

Local youth arts charity smashes target and raises £91,000

With the help from some industry friends...

Wac Arts believes in the infinite power of the arts to unleash the potential of young people. Their annual fundraising event raised £91,000 (nearly £30,000 more than the original target!) to support Wac Arts' transformative work for young people aged 5 -26.

Guests included Journalist Alistair Campbell, MP Tulip Siddiq, Presenter Simon Mayo and Actor Zoë Wanamaker along with 110 others who enjoyed a night of fun and performances. The young people and Wac Arts' industry friends wowed the crowd with a show that was vibrant and full of flair! Passionate Flamenco dancers, young jazz musicians and powerful films were just a small selection of the cabaret style show. Guests left feeling inspired.

Zoë Wanamaker CBE showed her support of Wac Arts and performed a Monologue Mash Up with the young people who call this creative, community hub in Camden their "home".

"Tonight we celebrate the joy, the passion of what it is to be in Wac Arts"

Jonathan Butterell, Wac Arts Patron

International Director and Wac Arts Patron Jonathan Butterell took time out from his smash hit West End show *Everybody is Talking about Jamie* to work with the young people, tutors and staff from Wac Arts to create and direct the show.

"The Cabaret was a celebration of all that is wonderful about Wac Arts. The young people wowed us with the power of their presence, they moved us with the authenticity of their performances and the whole audience was lifted as we witnessed the sheer joy that the students clearly get from being on stage. I feel very lucky to be part of such an amazing organisation."

Christine Kinnear, Wac Arts Trustee



Zoe Wanamaker performing at the Wac Arts Cabaret



The young people at Wac Arts perform Flamenco

Wac Arts thanks all of those who supported the event and made raising such a fantastic amount possible; auction and raffle donors, Cabaret committee, catering crew, creative team, Franca Manca, parents and carers in supporting the young people, Patrons, performers, Property Divas, Wac Arts staff, technical team, Thornton's Budgens, tutors and volunteers. We would also like to thank the generous guests who came to support Wac Arts and have enabled us to far surpass our targets.

For further information on the Cabaret please contact hayley.butler@wacarts.co.uk or call 020 7692 5807.

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Empowering Young People
to Change Their World
Through the Arts

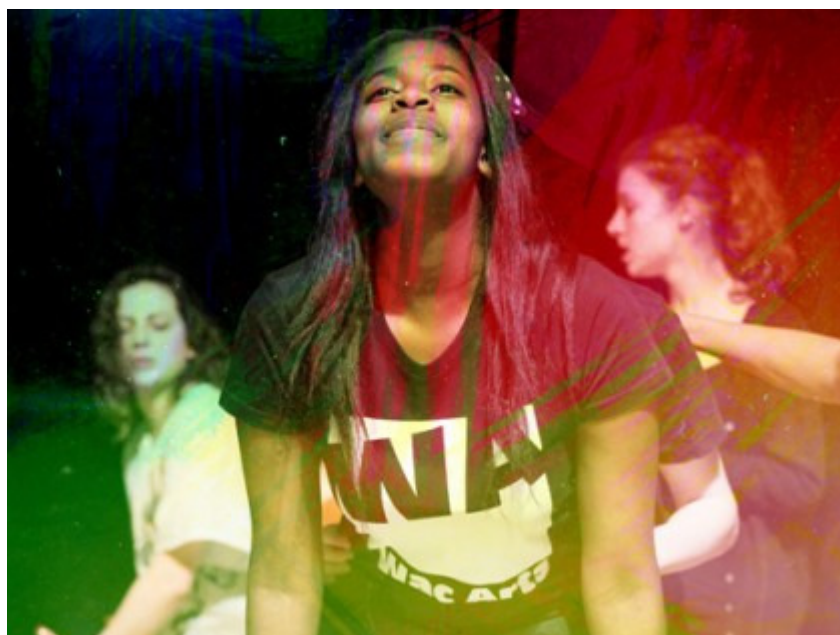
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About Wac Arts:

Wac Arts believes in the infinite power of the arts to unleash the extraordinary potential of young people.

The charity offers **fully** inclusive **weekend, evening and holiday** programmes that celebrate diversity, with classes significantly subsidised to make them accessible to all **young people aged 5-30**.

62% of young people that benefit from Wac Arts live within the borough of Camden.



“Wac Arts means an expanded life. A better life” John Gaine, Wac Arts disability and inclusion ambassador

Wac Arts home, the Old Town Hall is now a creative hub where young people build confidence, artists connect, and other arts and cultural organisations such as University of the Third Age and Akademi South Asian Dance call home.

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