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M.K Arts Education Forum
Enriching Arts Education in Milton Keynes
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ARTS DIARY



... the other venue in Milton Keynes

Stantonbury campus DRAMA TO SUPPORT THE CURRICULUM

Wednesday 4th October at 7.30pm
Theatre Melange (UK) with Ariel Theatre (Romania)

THE MONA LISAS

Using the central motif of da Vinci's Mona Lisa and moving through a series of iconic images, The Mona Lisas is a sharply humorous performance piece that takes us on a surreal journey through an explosive landscape of modern visual art.

Supporting workshops available from the company

Monday 9th & Tuesday 10th October at 7.30pm
Hoipolloi in association with Watford Palace Theatre

THE IMPOSTOR

Freely adapted from Molière's Tartuffe by Shôn Dale-Jones. A farcical tale of who we choose to trust and how easily we can be conned. The Impostor is Hoipolloi's hilarious new version of one of Molière's classic comedies, full of imagination, visual excitement and comic invention.

Supporting workshops available from the company

Thursday 2nd November at 1.45pm & 7.30pm

AOD

OEDIPUS

after Sophocles

A bold, inventive visual, no-nonsense approach to the telling of Sophocles' Oedipus. This contemporary staging of a classical text continues aod's (Actors of Dionysus) enviable reputation for making Greek tragedy highly accessible.

Supporting workshops available from the company

Monday 13th November at 7.30pm & Tuesday 14th November at 10am & 1pm

Long Overdue Theatre Company

MACBETH

An original rock underscore and state of the art design give the production a cinematic quality that powerfully forces home the horror of this classic tale of the unrelenting pursuit of power and vengeance.

"All my year 9s, 10s and 11s were gob-smacked."

"Stunning. The blood was great."

Education group discount tickets only £6 – Call the Box Office for details 01908 324422



ACTIVITIES AT MK THEATRE

Saturday 22nd July 10am - 12pm

JOSEPH WORKSHOP

Join the Education Department in exploring the plot, themes and songs in Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat.

Hennessey room
9-11yrs £7

Saturday 29th July

DANCE PROJECT STARTS

Monday 7th & Tuesday 8th August

RAW ENERGY PERFORMANCE

Thursday 10th August

MUSICAL THEATRE PERFORMANCE

Friday 11th & Saturday 12th August

AVTIV8 YOUTH THEATRE PRODUCTION

Thursday 31st August 10.30-12.30pm

PUPPET PLAY WORKSHOP

Introduction To Puppetry workshop! Join puppeteers Zoë Hunter and Miriam Stolzenburg for an exciting puppet making workshop where you will have an exclusive insight into the production. Learn about different forms of puppet and how they are used.
8-11 years £12 per person

Call the box office on 0870 060 6652.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SCHOOLS

Starting in this edition of ARTicle we hope to provide regular opportunities to keep schools up to date with possible extra funding sources. Whether your schools is looking for support for a specific project or raising funds to support general arts initiatives, we hope that you will find these recommendations relevant, usable and beneficial.

WEBSITES

Grants 4 Schools

An online service with information for schools on raising funds from UK Government, EU, Lottery, grantmaking trusts and commercial sponsorship sources. Subscriptions available to the website, Funding Alert Newsletter and Funding Directory. www.grants4schools.info services@grantsonline.org.uk

PUBLICATIONS

The Schools Funding Guide

ISBN: 1 900 360 578 £19.95

Arts Funding Guide

ISBN: 1 903 991 10 2 £22.95

Available from the Directory of Social Change www.dsc.org.uk
Tel: 08450 77 77 07

ORGANISATIONS

Milton Keynes Arts Association

Tel: 01908 319099
www.mk-arts.co.uk
nicky@mk-arts.co.uk
Closing date for next round of applications – 1st October 06

Awards For All

Tel: 0845 600 20 40
www.awardsforall.org.uk
general.enquiries@awardsforall.org.uk
Awards For All is a lottery grants scheme for local communities. It is supported by the Arts Council England, the Big Lottery Fund, the Heritage Lottery Fund, and Sport England.

IF YOU HAVE DETAILS OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH COLLEAGUES PLEASE CONTACT THE FORUM ON MK 324421.

