

## **MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER – SPRING 2012**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

5<sup>th</sup> January 2012

May we start by saying how delighted we have been with the hard work and enthusiasm shown by all the girls in the rehearsals for, and performances of, the various music events which took place throughout last term. It was certainly busy with the Harvest Festival Service, Autumn Concert, Tree of Light Memorial Service, Music Makers' Concert and Trinity Guildhall Exams, Nativity Play, Carol Singing, Christingle and Carol Services! For every single performance we have received amazing compliments and feedback, from members of the audiences and examiners, not only commenting on our high level of ability and musicianship but also on the girls' conduct and commitment at each event. What great ambassadors your girls are for Farlington - thank you!

The Lower School Production of 'The Demon Headmaster' and the Pre-Prep Nativity play of 'The Landlord's Cat' were both magnificent successes. We look forward to both the Prep School musical production of "Dream On" and the Senior School musical production of "Guys and Dolls" in March.

In order to keep this impetus, it is crucial that all instrumentalists, choir members and cast members attend rehearsals regularly, and we know that we can count on the support of our wonderful parents not only to encourage this commitment but to provide an enthusiastic audience for all the events listed below. Do, please, remember that we have our own Parent/Staff choir, Farlingtonic, which has already proved a great success. Mrs Thomas would love even more parents to join – no audition! – and you can choose your rehearsal time of either: **Mondays at 7.30pm in the New Courtyard Hall, or Thursdays at 4.45pm in the Studio.**

### **Future Events:**

In order to give you plenty of notice of our forthcoming musical events, we are listing them below, with a clear indication of **who** will be performing. **We would be grateful if you would complete and return the extended form attached**, which will save a further letter being issued for each separate event.

#### **\*Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>: 7.30pm, The Studio:**

#### **Musical Soiree\***

**Pupils involved: GCSE & A level Musicians**

**Selected musicians - Strood Consort, Telemann Quintet & Wind Quintet.**

We would like you to enjoy a glass of wine whilst you enjoy performances from all the A level and GCSE music students, together with other soloists and groups of our more advanced players, and some small vocal ensembles. The concert will also include some examples of GCSE composition. After-school provision will be available. **Please complete the slip and return to the Prep/Senior Offices.**

#### **\*Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> February: 6.30pm, New Courtyard Hall**

#### **Spring Concert \***

**Pupils Involved: Skatz, Aristoskatz, Glee, Vocal Trio, Junior Choir,**

**Training Orchestra, Concert Orchestra, String Orchestra, Razzamajazz,**

**Strood Players, Samba Band, Guitar Ensemble, Flute Choir & Rock Band**

**Selected members of both the Senior & Prep Productions**

We hope to have a packed audience again this term to encourage our terrific young performers in another block-busting concert! After-school provision will be available. **Please complete the slip and return to the Prep/Senior Offices.**

**\*Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>: 7.30pm, Methodist Church, Horsham: Charity Concert\***  
**Pupils involved: Skatz, Aristoskatz, Strood Consort and invited soloists/groups.**

After a hugely successful Spring concert last year, where we raised over £1,000 for their children's charity, Horsham Methodist Church has invited Farlingtonic and Skatz choirs back to perform again. In addition to the choirs, we will be showcasing A-level compositions, the Strood Consort, Aristoskatz, and invited soloists or groups. **Please complete the slip and return to the Prep/Senior Offices.**

**Prep School Production "Dream On"**  
**Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup>/Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> March: 7.00pm, Fishers Farm Theatre, Wisborough Green**  
**Pupils involved: Prep 5 & Prep 6**

Tickets will be available, as usual, from the Prep School Office for what is always a marvellously entertaining performance. This year our fun-packed musical is loosely based upon Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' so you will be sure to meet with Bottom and the Rude mechanicals, Oberon and the fairy kingdom, and we may even throw in some Olympic action too - well, it is the year for it, isn't it!

**Senior School Production: In The Studio "Guys & Dolls"**  
**Pupils involved: Cast and stage crew**  
**\*Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> March: 9.30am – 4-30pm Technical Rehearsal/Boarders' Performance\***

This is a compulsory rehearsal/performance for all those involved with the Senior musical production. Girls should arrive promptly with a packed lunch and water bottle. **Please complete the slip and return to the Prep/Senior Offices.**

**Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup>/ Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup>/Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> March: 7.30pm Performances**

Following the success of last year's Senior musical production, "Curtain Call!", comes this term's "Guys and Dolls", with numbers such as "Sit down, you're rockin' the boat" and "Luck be a Lady tonight" guaranteed to get your toes tapping! Book early to avoid disappointment.

**Advance notice of a crucial date for your diaries!**

**Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> June: 8am to 8pm, Farlington School: Musical Marathon**

Next term we will be working towards a splendid and totally unique **Musical Marathon**. This fund-raising event will take place at the school on **Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> June, from 8.30am until 8.30pm**. It will feature different concerts throughout the day, beginning with "Cappuccino with Chopin", and ending with a magnificent, mellifluous **Music Hall!** There will be music of every kind, from rock to baroque, and there will be a chance for family groups to compete for a trophy! Please make sure to keep the whole day free for what will be a landmark in Farlington's musical history, not to be missed!

As you can see, we have a packed and exciting programme of Music and Drama this term; please complete the forms overleaf so that we know that your daughter is able to participate in those events marked with an \*, and return the page either to the Prep or Senior School Office at your earliest convenience and **by Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> January, at the latest**. We will not be able to accommodate packed tea and supervision requests made after this date.

Very many thanks for your continuing support,



With best wishes,  
Anne Stearns and Jane Thomas

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My daughter will go home in between

My daughter will stay at school (5 – 6.30pm)

My daughter will bring a packed tea from home

My daughter will require a packed tea from school which will be charged to my end of term account:

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Tuna

Egg

We will require .....seats for the event.

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I confirm that my daughter will be present at this compulsory rehearsal

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_