

Welcome back everyone for Term One of 2021 & welcome to our family, and those who are new to HSPA.

Get ready for it – there is heaps in this newsletter so make a cuppa and enjoy!

As well as your regular classes, we have lots of extra opportunities in store for you. Read about them here:

## Performing Arts Summer Camp

We are running our Performing Arts Camp again this Summer. Daily from Mon 25<sup>th</sup> -Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Jan, 10.30-4pm - come as many days as you like. \$36 a day or \$124 for all four days. Four days of classes combining Acting Singing and Dance for students ages 7-13yrs.

Each day consists of three sessions including one each of dance, singing and acting. Students will get the chance to work with different tutors covering different things each day.

- Monday –21<sup>st</sup> Century
- Tuesday – Books that became Musicals
- Wednesday – Seasons
- Thursday – Colours

**This is sold out on Mon & Tues but has spaces on Wed & Thurs.**



## Bring a Friend Week!

Bring a friend to your first class for free and if they decide to sign up – you get a free HSPA T-shirt!

Please note: *(They will need to give their parents contact details to the tutor for health and safety reasons so be sure you have this info if you are bringing a friend's child!)*

This special applies to ALL of our classes in the first and second week of term!!

## New Classes for 2021

This year we have introduced some great new options that are proving very popular.

**Intermediate Musical Theatre** – Our Junior & Senior Musical Theatre classes proved so popular we have opted to add a new age bracket in for this year so that all of the students get the most out of the classes. The Intermediate age range covers school years 7, 8 & 9.

**Private Singing With Dean** - Finally we have a male singing tutor – and an excellent one at that! So we invite all of our male singers to study with Dean so that they can maximise their learning at HSPA.

***If you have not already booked all of your spots in your HSPA classes, you ought to do so asap as some classes are already full, with waitlists!***

## **Payment of HSPA Accounts**

We have had to increase our prices by 25 cents a week. This comes to between \$2-\$2.75 per term / per class. This is the smallest increase we could manage and comes after no increase last year and no increase for our 2021 Summer Camp.

### How do you pay?

We prefer all fees to be paid via internet banking. You will receive an email regarding this once term has begun and you have settled into your class. Please note; it may take several days for Doreen to process the payment so that it is visible on your portal. Never fear, your payment has not vanished!

Our statements will list all charges and all payments made. **Please be sure to open the attachment we send when we send out statements, if you have paid, this will be shown in your statement.** We send these to everyone each term so that you can see the various fees you have been charged as well as payments you have made.

### No charge for Holidays

We do not charge for public holidays; we charge for the actual number of lessons you have in a term. So fees will vary from term to term to accommodate this. This is a good thing – we do not charge you for something we do not give you.

If a lesson cannot run for some reason, we will offer a catch-up option for those classes, we do not offer refunds.

Tuesday Classes! – we made a change to our term dates and decided we would run our Tuesday classes after Easter. (This may explain a small increase in fees for those in Tuesday classes as we added that lesson back in just last week).

### GST

Please note – Our system adds GST (Sales Tax) as a separate item, thus you will see your term fees listed and then directly under them the GST component for that same fee. If you receive a discount, the discount also has a GST component. It's a bit confusing but that is just how this American platform works. It's not perfect, but it's pretty jolly good.

### Discounts

You will notice that there are discounts for multiple classes. These are applied to your account ledger as you book:

Double Deal – 10% discount off total fees for taking two classes.

Triple Threat – 15% discount off total fees for taking for three or more classes.

We are always happy to accept payment plans and can discuss your account with you. Email [doreen@hspa.co.nz](mailto:doreen@hspa.co.nz) or call 03 3138062 for account enquiries.

## **Theatresports Play Off.**

The Theatresports Play Off is our annual competition for all of the Intermediate and Senior Drama students and will be held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> of April at 7pm at the Rangiora Town Hall. This will be an entertaining evening watching our Intermediate and Senior students compete in teams of four, to take out the trophies for best team and best performer. This will also be performance opportunity for some of our Song & Dance students. Watch out for your invite in March!

