



# The Stagecraft Youth Group



## Stagecraft News

### Important news

After the half-term holiday, we will need to start an hour earlier. Every member in 'The Nursery Cupboard' will be asked to attend at 6pm, instead of 7pm. We have asked all of the singing/ dancing teachers to get together to ensure that the opening singing and dancing for the opening of each act, along with ensuring that all of the soloists, all of the songs and the dances are perfected.

The songs being practiced during this hour will be 'Everybody wants to be a cat' and 'We wish you a Merry Christmas'. Most of you should have a copy of the songs you are involved with on a CD. This gives you the opportunity to get some extra practice. The time between 7pm and 9pm will be used to practice your

lines and acting skills. The rest of the evening will be used for our normal 'Stagecraft' activities.

To ensure that we deliver a 'first class' show, we have decided to add some more rehearsal dates, to be held on Sunday afternoons. The dates and times are as follows:

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| Sunday 09/11/08 | 2—4pm |
| Sunday 16/11/08 | 2—4pm |
| Sunday 23/11/08 | 2—4pm |
| Sunday 30/11/08 | 1—5pm |

The final Sunday will be a full dress rehearsal, hence it will be a slightly longer afternoon.

**PLEASE NOTE: There is no rehearsal on 2nd November 2008**

### Competition time!!

During the Summer, if we can call it that, The Stagecraft Youth Group decided to launch a web site to assist both its' members and parents/ guardians by having a place where all relevant information regarding 'Stagecraft' can be found.

In addition it is a way for both members and adults to contact those who assist with Stagecraft, via email.

As Halloween is fast approaching, we will be adding a number of pumpkins of all sizes to the website. Each member having access to the internet will be able to count all of the pumpkins that they can find. Where two or

more members discover all of the pumpkins, a name will be drawn from a hat.



Entering is free to all members and there will be a prize for the winner. The pumpkins will only be present on the web site during the half-term holiday. Hand in your answers to Dee on Friday 7th November 2008 and the winner will be informed during the evening of Friday 14th November 2008.

The website can be found at <http://www.stagecraftyouthgroup.co.uk>

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## More news!!

In order to fund the website and these Newsletters, we are looking for people to advertise their business at a charge of £5 per year. This will result in their advert being in this Newsletter each time it is published, which will be approximately nine times a year.

Please ask around as without their support, the website and Newsletter will cease.

The actual shows of 'The Nursery Cupboard' will be held on Friday 5th December 2008 6pm–10pm and on Saturday 6th December 2008 where there will be two shows, one at 1pm and the other at 6pm, finishing at 10pm.

The organizers of the Leamington Spa Xmas Light switch on has expressed an interest in Stagecraft appearing for the stage show, once they have perfected their dance to the song 'We love to boogie', a dance appearing in the forthcoming show, 'The Nursery Cupboard'. So to all of our members, please try your best and you can then be watched by thousands, in the town centre.

**TERM DATES** for this term are as follows:

5th, 12th, 19th, 26th September 2008, 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th (**no meeting on the 31st**) October 2008, 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th November 2008 and 5th December will be the last date before the Christmas break.

## Stagecrafts' Blog!

A new Blog has been launched inviting its' members to discuss whatever they want. You can discuss what you think of Stagecraft and anything you wish to change.

The Blog will only have members of Stagecraft and to post your thoughts you will need to register with the Blog Administrator via email. You will need to let the Administrator know your email address, your preferred name and you will be invited via email. Do not forget to use a memorable password that you will not forget

The email address is

[blog@stagecraftyouthgroup.co.uk](mailto:blog@stagecraftyouthgroup.co.uk)

It will be managed by any Leader involved in managing Stagecraft and any inappropriate content will be removed and discussed with the member posting it.

