

What you need to know about ABRSM vocals exams

Set goals for yourself in singing classes. Music certification from world-renowned music examination board sets the standards for singing.

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Precious Entertainment artistes
Nadya Tan & Aisyah Salim,
ChildAid2010, Resorts World



Upcoming ...

CLASSES

New semester started 3rd January 2011 with the 20 weeks classes leading to a grand concert on 5th June, 2011 at SOTA. Be there or be square!

TALENTS

Precious talents are in a movie "My World, My Stage". Look out for Christian Liu, Ryan N. Bangras, Amanda Teunissen and Natasha Vokes to be released in 2011 in Singapore and film festivals around the world. Kids Performing™ students are going places!

POPSTARS CITY™ STAGE

- 11 Feb: Valentine's Special
- 4-18 Mar: Family Talent Quest
- 16 Mar: ABRSM Vocal Recital
- 23-24 Mar: Vocal Recitals
- 25 Mar-15Apr: Popstar of the Year talent competition



WELCOME 2011 & Happy CNY!

Singing Tip #1

Breathe low and silent. Do not raise your shoulders and heave when you breathe in. Relax and your chest will expand when you breathe in pushing the diaphragm automatically down like how little babies breathe when sleeping.

WELCOME parents and Kids Performing™ students as well as new students who just joined us this semester! STARGAZING is our very first issue of the long awaited Popstars City™ newsletter. There is just too much happening and we have to shout about it!

In the first week of January we have already performed two major shows outside Popstars City™ featuring Teenstars, JazzKids™ & our little Popstars talents. On 7th January, we performed for the Ministry of Defense and VIPs from international consulate officers at Amara Sentosa followed by the Stride Rite Launch on 9th January at the Forum



Shopping Mall. Looks like we are off to great start!

We are so looking forward to 2011 & a hopping Year of the Rabbit where we will have more shows, better talents and greater stages! Gong Xi Fa Cai!

RECAPTURING 2010

2010 has been nothing short of exciting for us! In June 2010, we had a month-long Great Eastern International Kids Performing™ Festival, with the opening ceremony being in the heart of Orchard Road, Ion Square and broadcast on the big screen for thousands to see. We organized the first-ever Prodigies of the World Concert at the Yong Siew Toh Conservatory as well as Ritz Carlton Singapore where RADM Lui Tuck Yew was our guest-of-Honor. For this special occasion, we flew in Australian Shuan Hern Lee (7 yrs), American prodigies Simone Porter (14 yrs), Nathan Chan (16 yrs) and Michael Province (15 yrs) from BBC's "World's Greatest Musical Prodigies" series. These amazing young talents performed alongside our very own Julia Abueva (14 yrs) and stable of Precious Entertainment artistes.



In the midst of the Great Eastern International Kids Performing Festival 2010, we also participated in the Launch of the prestigious Marina Bay Sands, providing a 188-members choir to perform with the Singapore Symphonic Orchestra. We can now boast that we shared the same stage as Diana Ross and the Jersey Boys! Kids Performing™ students also took part in a record breaking Gong relay event at the atrium of the beautiful hotel.

Right after the launch of the Marina Bay Sands, we bumped into Genexis Theatre for our second Kids Performing™ Repertory Theater production, "Emperor's New Clothes". The big hilarious surprise of opening night was when the Emperor, played by Alex Ng, came out only in his boxer shorts. What a memorable debut for our brave new actor!

The action at Kids Performing™ was nonstop as our talents prepared for the world's first-ever Youth Olympic Games. The children were in the "One Heartbeat" item, and our teen stars, Vanessa Yap, Jane Lee, Narisha Mohamed and Elifieqa were the lead singers in the ceremony! Precious Star Award Winner Shyzanna Thaqifah led the dancers in the Games itself, entertaining audience during the breaks whilst our singers, Julia Abueva, Shi Yu Tan, Eirene Enriquez and Aisyah Salim sang the Olympic theme song for the various medal ceremonies at the Games. We are also proud that our very own Nathania Ong sang the National Anthem at the closing ceremony, broadcasted to millions around the world.

