



WELCOME PACK
&
NEW MEMBERS
GUIDE

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Welcome to Spectrum Drama Group

Spectrum Drama Group is the Junior section of Worle Operatic and Dramatic Society. It was originally set up in the late 80's, as there were a number of youngsters in the society at the time, and there was a definite need for a Junior section.

We have changed considerably over the years and are proud to say we have had a number of successes over the years. We now have very strong membership and a group of talented young people that are dedicated to producing work of an exceptional quality.

Spectrum is not a "Youth Club" and unlike other drama groups in the local areas is run by a team of dedicated volunteers. We want to ensure that your child not only has a great time and makes friends at Spectrum, but will also learn about performing at the same time.

Shows that spectrum have done include some classics like "Oklahoma", "Guys & Dolls" and "Bugsy Malone" to more unusual shows like "Bytes" and "Jungle". We always choose material that will suit the members we have and include dancing, singing and acting in our choices.

This guide contains general information about how we operate and outlines our basic regulations. It also contains documentation that we need back from you so that your child is covered by insurance. If you have any questions or concerns then please feel free to contact us at any time.

Membership

Membership Fee is £25 per term. There are three terms in a year, September – January, January to April and April to July. Fees are payable at the beginning of each term, and notice of this will be sent to you in advance.

We currently have about 30 members in the group, and this is our limit. We have to consider the health and safety of all members and will place people on a waiting list until we can accommodate them in the group.

Regulations

Although we are try to create a very relaxed atmosphere we do have just a few rules, which can make it even more fun for everyone!!

Attendance and Timekeeping

The rehearsals will begin at 5:30pm on a Wednesday unless otherwise notified. Rehearsals end at 7:30 and no child will be allowed to leave unless their parent or guardian is present.

Appearance

Sensible shoes and clothing must be worn at all times during rehearsals. This means no jeans – loose fitting trousers preferred - and no skirts. No “high heels” or outside shoes, Black daps or Jazz shoes being preferable. Long hair is to be kept tied up, back off the face.

Essential Items

Any items that have been provided must be brought to every rehearsal. This includes folders, music and scripts. Pens, pencils and notepads should also be provided for the children to make notes.

Behaviour

Inappropriate behaviour will not be tolerated and if it occurs it will be reported to the parents/guardians and may result in termination of membership.

Bullying

Under no circumstances will any form of bullying be tolerated. This will result in instant termination of membership.

Mobile Phones

Mobile phones must be switched to silent during rehearsals and must not be used except in the designated break time.

Holidays/Absences

It is an advantage to know when someone is not going to be able to attend a rehearsal in advance as we spend a lot of time planning the rehearsal schedule.

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About Us

Kate Emmerly - Director/Chairperson (kate@spectrum-drama.co.uk)

Born and bred in Weston, Kate started her theatre experience over 13 years ago when she joined Spectrum where gained valuable experience in both chorus work and lead work. She took a few leads within Spectrum and then moved up to WODS where she has been a chorus member for many years. Since then, she has been a member of Rolle College Theatre Group and WSM Savoyards where she has taken many lead and cameo roles. Kate has also taken the lead in a local production of Jesus Christ Superstar. Now looking for a fresh challenge she has taken over from Darren as Director and relishing the opportunities.

Stuart Denham - MD/Secretary (stuart@spectrum-drama.co.uk)

Stuart has been performing for nearly 30 years in both singing and acting roles. He studied BTEC Performing Arts at Weston College and the went on to De Montfort University to study Arts Management. He became involved in DTC, the Student Union theatre Company. Whilst with them he was not only the publicity officer, he also directed two major productions and wrote one of them himself. After leaving university he went into the world of work, but missed the performance side. Therefore he returned to Weston College to undertake an HND in Performing Arts where he was roped into Spectrum by Mr D Brown (see below). Whilst at college he was given the opportunity to combine the skills he learned at university with his performance abilities. Stuart now teaches GCSE Drama, Key Skills and Arts management at Weston College as well as being heavily involved in Spectrum.

Sam Bond - Choreographer (sam@spectrum-drama.co.uk)

Sam grew up with music around the house. When she was 7 she joined Milton Singers and over the years took part in many concerts around the town at various venues including the Playhouse. The Singers were also successful at local festivals and recorded a song and video for Children In Need. She joined WODS in 2001 and enjoys dancing in the Society's performances. Although she did not train as a dancer, Sam has a Sports Aerobics background and, in fact, was a UK and British Junior Champion. She is also Choreographer for Spectrum, the junior section of the Society.



Model Release Form

Member's Name: _____

Member's Address: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone: _____

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN'S PERMISSION AND RIGHTS GRANTED:

For good and valuable Consideration herein acknowledged as received, and by signing this release, I hereby give Spectrum Drama Group my permission to license the Images and to use the Images in any Media for any purpose (except pornographic or defamatory) which may include, among others, advertising, promotion, marketing and packaging for any product or service. I agree that the Images may be combined with other images, text and graphics, and cropped, altered or modified.

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Parent warrants and represents that Parent is the legal guardian of the MEMBER, and has the full legal capacity to consent to the Shoot and to execute this release OF ALL RIGHTS IN MEMBER'S IMAGES.

To be completed By Model's Parent or Legal Guardian:

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Printed Name: _____

Member's Date of Birth: _____

DEFINITIONS:

"MEMBER" means my minor child and include his/her appearance, likeness and form.

"MEDIA" means all media including digital, electronic, print, television, film and other media now known or to be invented.

"IMAGES" means all photographs, film or recording taken of Model as part of the Shoot.

"CONSIDERATION" means something of value I have received in exchange for the rights granted by me in this release.

"SHOOT" means the photographic or film session described in this form.

"PARENT" means the parent and/or legal guardian of the Model. Parent and Model are referred to together as "we" and "us" in this release.



Dear Parent or Guardian

Spectrum is committed to ensuring the safety of your child at all times. As you know inappropriate behaviour of any sort is frowned upon – as set out in our regulations.

During rehearsals, though, there may be times when it is necessary to touch your child only to move them into a position on stage – with regards to acting, singing and dancing. This is a part of the rehearsal process.

We have CRB checked group leaders who supervise all such action, and of course you as a parent or guardian are welcome to attend any rehearsal you wish, to watch or talk through any issues you may have with Spectrum Drama Group leaders.

For our records we need to know that you as a parent or guardian have no issues with the above. If this is the case then please would you sign and return the tear off strip.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

The Spectrum Committee



Parental Consent Form

Name of child: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

I hereby consent that Spectrum Drama Group may touch my child only to move them in relation to the rehearsal and performance process. This is based on the understanding that I may review this practice at any time of my choosing by joining a rehearsal.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____