To access the protected Blog just type the web address below:

<http://blog.stagecraftyouthgroup.co.uk>



## Thank you for your support

The Radford Semele Sports and Social Club recently held a quiz night with the proceeds coming to Stagecraft. A grand total of £184 was raised and will be used to help with the cost of producing the costumes for the forthcoming 'The Nursery Cupboard' show, being held on 5th and 6th December 2008.

We thank the club for supporting this event, as well as all of you who were kind enough to come along. A special thanks goes to Rob Spall who put the evening together.

However, we need your continuing support. We are holding a Table Top sale in the Community Hall in Lewis Road, Radford Semele on Saturday 8th November 2008. The proceeds will be used towards providing great costumes for the show.

Interested in buying a Table? It will cost you £5 and you need to contact Dee for more details (Tel. 01926 428676)

If you just want to have a look for a bargain, then it will cost you only 20 pence to enter, with the sale starting at 11:00 am and we can guarantee it will be well worth it!

Why not have a clear out and make way for the new Christmas presents?

## We need your permission—please read

Some of the students studying drama at Warwickshire College have volunteered to assist and support 'The Nursery Cupboard' show. They have asked if they can assist in designing and applying the stage make-up for the show. The experience will be used towards their coursework and will become part of their final examinations, as it will be included within their portfolio of work. The 'Chaperones' within Stagecraft Youth Group will ensure complete safety and confidentiality.

If you, as parents or guardians are concerned or even object to this, please speak to one of the 'Stagecraft Team'.

## There may be stars in our midst

Stagecraft Youth Group may have some up and coming stars! Our own Amy Thomas, Connor Jones and your dance teacher Miss Kirsty have been successful in auditioning for the final of 'Twinkle Twinkle—make me a Star', being held in the Spa Centre, in Leamington Spa.

You can also see the fabulous 'Firebox' dance company, the 'Side by Side Theatre Group' and Miss Sue J. Willis, your singing teacher.

The show will be held on 2nd November at 2pm and Tickets are available for only £5 from the Spa Centre Box Office. Make sure you do not leave it too late to get your tickets!!



## Anybody wishing to design a quiz?

We are actively looking for willing volunteers to design quizzes, word searches and any other puzzles that can be included with this Newsletter as well as appearing on our website—<http://www.stagecraftyouthgroup.co.uk>

If you want to submit something, please email [tim@stagecraftyouthgroup.co.uk](mailto:tim@stagecraftyouthgroup.co.uk), as we will be really grateful.

Want to advertise in this space?

For only £5 for the year (nine newsletters) you can advertise your business or event. This is read by at least 30 members and their parents, as well as being posted on the Stagecraft web site

For more information, email [dee@stagecraftyouthgroup.co.uk](mailto:dee@stagecraftyouthgroup.co.uk)

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The Stagecraft Youth Group is a group for 5 – 14 year old children who are keen to perform, using their skills of singing, dancing, acting and performing. The group encourages the children to develop their confidence, at their pace, whilst meeting many like minded friends.

If you are interested in wanting to join or just to come and see what we do then do not hesitate in contacting Dee.

All of the adults involved with the group have annual checks conducted by Warwickshire County Council and all receive training in working with children.

The group has life-time affiliation with Warwickshire Association of Youth Clubs (<http://wayc.org.uk>)

## Please do not forget...

The show 'Twinkle, Twinkle—Make me a Star' will be on **Sunday 2nd November 2008** at 2pm. Please try to encourage your families to come along to see some of our own young and great talent. See Page 3 for more information.

Plans have been made to visit 'Beauty and the Beast', the Xmas pantomime at the Spa Centre. Tickets have been booked for Saturday 13th December 2008, performance at 7pm. A £2 deposit will confirm Stagecraft members a place and Stagecraft will pay the rest! For those additional parents/ children wishing to accompany us, tickets are available at a reduced price of £10.25, for both adults and children.

If any of you are searching the internet and you come across a good website that you think would be useful, then please let us know by contacting Tim ( [tim@stagecraftyouthgroup.co.uk](mailto:tim@stagecraftyouthgroup.co.uk) )