Kids Performing™ is proud to have been such a big part of the inaugural YOG! Our Kids Performing™ artistes continued to wow the audience till the end of the year. We performed "I Gotta Feeling" for the Singapore Experience (Tourism Awards), Castrol Night at Marina Bay Sands that featured a state-of-the-art video wall as well as Club Med's agent night at Shanghai Dolly. Talking about Club Med, did you join us when "Kids Performing goes Club Med" in September?



CLUB MED evening show

We organized the program at the Kids Club in Club Med during the September school holidays. 22 parents and kids joined us in the 5 day retreat that featured our children and others for three nights of showcases in the evenings of Club Med Bintan. Items presented were from Popstars, UrbanKids™, JazzKids™ and BroadwayKids™ program held during thematic days: Singing Day, Dance Day and Theater day. Do look out for our next “Kids Performing™ goes” school holiday program this year that will make your holiday a memorable one.



Theater Day at Club Med Bintan

Wrapping Up

The year closed with an exciting performance by Nathania Ong at the launch of the Marina Bay Sands Skating Rink early December. Amazing Michelle Kwan, world ice-skating Olympic Games champion figure-skated at this same launch and Nathania and Artistic Director, Kuo Po had the privilege to have a snapshot with her.

At our Glittering Christmas Party, we crowned our very first three Precious Stars, Vanessa Yap, Shyzanna Thafiq and Tiffany Park. (Read more on Precious Star Awards)

After our own Christmas party at Park Hotel Clarke Quay, our Christmas carolers visited the malls White Sands, Tiong Bahru Mall & Century Square and had the last four shows at Park Hotel Clarke Quay.

Kids Performing™ is always filled with performances, excitement of talents being seen in places and our talents getting better at every show.

And that, ladies and gentlemen, is what makes Kids Performing™, truly unique!”

ChildAid 2010

Since the inception of ChildAid in 2008, many Kids Performing™ talents have had the special opportunity to perform in these concerts, putting their singing and dancing skills to good use.

Last year’s ChildAid again featured many of our own students. Snagging the solo spot is our Popstar of the year Grand Champion, Nadya Tan. She stole the hearts of many with her rendition of ‘Somewhere Over the Rainbow’. Nathania Ong also performed with her father, Dr Kevin Ong and Teen Star, Aisyah Salim also performed backed by an orchestra of 100 musicians conducted by the renowned Iskandar Ismail.

What's new in 2011?

Kids Performing™'s Artistic Director Kuo Po shares: "We are now implementing a two semester year schedule with a total of 20 classes in each half of the year. This way, students are given more time to master their lessons and polish their performance items.

We are very proud to share that Kids Performing™ for HOPE Concert is on June 5th at the brand new "School of The Arts" Theater. This theater seat 400 and we will have two shows with a gala event in the evening. Do invite your families & friends to watch our amazing talents at this year's show.

We are also implementing jazz technique classes for all UrbanKids™ & BroadwayKids™ classes. This is to improve the students' dance form and set a stronger dance foundation. New classes introduced this year are Creative Movement for the 2-3 year olds, Speech & Drama & 8 sessions /Entry preparatory class where we will coach you to nail the audition or manage any DSA for schools. Enquire at the Kids Performing™ Academy today!



ZUMBA MADNESS COMES TO POPSTARS CITY!

Popstars City is proud to announce the addition of the latest US fitness craze to our studios. Led by experienced and fun trainer Erin Skelton, you have every reason now to bring out those Nikes and leotards. Zumba has taken the world by storm. Why? One, it's a FANTASTIC calorie-burner. Two, it is crazy FUN! Three, if you love dance, you would love Zumba- the music is a big part of it. But best thing is that you get fit while doing all these moves. Erin is our very qualified fitness trainer who will bring her special brand of training to Popstars City. There will be at least 7 sessions a week with her so you have no reasons to not be a part of the Zumba Craze anymore! Look out for class schedules soon.

FRIENDSHIP WEEK & FRIENDSHIP TREE BRING FRIENDS TO POPSTARS CITY AND WIN AN I-PAD!

