

7th June 2023

Dear Colleague,

I am writing to you with regards to the Classical Performance Awards and the TheatreJazz and Tap Awards that are being held in the IDTA South East area in October & November this year.



We are delighted and excited to announce that this year we are again holding these 2 events at the Chequer Mead Theatre, East Grinstead and would love to see you and as many of your students as possible at the event.

If you have never been, please let me explain a little more about it. The two events are the brain child of Miss Yvonne Gout, who wanted to offer those “once a week” children an opportunity to take part in a competition and to take a class with a guest tutor. Dancers must have achieved a pass mark of 83% or above in the relevant genre and can be nominated by their teacher to attend. They take part in a class in front of an adjudicating panel. Finalists are selected to dance again for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place and then all the other dancers get the opportunity to dance again for the Endeavour Award. Everyone is made to feel special and the event really is a lovely day for all concerned. Guest tutors and adjudicators are brought in from outside of the South East area to ensure that adjudication is impartial.

We are also delighted to be able to run our “cabaret” showcase at the end of the TheatreJazz and Tap day. The cabaret show will be adjudicated by the class tutors and dignitaries for that day and 1st, 2nd & 3rd places will be awarded alongside an award for best choreography. It promises to be an exciting day/evening and we would love to see as many of you as possible at the event.

To summarise –

Sunday 1st October 2023 – Classical Performance Award

Doors open at 8.30am and the day is planned to finish at 4.00pm.

Class A (Grade 2 & 3 Ballet)

Class B (Grade 4 & 5 Ballet)

Class C (Intermediate Ballet)

Pass mark for entry – 83% (entry is at the discretion of the teacher)

Sunday 19th November 2023 – Theatre Jazz and Tap Awards

Doors open at 9.30am and the classes are planned to finish at 5.45pm

Class A (Grade 2,3 & 4 Modern Jazz & Grade 3, 4 Theatre Craft)

Class B (Grade 5 & Inter Modern Jazz & Theatre Craft)

Class C (Grade 3 & 4 Tap)

Class D (Grade 5 & Inter Tap)

Pass make for entry – 83% (entry is at the discretion of the teacher)

The Showcase is due to start at 7.00pm and will hopefully run no longer than an hour and a half (to include presentations).

If you have never been before and would like to talk to someone about the day then please feel free to contact me on 07768 173055 or email me – amandarestell@hotmail.com as we would like to reach out to as many of you as possible.

If you are interested in attending, then please email me and I can send out the entry forms that need to be returned as soon as possible.

Let's fly the flag for the IDTA in the South East and celebrate the talent that we have.

We look forward to meeting as many of you as possible over the two days.

Kindest regards

The IDTA South East Area Committee