

## **KIDS PERFORMING NEW TERM- COMMENCING 27 JUNE 2009**

DEAR VALUED PARENTS

The June holidays are almost over and the HOPE concert may now be a distant memory. We hope that all of you had a chance to recharge and refresh for the new school term and also the start of Kids Performing's third term.

For those who came to support us at the Trainers' Recital last week, thank you for your presence! My trainers and I thoroughly enjoyed putting together a showcase for you and this will become a Kids Performing tradition so look out for more news in the future! It now gives me great pleasure to announce a few significant additions and changes to the Kids Performing team:

1. **AJ Dela Fuente** has been promoted to Assistant Artistic Director and will support me in the scope of curriculum development, trainers' recruitment and development as well as creative development of the Academy. AJ possesses a Bachelor in Theatre Studies as well as a Masters in Special Education and has taught in different countries like Hong Kong, Malaysia, Philippines and Indonesia-hence bringing with him strong teaching experience in this region. AJ will play a pivotal role in further enhancing our pre-school program Twinkle Stars and Popstars, Musical Theater for Teens as well as putting together, Singapore's very first Christmas pantomime for children in December 2009. Auditions will soon be announced in July.

2. **Terence Guillermo** - Well-respected choral master in Asia Pacific whose stellar track record in vocal coaching, producing, directing, composing, acting, singing, album production and much more, will add a totally new dimension to Kids Performing's vocal classes. Terence will be conducting master classes for students keen on developing vocal techniques-whether it is preparing for special school admissions, or Idol competitions, Terence will be able to guide and mentor his charges.

3. **Jose Cerda** - Young and multi talented dance instructor, actor and choreographer who will head our dance academy and instruct/develop classes in jazz, breakdance, hip hop, salsa, tap, ballroom and more. A role model decorated with the Citizenship of the Year award by the Mayor of Chicago, and having worked with celebrities like Alicia Keys, Beyonce, Missy Elliot and many more, Jose will take Kids Performing's amateur dance company Fluid to the next level and more!

We were deluged with positive feedback and praise from the parents and concert-goers for putting up 3 excellent shows for the HOPE concert. My team and I intend to keep surpassing your expectations and establish Kids Performing's as truly Singapore's Premier Performing Arts School: more classes have been open in term 3 to meet the demand and new initiatives like Recommend-A-Buddy gives you financial incentives to spread the good name of Kids Performing to your friends and be rewarded for it: ask more about it at the Academy or visit [www.kidsperforming.com](http://www.kidsperforming.com) to find out more.

### ***Cafe/Merchandise***

Popstars City is also stocked with the latest limited edition summer merchandize sourced directly from the USA. The Café now boasts more items on the menu: of course your favorite staples like our gourmet sandwiches, and local delights remain firmly on our menu. Ask Uncle Edwin for the details at the café!

### ***Precautionary measures against H1N1***

As we welcome all of you back in the new term, I'd also like to take this opportunity to reinforce some precautionary measures in view of the H1N1 situation which has not ebbed:

1. Temperature taking will be carried out for the coming weeks for all lessons and all students and parents will be subject to this at the door of the academy before the commencement of classes. To avoid delay in the start of class, parents are advised to arrive at least 10 minutes before class start-time to facilitate temperature checks. We regret that those with a fever will not be admitted into Popstars City, in the interest of our students and parents.

2. For those who have travelled over the month, please download the travel declaration form [HERE](#), and return it to us before the start of term or on the first day of school for your child's class. We know many families who had planned to travel, did NOT in the end in view of the uncertain H1N1 situation. But if you did travel to an affected country, kindly observe the prescribed 1-week quarantine period and refrain from coming back from lessons till one week later. H1N1 affected countries are:

- Argentina
- Australia
- Canada
- Chile
- Dominican Republic
- Japan
- Mexico
- Panama
- Philippines
- Spain
- Thailand
- United Kingdom
- United States of America
- Indonesia
- Hong Kong SAR

\*The list will be updated according to Ministry of Health's advisory. Please refer to MOH website [www.moh.gov.sg](http://www.moh.gov.sg) for updates.

For children who miss the first class because of this quarantine, we will gladly refund you the equivalent of one class if you have already paid up your Term 3 fees or have paid up for the whole year. For those who have yet to pay up, this one lesson's fees will be deducted from the fees due for the third term. Kindly present documentary proof (photocopy of child's passport with travel dates) for all refunds.

Besides temperature checks, we will also avail masks and hand sanitizers for anyone who wishes to use them. If you are coughing or have a cold, we ask that you kindly refrain from coming to class and we reserve all rights to refuse admission to any student or parent who displays signs of being unwell.

We seek the kind understanding and cooperation of all parents, that these measures are in place for one key reason: to provide a stimulating, safe and healthy environment for your child to learn in and for you to chill in while waiting. Please help us to keep it this way. Do not hesitate to ring us at Tel: 68365008 or visit our website for more information on this matter. It leaves me to only say that my team and I are truly looking forward to welcoming all of you back to our cosy café and academy!

Best regards,

Kuo Po

Artistic Director

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