in the term - Jo is currently based in Israel, and was a firm favourite as a strict but awesome teacher! **Jake** and **Rosie** are both old students of Director Niki and both now work in the industry full time. Jake will lead stage combat sessions, and Rosie will join us shortly to work with Gemah on Saturdays, running classes and productions.

THE A TEAM (Full biogs on the website!)



NIKI & STEVE DIRECTORS



GEMAH - GENERAL MANAGER, HEAD PHOENIX & ELITE CHOREOGRAPHER



BART - LAMDA ACTING TEACHER & SHOW DIRECTOR



ANN - LAMDA AND HEAD SHOW CHOREOGRAPHER



NATHAN - MUSICAL THEATRE, VOCAL & ACTING TEACHER



REBECCA - ADULT ACTING TEACHER



ROSIE - ASST. MANAGER (SATS)



JOHANNA - GUEST SINGING MASTERCLASS TUTOR



JAKE - GUEST STAGE COMBAT & DANCE TUTOR

National Theatre Connections 2015

For the second year in a row, Medusa will take part in the **National Theatre Connections** programme. They will select and premier a one act play, which in 2015 will be performed at the Kenton Theatre in Henley (dates TBC in the New Year). They will then transfer the show to a partner theatre (Oxford) and along



with other teen companies, work for the chance to perform at the National itself.

The play will be allocated in late 2014, and participants will have a chance to audition for lead and support roles, and

production roles (directing, backstage, filming, photos).

2015 Medusa cast members will be given priority for places, if any parts remain uncast, members of Junior Theatre Company who are aged 13+ or graduate Medusa members (up to 19 years old) will have the opportunity to take part.

Rehearsals will be during Friday evenings from New year followed by Spring (Feb) half term.



Phoenix JV's - winners again!

National Champions three years running.

Phoenix JV's our junior Hip Hop company have just won the Internationals again – 3 years in a row!!

We will be auditioning for 6 new JV company members for September, to replace members who will be moving up to the senior team. If you are 10-14 and can really dance get in touch – it could be you winning in 2015! We also can still take new team members for Elite Cheer and Phoenix Seniors.



Model students!

Artemis students and parents model in town

A number of Artemis students, along with some of our parents, took part as models at the 'Summer Livin' event in Bracknell town centre in July. Everyone looked superb! A full set of pictures can be viewed on our website.



Lauren becomes charity ambassador

Medusa beauty queen helps others!

By Lauren Hutchings.

Hi, I'm Lauren and I'm 16 years old. I have been taking part in natural pageants for the past three years and have found that they have really helped to improve my confidence, as well as giving me the chance to meet new people and industry professionals. I currently have three national titles; these are **Miss UK Dreams** – Miss South West, **UK's Dazzling Beauty** - Teen and **Miss Supreme** New Level Pageants. I am also very

pleased and honoured to have **recently been made the first ambassador for a new charity called Dream Queens**. I am thrilled to have raised over £1,300 in the past 12 months for several charities including Cancer Research, as well as proving that I am community spirited and have been able to provide references and show my commitment to the charity.

Dream Queens is a new national charity that aims to help individuals and groups in need. Their aim is to help to make dreams come true in the community, to help families in deprived areas, survivors of domestic violence and children who are suffering illness, as well as those who for many reasons really need that weekend break. As an ambassador I have the honour of attending various events and intend to continue to work hard with fundraising and raising awareness. My next event is to ride down a mountain side on a zip wire over a distance of 1,500 meters at a speed of up to 100mph, not bad given that I am scared of heights!

Miss UK Dreams is a natural pageant that has a strong emphasis on community and charity work. The aim is to find positive role models through interview and evidence of the positive community and charity work undertaken. A team of winners from the February finals will then be invited to compete in America in July 2015. This is a very exciting new UK pageant system that I highly recommend, for more information please visit www.missukdreams.com.

Disney Spooktacular!

Performing at Disney World in Florida during Halloween 2014!

Our JV, ASA Hop Hop, and Elite Cheer companies, along with some solos, will present a 25 minute showcase in Downtown Disney of Friday 31st October 2014.

Our dancers will take a dance workshop with Disney choreographers on Thursday 30th in the morning, before enjoying a day in the parks. They will perform in Downtown Disney at 5.15pm on Halloween night - for friends, family and the public!



KEY DATES AND INFO

Autumn Term 2014

Term starts: Mon, 8th Sep

Half term: Mon, 20th Oct – Sun 2nd Nov

Please note - this is two Saturdays off - this is to allow us to finish term a little later in December and more in line with school term times.

Term ends: Sat, 13th Dec

Spring Term 2015

Term starts: Mon, 5th Jan

Half term: Mon, 16th Feb – Sun 22nd Feb

Term ends: Thurs, 2nd Apr*

** Extra day on Sunday 22nd March - this is for a show rehearsal for both Junior and Medusa Theatre Companies.*

Term dates can always also be found on the front page of our website, and on the bottom of your invoice each term. We always try to have at least a year's worth in advance.

Key performances 2014/15

Disney World – Halloween performance/27th Oct – 2nd Nov/Phoenix, Elite, Solos.

Winter Wonderland – Competition/Sat 29th & Sun 30th Nov, Phoenix JV and Sen. Elite.

National Theatre Connections – National Theatre comp/by application (age 13–19)/ Feb half term – dates tbc.

Good to be Bad – Kenton Theatre.

Junior & Medusa Theatre Companies/ Shows 28th & 29th March 2015/Rehearsals 26th & 27th in venue.

LAMDA Exams

Junior Theatre Company, Medusa, Adult Acting/ Late June or early July (Sundays) /Dates tbc with the examiner.

Summer Showcase – Kenton Theatre

All students. Saturday & Sunday 18th & 19th July.

Please note - if you are part of one of the dance companies, you will have additional dates to make a note of. These will be given to you on the first day of term.

Where we are:

Our OFFICE

Monday - Friday 10am - 5pm

Agency and for any post, phone calls etc.

Please do not call outside office hours if you need to speak to someone about a class happening that evening or on the weekend - the call will not be seen until the next working day. Please use the school mobile during class times if you need to speak to Gemah.

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Our CLASSES

Wednesday - Saturday - various times.

Parking is on site (free). There is a tuck shop/cafe area serving hot and cold drinks, snacks and ice cream. A gym and pool are also available - please arrange membership with the Swimarium directly for these facilities.

The school mobile will be switched on during classes only - please ask if you would like the number.

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