## **Diploma Recipients**

Congratulations to Sian Hassan for her successful Trinity College Speech & Drama Diploma exam.

We look forward to celebrating her achievements at the capping ceremony later in the year. And we are so glad to be retaining her as a fully qualified tutor in our Intermediate department this year.



## Major Productions for 2021

### **A Midsummer Night's Dream – Rewritten Intermediate/Senior Show**

This show will run during the Winter School Holidays, July 14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> in the Rangiora Town Hall. It will be part of Kidsfest.

Auditions for the show will be held Fri & Sat April 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> and will be open to all current students from Intermediate & Senior classes.

This show will be directed by Paul Johnson...watch this space, we can't wait to get started on this modern take on a fantastic, magical show that people of all ages will enjoy.



### **The Secret Garden - Junior Show**

This show will be written by one of our past tutors – Kyla Forbes-Kean and presented at the very end of Term Three with two performances on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. In the Rangiora Town Hall.

There will be auditions for this in Term Two for all New Entrant, Junior & Upper Junior Students.

*We have yet to confirm our director & artistic team for this production.*

## **Congratulations**

### **Scholarship Winners**

Well done to: Iona Main who was the 2020 recipient of the school's full year 'Brandts Giesen, McCormick Lawyers' Major Scholarship. Iona has worked extremely hard within HSPA during 2020. Taking a leading role in the show, passing her Grade 8 Trinity and also taking on tuition work with Rachel in the Glee singing groups. Her hard work and commitment to this school have earned her this prestigious award.

Rhys Holyoake & Zanzi Coleman both received the Intermediate NCMS Term scholarship. Both of these students have been a pleasure to have in class and always put maximum effort into their endeavours at HSPA.

Well done to Isabella Westeneng for winning the Junior Tony Mounce Mortgages & Insurance Term scholarship. Isabella has and I expect always will be a little firecracker! She has so much energy and enthusiasm for performance which literally shines out of her.

Kate Bailey took out the Inaugural Bruce Family Personal Growth Scholarship for 2020. Kate's hard work and perseverance with her classes this past year has been an absolute credit to her. Her improvement has been massive.

It's easy to sit back and not take risks, so HSPA is always glad to be rewarding students for continually putting themselves outside their comfort zone and moving forward in their personal growth – this is what we are all about.

**Sing!Dance!Act!**

## Changes to the Syllabus

We will be offering NZAMD levels for Tap dance this year as we begin our association with the New Zealand Association of Modern Dance.

We will also be offering Trinity music theory syllabus to all of our private students. This will all go nicely with our existing offerings from Trinity for Singing and Speech & Drama and our DNZM levels for Jazz, Hip Hop & Contemporary.

## New Staff Members

### **Familiar faces - Trainee Tutors:**

Iona Main, Michelle O'Brien, Campbell Richardson & Hannah Thompson

Kayla, Iona & Hannah are all at their Diploma level and will be sitting their exams during 2021 having previously sat their grades Michelle will be working towards her Grade 8 exam. Iona actually took some Glee classes last year due to another tutor's illness and very much looks forward to teaching drama this year! These four tutors will be working in pairs tutoring the Preschool & Junior students here at HSPA. You might recognise some of them from previous HSPA productions! They are looking forward to making this step in their theatre journey and being able to share their joy of drama with the younger students. Those students in their classes will get loads of their fresh new ideas – lucky them!



It's always exciting to be able to offer such excellent experienced tutors as all of our regular returning tutors as well as bring some wonderful new role models to our children. We hope you enjoy getting to know this lovely pair along with all of our existing staff!

### **Junior Tutor**



Kayla Mortimer – Gr 7 Trinity College Speech & Drama

### **Junior Drama / Glee / Preschool Tutor**

Kayla has been singing since before she began school. As a primary student Kayla began classes at HSPA and hasn't looked back since.

She is currently set to sit her Associate Diploma for Trinity College in 2021. She currently has her Grade 7 Trinity College Speech & Drama with Distinction.