OUR AIMS:

- To advocate and promote the importance of the arts in the lives and learning of young people.
- Provide access to high quality arts experiences for young people of school age in Milton Keynes.
- Ensure widest possible access across all the different cultural and socio-economic groups.
- Foster sustainable links with arts organisations and practitioners
- Work in partnership with Schools, the Local Education Authority, and the formal education sector, and engage with regional and national arts agencies.
- Provide a supportive infrastructure to enable schools to initiate their own arts activities.

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SPACE INVADERS

A COLLABORATION BETWEEN MILTON KEYNES GALLERY AND MK ARTS EDUCATION FORUM TO CELEBRATE ARCHITECTURE WEEK 2006

Milton Keynes Gallery and the Milton Keynes Arts Education Forum are working with schools/groups on a number of projects in and around CMK to enable young people to engage formally with the built environment of Milton Keynes. Working with professional artists and organisations the participants work may be a direct response to architectural elements or an intervention within a chosen space.

Artist Wendy Briggs has been working with a number of students from Great Linford Combined School, Heronshaw Infant School, Loughton School and Slated Row School to produce a wall piece to occupy one entire side of the exterior wall of MK G. The artwork was installed to mark Architecture Week 06, when local schools, businesses and participants were invited to attend a project launch at the gallery.

A number of further artist-led projects will take place over 2006/2007. MK G is keen to team up with local MK businesses willing to work with participants to donate part or the whole of their building to the project. The varying responses to the chosen spaces will result in a number of outcomes including performances, installations and both large and small scale interventions which may last three hours or three months.

If you would like further information please contact Victoria Mayes, Offsite Education Co-ordinator, MK G on 01908 558305 or v.mayes@mk-g.org

ARCHITECTURE WEEK

Architecture Week is the annual national public celebration of contemporary architecture. The week explores architecture and the built environment via the arts and culture in an entertaining and informative way. Architecture Week is an Arts Council England and Royal Institute of British Architects initiative in association with the Architecture Centre Network.

For more information on Architecture Week visit www.architectureweek.org.uk

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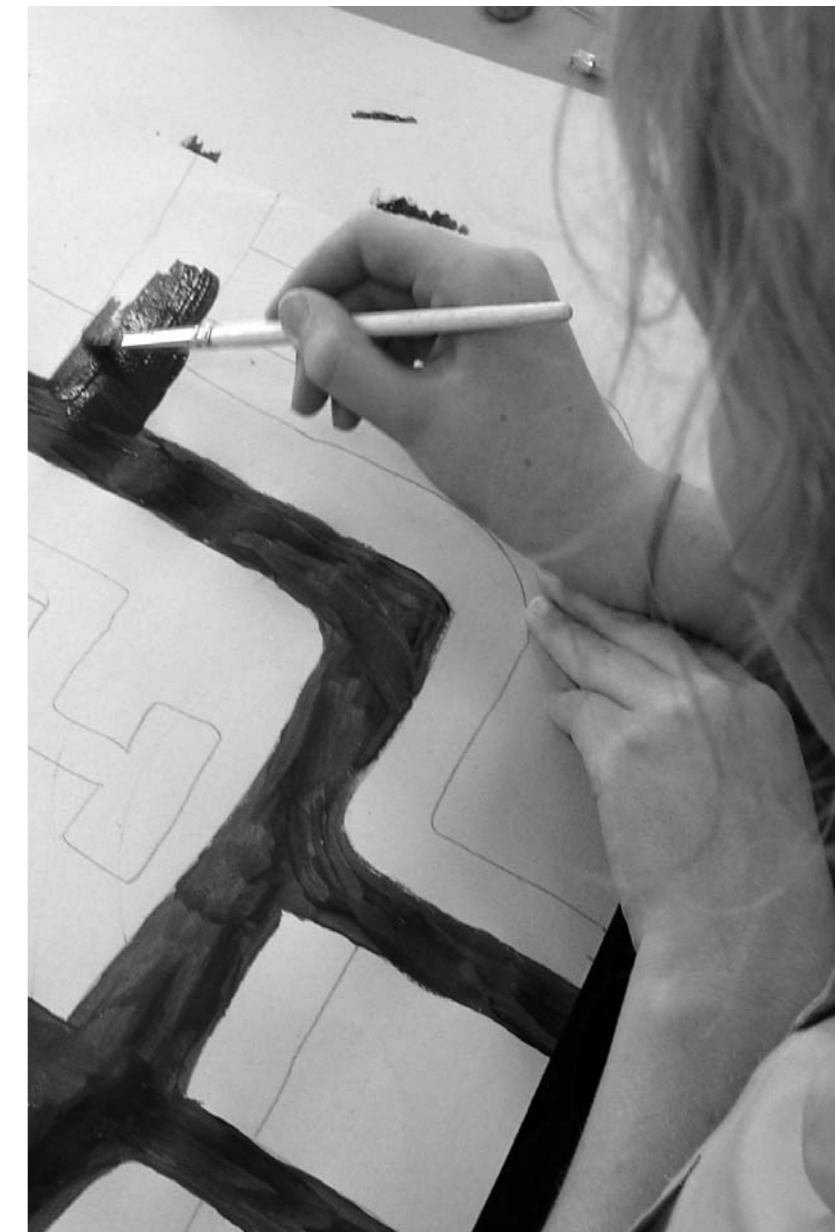