Love coming to Popstars City? Well, you are not alone! Students and parents LURVE coming to Robertson Walk because of our award-winning classes, spacious café, retail store with the trendiest apparels, recitals and performances, parties, special events like Halloween etc and more!

Now we will give you an incentive to tell your friends and classmates about us in an exciting recruitment program which incentivizes YOU. The one who brings the most number of friends to Popstars City wins an i-Pad at the end of 2011 to be announced at our Christmas Gala!

Friendship Weeks also piles you and your friends with treats, goody bags and many more fun surprises if you bring your friends during this period.

Visit www.popstarscity.com for more information!

BIRTHDAY PARTIES AT POPSTARS CITY

Wanna celebrate your son's 9th birthday but can't deal with the cleaning up after?

We have the perfect answer for you! Book a poppin' party at Popstars City™ and you will not be disappointed. Invites, food, party favors, décor, cake, we do it all for you. Book one of our themes or we can customize a party just for you. Frills like popcorn machines, limousine pickup, manicures and pedicures to spoil everyone, can all be arranged at a small additional cost. Packages start from as low as 12pax guests and the unique feature is that all hosts and guests will be entertained with a special showcase by the kids at the end of the party so get those FLIP and videocams ready!

We are also able to bring Popstars Parties to your doorsteps, subject to availability. Enquire at the Academy today for a Popstars City Signature Party or visit www.popstarscity.com!



Kids Performing™
hosts the
Prodigies of the
World Gala
Dinner at the Ritz
Carlton Singapore
June 23 2010



Bringing
Christmas
joy to
Singapore!



ABRSM Vocals Exams

Recitals and the Joy of singing

Since 1889, Associated Board of Royal School of Music has been the world's leading specialist in music assessment. The exams are designed to motivate students of all levels and ages, giving them a series of realistic goals and tangible rewards for their achievements. The voice is regarded as an instrument and like any other instruments, students have to develop and master the skills of producing quality sound and a study of repertoire.

The vocal examinations are graded from 1 to 8, 1 being the first grade level. The examination requires the students to sing 4 songs of a given syllabus from memory for Grades 1 to 5 as well as sight-sing and perform aural tests. Hence the student is required to have some rudimentary knowledge of music theory, with an ability to read musical notations.

Kids Performing™ in September 2010, embarked on presenting our first batch of students for the ABRSM vocal examinations with 100% success rate and more than 50% percent distinctions and merits. Our students can now evaluate their standards with vocal students around the world and assess their skills to better improve themselves.

Kids Performing™ chose the ABRSM syllabus because the repertoire has a wide range of songs from folk, classical, musical, jazz and even traditional. Sight-singing is also an important skill that we believe vocal students should hone. Aural ability can also improve as the students are made to pay more attention to rhythm, dynamics, key changes and styles. These elements are necessary for a singer to be a better musician.

Certification from ABRSM music examinations can help the students gain that vital seat in their choice schools as this would reflect that the student is an all-rounder with musicianship training. This certification can also be important should the student choose to enter School of the Arts or schools that have a bias towards music and singing. ABRSM certifications also provide an alternative to mainstream careers as the students can choose to teach after obtaining the highest level grade (Grade 8, licentiate of teaching, diploma of performance).



Examinations or not, we sing because we love to sing. We want to sing to an audience. Popstars City™ hosts three singing recitals a year as well as two ABRSM student recitals for the vocal students of Kids Performing™. These performances help to boost the confidence of the students and give them better practice at being a performer, rather than just a voice student. Students thus have a regular and invaluable platform to showcase their voice and talent. Vocal students will build a personal repertoire that they can “own” and will be ever ready to perform. I look forward to the day when one of us becomes an Idol and

realizes a dream of performing at the Royal Albert Hall, Carnegie Hall, or Kodak Theater. Come on board, let’s take that journey from Popstars City™ to Radio City!!