Kayla has extensive stage experience as a soloist and actor for HSPA for almost a decade now. She worked as a teacher's assistant for Glee in 2020 and enjoys recording and sharing her music online.

Kayla studied Music and Drama during her time at High School and was head of Arts at Rangiora High School last year, in her final year. She is now out of school and keen to pursue her performing arts career.

## New Faces – Tutors in Singing and Dance join our ranks!

### Dean Van't Veen-Gibbon Level 5 AMEB singing Singing Tutor / Classroom Administrator

Dean comes to us with decades of experience on stage as a soloist and Musical theatre performer both in New Zealand and in Australia. He toured Australia professionally with Seagulls Theatre Company New South Wales and Andrew Lloyd Webber & Friends Concert.

His overseas show credits include Les Miserables, Best Little Whorehouse In Texas, Oliver, 42<sup>nd</sup> Street & West Side Story. While his New Zealand performance credits include the NZ premier of Rent, Les Miserables & Jesus Christ Superstar for local societies.

Dean also works as a teacher aid with students with special needs, and his other passion is hairdressing, he is immensely talented at wig design and creation – HSPA looks forward to making the most of this multi-talented man!



### Savannah McNatty NZAMD Jazz, Original and American Tap



#### Tap Tutor

Savannah has fully completed the NZAMD Jazz, Original and American Tap syllabi and also has knowledge of the Contemporary syllabus. She also trained in Glenn Wood tap, was placed in the Top 3 for both Tap and Jazz at the NZAMD Scholarship awards and twice competed in the PACANZ National Young Performer of the Year finals.

At 17 Savannah moved to Melbourne with a scholarship to train under Jason Coleman and has been working professionally ever since. Her credits include working for Royal Caribbean International (Grease The Musical), Norwegian Cruise Lines, Princess Cruises (The Secret Silk), Beauty and The Beast (Rob Guest Endowment, Australia), Guy Sebastian, Justice Crew, Nickelodeon, Dreamworks, AFL Footy Show, Melbourne International Comedy Festival, several Bollywood movies and productions for Showbiz Christchurch to name a few.

She has always been extremely passionate about teaching and am excited about beginning work with HSPA on 2021.

## **Changes at the Studio!**

Over the summer we have completely repainted the interior of our studios, had new flooring put down and rearranged where things are. We have gotten rid of things and purchased new things....

Our performing arts teachers have learned how to wield a paint brush and roller, a drill and a chisel exceptionally well as their summer job!

*(But I am still deciding if I think they are any good at washing out their brushes!!)*

We are so excited.

**The biggest change is that now we have an office and reception area to greet people in!**

Here are a couple of photos of changes in the house – you'll just have to wait for term to start to see the changes in the rest of the classrooms and dance studio!! Thank you Cassie for being my model 😊



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## HSPA Handbook

Please check out our HSPA Handbook for:

- Info on our classes
- Our tutors
- What you need for classes
- Exams
- Shows
- What you can expect from us across the year & much more

We have just updated it with new staff in for that was not available earlier in January so the updated Handbook is attached to this email with this newsletter and is also available on your portal by clicking the lines at top left and selecting- 'View Class Documents'.

Having a read should get you excited about 2021 with us here at HSPA!

### Term Dates

- Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Feb – Term Start Date
- Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Feb – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb – Bring a Friend Weeks.
- Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Feb – Waitangi Day – No classes on this Monday
- Good Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April - No classes this Friday
- Easter Monday 5<sup>th</sup> April - No Classes this Monday
- **Please note we will run classes on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> of April even though there is no school this day.**
- Fri 9<sup>th</sup> & Sat 10<sup>th</sup> April – A Midsummer Night's Dream  
Intermediate/Senior Auditions (*Students will receive an audition-info-pack closer to the time*)
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> April – Theatresports Play Off Night
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April Last day of Term



*Please look out for more information on a Specialty class this term for our Advanced Senior students. This has yet to be confirmed and put in the HSPA diary!*

I look forward to seeing you all in class, I'm so excited to have you on board for 2021 and all of the new possibilities it offers! ☺

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