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Wac Arts Cake



Trustees Celebrating at the Relaunch



New Signs

empowering young
people to change
their world

March 2013 Newsletter

Welcome to Wac Arts!

This year, 2013, is set to be a special landmark in our ever-evolving history! WAC Performing Arts and Media College and InterChange Trust are combining to form one unified, creative organisation with a new name. From this Spring we are now Wac Arts!

Wac Arts – a fresh new name for a trusted friend

Over the last few months we have researched, planned and implemented a new business plan. The new, streamlined Wac Arts allows us to focus on delivering a fresh and imaginative blend of activities for a new arts landscape.

More able to respond to the current, often turbulent economic arts climate, Wac Arts is now better equipped than ever to withstand the new 'cuts' environment. If evolution is the key to longevity, then we have embraced the challenge and acted accordingly!

We have a fresh new identity and website; a new facebook page and an updated twitter account. The only thing that hasn't changed is our commitment to the services we provide and ensuring our facilities are as inclusive and widely used as possible.

The relaunch



Everything new began to happen on 31st January. To introduce Wac Arts and to mark our new beginning, we held a 'countdown to change' with our new identity going out to the world!

There were cakes to celebrate and new signage revealed to announce the arrival of Wac Arts to the community!

A new Wac Arts – the same trusted blend

All of our existing projects and activities continue to run. We still offer fantastic rehearsal and event facilities in our halls and arts rooms. Reorganised into four new departments, our weekend projects now run as Junior and Senior Wac Arts and our education, training and Diploma programmes continue to flourish.

Our commitment to inclusivity enables our work with young people with special educational needs and disabilities to thrive. The range of both specialist and integrated programmes actively promote understanding and achievement, as well as being fun!

Amongst the many services we provide locally, our community hub offers the celebrated Hampstead Film Society and 'Voices on the Hill' community choir. We actively encourage a range of trade fairs and public and community events at the Old Town Hall and ensure that the building is constantly full to capacity with an exciting and diverse user base.

Visit Wac Arts soon!

There's so much going on at Wac Arts! Join us in an exciting future - check out our new website, visit our facebook page and follow our twitter feed. We're sure you'll find something of interest and look forward to seeing you very soon!

Hampstead Film Society

Our film club showcases a range of films on a fortnightly basis. On Tuesday evenings throughout the year the society presents world cinema, documentaries and classic movies.

Tues 16th April : 7.00pm : *Barbara*
(Christian Petzold, Germany, 2012)
105mins

Tues 30th April : 7.00pm : *The Garden of the Finzi-Continis*
(Vittorio De Sica, Italy, 1970) 120mins

For more information and details of all forthcoming screenings, please check our webpage at WacArts.co.uk/film



New Minibus



Aerials



Fundraising Triathlon

Please support Wac Arts!

To support Ross McGonnell's Triathlon please visit his JustGiving page at www.justgiving.com/Ross-McGonnell1

Friends and supporters can also donate straight to Ross's fundraising page by texting the unique code: **HHTS50** and any of the following amounts to **70070**

Donations by text can be made for:
£1, £2, £3, £4, £5 or £10

Whatever amount you choose will be very much appreciated and put straight to work at Wac Arts. Thank you.

Trustee's underwater adventure



Celebrating this spring underwater, Stephen Dias, has always enjoyed his 'WAC 25' hat! Looking forward to the next phase with Wac Arts, our scuba diving trustee has been with us since 2009 and recently stepped in as acting chair until Liz Cleaver was appointed last July.

Stephen lives locally and brings many years' experience working in the City to his voluntary work both with Wac Arts and the Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School.

In Flight

In collaboration with aerial specialists, Upswing and Scarabeus, we are offering FREE aerials training in March. Exploring new dimensions in the air, aerials work is fantastic fun and enables everyone to experience movement in amazing and innovative ways.

When combined with the use of new, assistive technology, aerials also create new means of communication and sound through movement. This allows those with even severe disabilities to communicate with movement and is truly revolutionary with enormous potential for all those involved.

Fundraising fun!

We are delighted that Wac Arts supporters, Annie Graham-Brown and Ross McGonnell have organised two fantastic fundraising activities this spring! On 3rd March, Annie ran the Bath Half Marathon and on 21st April, Ross will be attempting his first triathlon event. He will swim 384m, cycle 25km and then run the final 5km around Hayward Heath, raising funds all the way for Wac Arts. Wishing Ross all the best for a successful day!

We are eternally grateful to everyone involved in these fundraising events. Please support Ross's incredible Triathlon Sprint knowing all funds raised go directly to Wac Arts programmes – details are in the left column blue box.

Wac Arts at the Edinburgh Festival!

Having chosen this exciting new play as winner of their prestigious International Playwriting Competition, Trinity College London has commissioned the Senior Wac Arts and Diploma production of *A Concrete Jungle Full of Wild Cars* for the celebrated Edinburgh Festival! A fundraising drive is now in full swing to cover travel and accommodation costs for cast and crew.

A fantastic tribute to the quality of work produced by our talented students, to be recognised in this way by the premier international exam board for the arts and English language is an honour indeed!

New Minibus

We are delighted to have taken delivery of our new minibus from The Lord's Taverners, Worshipful Company of Carmen and The Clothworker's Foundation! Allowing us to provide safe and secure transport for young people to attend Wac Arts projects at the Old Town Hall and the outdoor activity centres we visit for residential projects, the bus is fully fitted out with the very latest equipment.

Important dates

Junior Wac Arts

Sat 23rd March : *Open classes for friends and family for the end of term* at the Old Town Hall, 213 Haverstock Hill. Please contact the Wac Arts office for details on 020 7692 5888.

Senior Wac Arts

Sun 24th March : from 7pm : *Presentation Night for all other classes* at the Old Town Hall, 213 Haverstock Hill. Please contact the Wac Arts office for details on 020 7692 5888.

Diploma 3rd Year Showcases

Mon 18th March : 2.30pm : *Drama* at the Etcetera Club

Weds 20th March : 2.00pm : *Vocals* at the Map Café

Fri 22nd March : at 7:00pm : *Dance and selected Drama and Vocals* at the Old Town Hall, 213 Haverstock Hill. Please contact the Wac Arts Diploma office for details on 020 7692 5838.