To enquire about Kids Performing™’s outstanding vocal program, please ring (65) 6836 5008 or visit www.kidsperforming.com



ABRSM
Theory Exams
 Examination Date:
 Sat, 29 Oct 2011

Registration Date:
 1 – 12 Aug 2011

Practical Exams
 Grade & Diploma
 Examination Date:
 July - September 2011

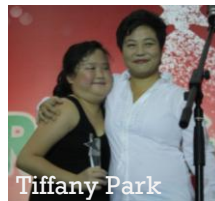
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 14 Feb – 2 Mar 2011

PRECIOUS STAR AWARDS

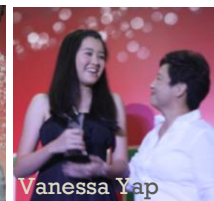
Since we started Kids Performing™ in 2004, more than a thousand children have received our special brand of performance training. Many children have benefitted from our program and have become outstanding tweens and teens. Last year, Kids Performing™ turned 6, and Popstars City™ is 2 years old. So, it is only fitting that we acknowledge and credit the young artistes who have journeyed with us through the past years in a special ceremony on the annual party at the beautiful Park Hotel Clarke Quay poolside on 4 December 2010.

The Precious Star Awards are given to deserving students who have been with us for at least 5 years. The criteria to win this award are simple:

- The students are loyal,**
- they work hard to be multifaceted performers,**
- they learn and improve through each show,**
- they consistently perform in many of our shows,**
- they have professional attitudes,**
- they share their craft and teach the younger Kids Performing™ talents the ropes,**
- and lastly they must excel in their studies as well as to be well-rounded!**



Tiffany Park



Vanessa Yap



Shyzanna Thafiqah



For the first time, we honored three students of Kids Performing™: Vanessa Yap, Tiffany Park and Shyzanna Thafiqah. We hope that all of you will be inspired to win this award, the trophy of Precious Star, the highest accolade of Kids Performing™, for the coming years!

Precious Entertainment is the parent company of Kids Performing™. To find out more, visit www.preciousentertainment.com

TALENT OF the MONTH



Nadya Tan, nine, wowing the audience with her rendition of the popular hit Somewhere Over The Rainbow.

Source: *The Straits Times*, 18 December 2010

Meet nine year old Nadya Tan, winner of the Championship title of solo singing competition, “Popstar of the Year” in 2010. Presently a Primary 4 student of Methodist Girls School (MGS), Nadya is an all rounder who not only sings well but also performs well academically. She represented her school in the “Odyssey of the Mind” competition, coming up tops in Singapore and excelling at the international leg in Michigan, USA 2010.

Nadya is Artistic Director, Kuo Po’s vocal student. Since she joined Kids Performing™ in January 2009, she took the honors as Champion of Poptars of the Year and opened HOPE 2010 concert singing her winning song “Go the Distance”.

Nadya has also performed for private corporate clients like Procter and Gamble and Canon (30th Anniversary Gala Dinner). This young talent also performed at the Prodigies of the World concert, held at the Ritz Carlton Singapore and won a silver medal of the Singapore Performing Arts Junior Championships 2010 Grand finals.

Nadya won the coveted lead role of Lucy in the inaugural Kids Performing Repertory Theater’s Musical Narnia – The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. She performed three sold-out shows at the Singapore Repertory Theater in December 2009.

Nadya was also selected amongst hundreds that auditioned, to perform solo for the annual ChildAid concert. In its sixth year, the 2010 concert was held at Resorts World. Nadya sang “Over the Rainbow” backed up by an orchestra of 100 musicians, conducted by the renowned musical director, Iskandar Ismail and won all the hearts of the appreciative audience.

Nadya was also one of the inaugural Kids Performing™ students who sat for the ABRSM board examinations last September, 2010 and scored a Distinction for her efforts. And in case you are thinking this young lady is just an outstanding talent on stage, she scored so well for her 2010 school examinations that she is admitted into the much-revered Sophia Blackmore class of MGS for gifted students.

Nadya is a source of inspiration for her younger sister Natanya, who also loves to sing and perform. Both love to read and play the computer, facebook and gaming with their friends. Daddy CK and Mummy Liana are supremely proud of her achievements at such a young age. Said Liana, “I am very grateful to KP for her guidance given to Nadya and gently pushing her to stretch her talents. Performance training is a wonderful tool to build a child’s sense of discipline and confidence!”

