

RIVER DRAMA NEWS

Summer 2018

**Book Tickets for
Academy Week
Performances
and
Awards Evening
Now!**

Saturday 14th July is our last session this term and also our Summer Tea afternoon. We do hope you can join us 2.45 - 5.30pm in the downstairs Bar Area.

Sessions will start again on Saturday 22nd September and all dates for the Autumn term will be sent out at the beginning of September.

Academy Week 2018

“Aladdin and Friends”

Monday 30th July – Saturday 4th August

Performances will be at **6.30pm on Friday 3rd and Saturday 4th** and will be great fun and free for all. *Senior and Junior students* will enjoy the show and bookings are being taken now.

Tickets are free

River Drama Awards Evening 2018

This popular evening which celebrates the achievements of all RD students throughout the year, will take place at the Delarue Hall (Scotts Project) on Saturday **15th September at 6pm**. The Award ceremony will be followed by a disco for all. Tickets are £5 per family. Please email Elaine Harris for tickets.

THE END OF AN ERA

As Trustee with responsibilities to the Organising committee I would like to share with the wider River Drama community the resignation of our 3 founding parents and I would like to take the opportunity to say again how very grateful we all are for the foresight and perseverance that has got our special drama group where it is today.

The fact that so many of the students who started their River Drama journey over 20 years ago, are still attending, is testimony to how the group has adapted over the years.

Below is a short letter from those stepping down on the 31st July, and I would like to take the opportunity to say - although they are big shoes to fill, the remaining Trustees and the Organising Committee would always appreciate new people coming forward to help fill them!

Lynda Baulch

Dear River Drama families,

As most of you know, several years ago we stepped back from the day to day running of the weekly sessions at the Oast and handed over to a group of energetic younger mums who formed the 'Organising Committee'.

We thought this was an important step for River Drama's future as we were running out of steam after 20 years but didn't want it to fold! We have remained Trustees in that time and have been most impressed by the work that has been done by the team, and the exciting plans they have for the future.

Our lives have continued to be ever more demanding with family needs and health issues, so it was agreed in March at the AGM that we three would retire together as Trustees.

We leave the charity in the safe keeping of four very experienced and wise trustees and of course a vibrant supportive committee who we know will move things forward and continue to create opportunities for our wonderful young people enabling them to explore the performing arts.

We have every confidence that the future for River Drama is bright.

Linda, Clare and Louise

We are still in need of another young volunteer for our senior group. Do you know a teenager aged 16 or older who is able to get to The Oast on a Saturday afternoon 3.30 – 4.30pm? Our volunteers enhance the experience of our students and really do make the sessions more fun for everyone so please help us find an additional regular volunteer for this group. Please get in touch with Elaine if you would like more info about the role.

Thank you!

*******URGENT HELP PLEASE!*******

TO WORK THE SOUND FOR ACADEMY PERFORMANCES

This is a very important but straightforward job (no previous experience required).
It could be a shared job to allow you to sit in the audience for one of the performances

Need to be available:

Wednesday 1st August 1.00pm – 4.00pm

Thursday 2nd August 10.00am – 4.00pm

Friday 3rd August 2.00pm - 7.30pm

and/or

Saturday 4th August 6.00pm - 7.30pm

Please contact Lynda Baulch

Organising Committee :

Lynda Baulch(Trustee & Academy Week)
Rachel Dick-Cleland (Chair of c'tee & rotas)
Elaine Harris (Finance, newsletter & m'ship)
Bridgette Jefferis
Jane Pover (Safeguarding)
Nicki Robbins

'An exciting venture for young people with Down's Syndrome'

Patrons: Cheryl Baker, Sarah Vezmar, Josh Hurley

Trustees: Hon. Chair - Linda Wyton, Hon. Treasurer - Ken Cross ACIB, Hon. Secretary - Clare Allen,
Lynda Baulch, Louise Cross, Gill Folley, Martin Galvin

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