

## Press Release – 20<sup>th</sup> November 2015

## **Vac Arts** Wac Arts Performing at the Hampstead Christmas Festival 2015



Over the 35 years since inception, Wac Arts has always ensured to grab as much opportunities for its young people where they can showcase their talent and build confidence, efficacy and self esteem. This year, Wac Arts has teamed up with none other than the Hampstead Christmas Festival 2015 to perform at the opening of the festival as well as at its own stage where the students will present some enthralling performances.

The Hampstead High Street will be turned into a magical wonderland Christmas scene, with 90 stalls selling gifts, delicious international food and drinks, a Christmas grotto, reindeer, a film show, children's activities, and much more. BBC's Fiona Bruce will be switching on the lights for the Hampstead Christmas Festival 2015. The festival attracts thousands of visitors every year and has undoubtedly become one of the most popular

Christmas festivals in London over the years.

The festival is scheduled on Sunday, 29th November 2015. This year, Wac Arts has the pleasure of opening the festival at 12:00pm on the main stage and not only that but the students will be performing on their own stage 12:00pm to 4:00pm! The Wac Arts stage will be based opposite Carluccios on Rosslyn Hill.



To know more about what's on at the festival, and getting there - please visit <a href="http://www.hampsteadvillagelondon.com/christmas/">http://www.hampsteadvillagelondon.com/christmas/</a>.

Wac Arts students and tutors are preparing an assemble beautiful performances for the crowd. They will be putting showing the audience the diversity of the programmes offered to the young people at Wac Arts and as well as the level of training supplied at The Town Hall, the talent on offer and the fun that is had. Performances will include Urban, Jazz, and Afro Fusion dance, ensemble and soloist singing, an interactive orchestra, theatre snippets, and more. The Wac Arts team will also be present there to answer questions and educate people about the different Wac Arts fully inclusive programmes for young people aged 5-26.

## Notes to the editors:

## About Wac Arts:

Wac Arts is a centre of excellence for young people who need it most; a place where diverse talent, often from challenging backgrounds, can be safely nurtured through the highest quality arts education. Wac Arts believes that the arts should be a right and not a privilege and that learning

the arts can give young people invaluable tools for life; it can build confidence, improve self-esteem and help overcome great difficulties.

Supporting young people from 5-25 through outstanding levels of arts training, with a focus on innovation and a drive for excellence. Wac Arts believes that every individual has a talent and it's our job to help them find it and go on to achieve their potential in life. Wac Arts supports over 1000 young people each year, of whom 78% are BAME and 20% have special educational needs and disabilities. The programmes are either free or at a very low cost, and are available through weekend and evening programmes, holiday and respite packages, an accredited full time Diploma course and our new free school which teaches an arts curriculum to young people aged 14-19 and is the first of its kind in the country.

Wac Arts is the leading the way in producing the future generation of diverse talent in this country and in doing so empowering young people to change their world. To know more about Wac Arts, please visit <u>www.wacarts.co.uk</u>.