Nadya says, ‘I love singing so I can share my gift with others’, She hopes one day to perform with Carrie Underwood and be a guest on the Oprah Winfrey Show. At 9, she has already caught the attention of the media, being featured extensively in different media on consecutive days for her performance at ChildAid 2010. Kids Performing™ is so proud of Nadya and thus she is deserving our very first Talent of the Month.

To find out more about Popstar of The Year Competition, enquire at the Kids Performing™ Academy today!

COMPETITIONS

FAMILY TALENT QUEST (4 to 18 Mar 2011)

Win a family stay for 4 to Club Med Bali! At least two related family members are required to participate in this fun family competition. Dance, play an instrument, groove and jive your way to Popstars City™ stage! Another fun and creative way to foster quality time with your family.

POPSTAR OF THE YEAR 2011 (25 Mar to 15 Apr 2011)

Coming soon in April is the exciting Popstars of the Year contest. The past two champions have gone on to achieve more solo stints. Nathania Ong, POTY Champion(2009) sang the National Anthem at the Youth Olympics Games Closing Ceremony, inaugural Ronald MacDonald's Charity Gala, performed at ChildAid and also performed alongside skating champion Michelle Kwan to launch the Marina Bay Skating Rink. Nadya Tan, POTY Champion (2010) sang at Canon's 30th Anniversary Gala & ChildAid at Resorts World. Are YOU going to be the next POTY CHAMPION?

Don't miss the chance to win a 4-day Club Med Hotel* stay with Kids Performing™! Pick up your form today @ the Academy counter or register at www.popstarscity.com

**Prize kind courtesy of Club Med*

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. THERE ARE NO LESSONS ON 3-6 FEB DUE TO CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAY.
2. ADULTS VOCAL RECITAL WILL COINCIDE WITH OUR VALENTINE'S DAY KARAOKE PARTY ON 11TH FEBRUARY 2011 FOR ALL PARENTS. CHILDREN ARE WELCOME.
3. ALL STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR STRETCH PANTS AND COMFORTABLE TEES FOR ALL CLASSES
4. PLEASE REMEMBER TO PAY FOR YOUR CHILD'S INSURANCE FOR 2011.



CHRISTIAN LIU

1. What classes have you done and do you take with Kids Performing?
Christian: I've been taking vocal lessons since October 2010, and now I'm in the Broadway Kids programme along with my vocal lessons.

2. How did you prepare and find the whole audition experience?

Christian: It was fun, I read the lines they asked me to, and they took photos during the time.

3. Did you find the filming process fun and what did you learn most?

Christian: Yes even though the waiting times can be quite long. I learnt that you have to have lots of energy!

4. What is your next film/TV project?

Christian: I will be working on a TV series that's being produced for Channel 5.

5. What advice would you give to all aspiring young actors out there?

Christian: Be confident and always have fun!

Catch Kids Performing™'s Broadway Kids™ talents Christian Liu, Amanda Teunissen, Natasha Vokes and Ryan Bangras in their first movie appearance this year! Watch this space for more details.

NARNIA, THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE

Calling All Young Talents Out There!

Kids Performing Repertory Theatre (KPRT) is proud to announce that we will once again stage the popular musical Narnia: The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe! This long-awaited reprise will be THE production of 2011 as there will be almost 20 shows in the theatre. Narnia fever will also hit schools and shopping malls in Singapore from March 2011 so KPRT is looking for 2 casts to play the many different, exciting roles.

If you love musicals, can sing well and love acting, we are looking for YOU!

Auditions are on at Popstars City™ on February 10th, 11th, 17th till 20th February 2011. Book a slot early. Prepare one song, a monologue and be prepared to show some dance moves too to our Director!
Workshops and rehearsals will commence in March 2011.

Narnia fever was an all-time high in 2009 so if you missed our inaugural production, do not miss this opportunity-of-a-lifetime for your child to be in this amazing production!

Enquire today at the Academy for more information or visit www.kidsperforming.com for more information.