



# Newsletter

March 2015

## Welcome ...

... to our March 2015 Newsletter, which will give you a small taste of what we've been up to over the last few months. We are working continuously to introduce new programmes for young people, and give them the best opportunities to showcase their talent and fulfil their potential.

## Showcasing the Diploma talent (& Auditions!)

It was that time of the year again, when our third year diploma students showcase their magnificent skills to industry and friends. All three showcases – Dance, Drama, and Singing were huge success, winning over the hearts, heads and dancing hips of audiences. Showcases are a platform for our students to demonstrate their skills to an invited audience of casting agents and industry representatives as well as family and friends. They are also great preparation for the end of year show in June, a musical theatre extravaganza not to be missed – watch our website for more details, on the way in May. Auditions for the September 2015 entry of the diploma are on April 19th. Get in touch if you're ready to start your performance career!

## Half term sharing

As we welcomed 2015, Wac Arts Interactive embarked on an innovative and exciting inclusive technology project. Building upon the skills that group had been developing in its Mac 7 Mira iPad project, young people worked on creating their own inclusive music apps, designing every aspect from the function and sounds right through to the buttons and overall aesthetic. Junior Wac Arts students involved themselves in song writing, singing, video producing, and a drumming workshop as a part of their half term project 'Music in Motion'. On the sharing day, students shared their work with friends and family and what great fun it was.

## Alumni spotlight!

Wac Arts has been over the moon with the success of its Alumni, Danny Dyer and Maddy Hill won awards at the National Television Awards. Maddy won Best Newcomer and Danny for Serial Drama Performance! Our alumnus, Newton Matthews, scored a place in Will.i.am's team on the Voice, airing on the BBC. Newton mesmerised the judges with his soulful performance at the blind auditions. Repeating his success, he bowled over the judges with his awesome stage presence and stunning soulful vocal, in the battle against Joyful Soundz. We couldn't be more proud!

## Young people in the limelight at the Annual Camden Youth Awards



Our exceptional young people had their achievements recognised at the Annual Camden Youth Awards! The awards celebrated overcoming obstacles in order to achieve success in school as well as volunteering in the community and charity work. Camden Youth received over 50 nominations this year and nominees were judged by a panel of their peers. We are overwhelmed with the win of our young people, Zakaria Osman and Francesca Cutri, for their incredible youth work!

## Please support Wac Arts!

You can become a Wac Arts Backer through personal fundraising. Whether running a marathon, jumping out of a plane, or baking a tasty cake, you can support Wac Arts as you go! We have produced a handy fundraising toolkit that includes advice, suggestions and lots of useful information. The toolkit is available on our website at [www.WacArts.co.uk/Fundraiser](http://www.WacArts.co.uk/Fundraiser)

Become a Wac Arts Backer today and help us keep running integral and exciting programmes for young people. Join the scheme and make a difference!  
[www.WacArts.co.uk/Backers](http://www.WacArts.co.uk/Backers)

### Text donate

Just text **ARTS35 £10** (or your other amount) to **70070** and make a difference today!

## Wac Arts AIR

Wac Arts AIR has been providing artists from a variety of genres a space to exhibit their art and a chance to work with the young people on our programmes, adding a new dimension to the students learning. Lorna Carmen McNeill, exhibited 'Light-Life Ignite' in January. The dazzling light sculptures and projections, merged art with technology. Lorna also conducted a series of workshops with the young people, many of whom rely on sensory stimulation to enhance their lives, giving them a chance to realise their creativity, develop new skills and most of all have fun. The next exhibition will be opening in April; "The Spring Collection" is a selection of the late Ruth Leibman's beautiful still life's inspired by Hampstead in the Spring. Visit [www.WacArts.co.uk/AIR](http://www.WacArts.co.uk/AIR) for more information.



## Biking and Baking all the way!



The first ever Weekend WA London to Brighton Bike Ride takes place on Saturday 28th March! Parents, staff and students formed a team to take part in the race, which ends at the sea front in Brighton. They have so far raised over

£1000 for the weekend programmes. You can donate at: [www.justgiving.com/CycleWeekendWac](http://www.justgiving.com/CycleWeekendWac). On Saturday Junior Wac Arts held a bake sale and raised £140 for Wac Arts. Yummy cakes that had been made by the parents and students were sold along with other tasty treats. Thank you to everyone that is helping Wac Arts continue to empower young people to change their world.

## Wac Arts InFlight - Come Fly with Wac Arts!

Aiming to be a centre of excellence in Aerials, InFlight is back and this time is even more exciting! The new programme is for aerial enthusiasts as well as complete beginners looking for training in aerial skills. This programme is completely free for participants, we are just looking for passion and commitment! We will embark on this soaring journey from May 12th 2015 but there will be Tasters day's for the participants on 26th April and Sunday 3rd May. If you are interested or know anyone that might be keen to join the program, please feel free to reach us on [InFlight@WacArts.co.uk](mailto:InFlight@WacArts.co.uk) for more information.

## In the building

Wac Arts has been very busy, hosting rehearsal spaces for the west end theatre production 'Matilda' and 'The Bodyguard', starring Alexandra Burke and Jesus Christ Superstar, at our premises. Next time you visit Wac Arts keep an eye, might bump into a celebrity in the building!

## In other news...

... We have been awarded Gold Level London Youth Quality Mark, a quality assurance scheme and a programme accredited by City and Guilds'. Phil Walters, Head of Membership Development at London Youth had some kind words to share, "Wac Arts is a fantastic place and we're proud to have you as a Gold member club."

## Dates for your diary

### Senior Wac Arts - Drama Night

**Wed 1st Apr** : 7.00pm-9.00pm

RSVP to [Greta.Gould@WacArts.co.uk](mailto:Greta.Gould@WacArts.co.uk)

### Wac Arts College - Student Sharing

**Thurs 2nd Apr** : 1.30pm

### Wac Arts AIR - Ruth Leibman's 'The Spring Collection'

**Thurs 16th Apr** : 6.30pm-8.30pm : Opening Night

**Then every Thurs to May 26th** : 6.30pm-8.30pm : Open for the public

### Diploma Auditions!

**Sun 19th Apr** : 9.00am-5.00pm

[www.WacArts.co.uk/Diploma](http://www.WacArts.co.uk/Diploma)

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### Junior Wac Arts - Dance and Drama Night

**Sat 16th May** : 7.00pm-8.30pm

RSVP to [Junior@WacArts.co.uk](mailto:Junior@WacArts.co.uk)

## Also don't miss...

### The Place presents Divided

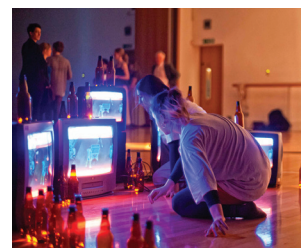
**Mon 30th Mar** : 7.30pm &

**Tues 31st Mar** : 6.00pm

Young choreographers from The Place's youth dance company Shift join students from Wimbledon College of Arts to present Divided; a unique performance installation to a live soundscape.

All proceeds will go to the Iris Tomlinson

Fund. [www.theplace.org.uk/divided-2015](http://www.theplace.org.uk/divided-2015)



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