

## The Garage

### *Opportunities for young people, teachers and organisations working with young people*

**We've kept this Newsletter as short as possible, but there's a packed programme of activity coming up!**

**CURTAIN UP!** For the first time The Garage presents a season of professional performance and workshops aimed especially at young audiences (13+). Beginning in October it includes shows exploring physical theatre and animation; Hip Hop theatre; the world of circus and cabaret and contemporary issues of inner city youth. You'll find further information attached with this email.

Tickets: £5. School rates available. To book, contact the Theatre Royal Box Office on 01603 630000

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**BURSARY AWARD SCHEME** This is a funding scheme designed to support young people from disadvantaged circumstances to take part in a full year of activities through our weekly performance companies. You can nominate young people for a place using our Referral Form. There are no set criteria and awards are offered at our discretion.

*For further info or a Referral Form contact Melanie Kidd. T: 01603 283 385. E: [takepart@thegarage.org.uk](mailto:takepart@thegarage.org.uk)*

**OFF STAGE CHOICES** A free event which takes place on 11th October 2011, 10am-4.30pm at both The Garage & The Playhouse in Norwich. It is for school groups of Yrs 9 & 10 and provides hands-on-learning in aspects of sound, lighting, stage make up & stage management. Groups must have one teacher or supervising adult for every fifteen young people.

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**BROADLAND LIVE!** The Garage is on the road with outreach provision in Brundall and Reepham. We're creating Garage 'hubs' providing young people with regular creative activities, opportunities to progress to activity at The Garage and the chance to gain an Arts Award accreditation.

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**ARTS AWARD** A nationally recognised arts qualification in arts practice and leadership for young people aged 11-25 yrs. Young people work towards their Bronze, Silver & Gold (Levels 1-3) while professionals can train to be Arts Award Advisors & run Arts Award in their own settings.

The Garage is holding an Arts Award conference on Friday 14th October – the perfect opportunity for Arts Award Advisors and those interested in finding out more.

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**YOUNG CREATIVES** The Garage's own longer-term developmental opportunity for young people working on their Arts Award. This route supports them to access activity and performances to contribute to their portfolio of evidence of learning as well as providing weekly sessions to work on their accreditation. This is being piloted this term and will run in full from January 2012.

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**CREATIVE FOUNDATION LEARNING COURSES** From January 2012, The Garage will be providing opportunities for young people aged 14-16yrs and 16-19yrs to make use of our professional studios and will be able to take part in a creative project, an 'Introduction to Creative Arts' course plus much more. Aimed at Foundation Learners - Level 1 and below, particularly those who struggle in formal learning environments, the programme also includes a focus on personal and social development.

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**SHAKE THE DUST** - a national literacy development project connected to the 2012 Cultural Olympiad. The Garage is hosting the regional activity and we're looking for five groups of young people, aged 13 -16 years from schools and youth groups who will have the chance to work with an established spoken word artist. They will write, craft and devise performance poems through a series of participatory workshops, showcasing their work at a regional celebration and slam competition at The Garage in May or June 2012. They may even get the chance to progress to a national final in London the following month.

The project is suitable for students of any ability but may be particularly relevant to those who struggle to engage with literacy; who have other educational barriers; or experience disadvantage or social exclusion.

Shake the Dust is supported by Arts Council England through their Grants for the Arts programme, however participating schools are asked to make a small contribution.

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#### **MUSICLEADER EAST OF ENGLAND ... News & Views**

**Training** Delivered by The Garage, the MusicLeader East of England signposts jobs, provides training and networking opportunities for people working in music leading, or teaching. We've the opportunity to bring some exciting new training into the region. We'd be grateful if you could complete this short [online survey](#) that will help identify which of these courses to run and where. It will only take a minute.

**Music Education** The Changing Music Education Landscape is the theme of a [recent blog](#) that explains recent and future developments that will have an effect of young people's music education in this region.

**DNA** Imagine being able to have music life coaching from a trained life coach, musician and music industry professional without leaving your house! Our acclaimed 90 minute one-to-one [DNA](#) sessions are now available on Skype - 90 minutes focusing on you and your career. A chance to take stock and determine your next steps.

To book:

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To stay informed of all sector news, jobs, training and networking opportunities, register at the [music leader website](#).

**That's all for now, but keep an eye of future news at [www.thegarage.org.uk](http://www.thegarage.org.uk)**