

# Rehearsals

## Sunday 10th May

### Format

Act 1 will run from 10am to 1pm, Act 2 from 2pm, to 5pm. From 1pm to 2pm we will be continuing to teach and set the Finale **for everyone**.

In the past we have had problems with people missing this part of the rehearsals, and then getting a little bit lost in the melee, so please make sure you are there. If you haven't already heard, the theme this year is Michael Jackson – now who hasn't day-dreamed of bopping along to one of his numbers??

We will run each Act twice, so people can practice costume changes and entrance/exits. As it will run to time, please make sure you are ready to be called on stage each run-through.

As it often gets very busy in the studio changing room, you may find that there is more space in First Dance studios unless you are involved in some quick changes, or helping others change.

### Costumes

This is a **full dress rehearsal. Show standard hair, make-up and (lack of!) jewellery please.** If you didn't get your cast photo done on 26<sup>th</sup> April, we may also be doing some photos.

### Parking

Please note that the football club also has a big event on this morning. We have agreed that we can exclusively use the first two rows nearest the studio entrance (WDS side) and consequently double park if necessary. But space will still be limited so if at all possible please share cars or get a friendly spouse to drop you off. We hope to have some signage to help, but please be a little patient, especially in the morning slot.

### Theatre practice

After the main rehearsal some groups will be moving on to the theatre to set up some of the technical details of their numbers – you should already know if this is your class, but if in any doubt please ask Gretchen or Kate.

### Catering

We will try and bring a few essentials into the kitchen at the studio (milk, juice etc), which you are welcome to use. But please tidy up after you and do be aware that you could be blocking the next group to come on while you savour your Nescafe!

## 11th and 12th May at the theatre

### Format

Act 1 on the Monday and Act 2 on the Tuesday, will start with 6.15pm warm up and Finale at 6.30pm, then clear stage at 7pm ready for a 7.30pm start. We will probably walk-through each number in turn to help you get spacing and exit/entrance positions, and then run it once or twice as necessary.

**Costume**

Note all rehearsals at the theatre are full costume/hair/make-up.

**Dressing rooms**

We will assign everyone a dressing room. Be aware that some quick changes will be taking place back stage!

**Parking and entrance**

Parking is £1.10 per hour in the Brewery Road and Peacocks car parks up to 7pm, and after that it is a standard £1.10 for the rest of the night. For all theatre rehearsals and performances you must come in by the stage door (bottom of the ramp leading into the Peacocks car park, next to the Rhoda scene dock) and sign in and out. We know it's a pain, but it is a regulation of the theatre.

**13th May – Dress rehearsal****Format**

We will be running this as close to performance standard and timings as possible. As the show has sold out, we will also have a small audience (not full price tickets however).

Warm-up 6.15pm, theatre opens at 7pm and curtain up 7.30pm.

**14th-16th May – Performances****Format**

Panic.....no of course not! Warm-up 6.15pm, theatre opens at 7pm and curtain up 7.30pm. Oh and did we mention that the Mayor and Mayoress are coming on opening night, er...and the local press on Firday? No pressure then.....

**The morning after....**

On Saturday we will have a post show party in the bar straight after the performance – but don't forget to collect up all your gear first as otherwise it will be locked in the changing rooms. And return all WDS costumes to the rails in the scene dock.

Then on Sunday we really need some help for the “get out”, cleaning up and transferring costumes and props back to the studio. Please don't leave this to “other people”, and it will go much quicker with many hands.

When its all over, don't forget we have already set the video night for Friday 18th September, when we will have the copies of the show DVD for sale as well as a special showing in the studio. Our very own Kate will be handling the filming and editing of the material this year, so it should be good!

**Dates for your diary**

New term dates :

Start w/c 7<sup>th</sup> September

Half term: 2 weeks from 19<sup>th</sup> October

Term finishes w/c 7<sup>th</sup> December

Advance notice: Mincing Pies set for 11<sup>th</sup> December 2009