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Student from Great Linford Combined School

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FROM THE CHAIR

Busy Busy Busy!!

Already this year is turning into one of the busiest on record for Milton Keynes Arts Education Forum.

After the fantastic success of DanceXchange we are moving forward with further dance opportunities presented by the Dance Showcase which shared excellent examples of working practices from 4 schools in Milton Keynes.

In an attempt to provide a theme based approach to aid and abet collaborative work in arts education in schools two of our current initiatives are based around Mozart's fantastic opera The Magic Flute.

Krazy Kat Theatre Company have revisited Milton Keynes working with key stages 2 and 3 students in 4 schools, combining puppetry, acting and music in British Sign Language signed performances.

Our own Milton Keynes City Orchestra has combined forces with the English Pocket Opera, Stantonbury Campus Theatre and Milton Keynes Theatre, to work with a number of schools across a broad age range providing interactive workshops and performances at both venues in a collaborative residency inspired once again by Mozart's Magic Flute. All of this work culminated in a performance on Saturday 8th July at Milton Keynes Theatre and was a genuine accessible opportunity for all ages to enjoy the Magic of Mozart.

The month of June also saw the national launch of Architecture Week. We here in Milton Keynes are playing a big part in celebrating and raising awareness of our built environment. The Forum has been active in supporting artists in residence working in a number of schools the outcomes of which can be seen on the external wall of Milton Keynes Gallery. This is only the beginning of a year long cycle of events, performances and installations in a range of buildings and open spaces in and around Milton Keynes to celebrate contemporary architecture.

Finally, this edition of ARTicle sees the start of a new feature where we provide information for schools on funding opportunities.

KRAZY KAT THEATRE COMPANY

A lost Prince chased by a dragon, a mysterious Queen of the Night, a lonely Bird-Man, a kidnapped Princess.....it must be another Krazykat Theatre Company visit. In June this company returned to Milton Keynes and presented their latest extravaganza - The Very Magic Flute - loosely based on Mozart's opera! to Years 2 & 3 in four schools - Germander Park School, Chestnuts Primary School, Riverside First School and Oxley Park Primary School.

This sparkling musical show was packed with beautiful puppets, costumes and magical transformations and don't forget the Magic Flute and Bells! It also introduced children to the concept of British Sign Language and how to communicate that way

The performance was followed by some seriously fun workshops, designed to encourage each individual child's creativity, and lead all the participants and their teachers into further areas of learning through drama. This presentation of a dazzling and delightful alternative version of a musical classic was the company's second very successful visit to Milton Keynes's schools sponsored by the Forum.



MAGIC!

Milton Keynes City Orchestra are working in collaboration with their Principal Guest Conductor Sian Edwards and English Pocket Opera to bring live opera and music theatre to young people in Milton Keynes during the summer term. The project will culminate in a large-scale performance at Milton Keynes Theatre, involving young people from Hanslope School, Slated Row School and Southwood School; a full Mozart style Milton Keynes City Orchestra in the orchestra pit; and a staged performance with professional soloists from EPOC. This event is available to audiences from schools and the general public, and will take place on Saturday 8th July, 7.30pm. Tickets are available from just £5 for students, from the Orchestra on 01908 558311 – it's a great introduction for young people to this style of music theatre.

Young participants in the project are taking part in an intensive programme of practical workshops in their schools, which encompass music, drama, production techniques and much much more.

This project is enabled with the support of Stantonbury Campus, Stantonbury Campus Theatre, Milton Keynes Community Foundation, Milton Keynes Arts Education Forum and Milton Keynes Theatre.

For further details about Milton Keynes City Orchestra and its activities for schools, please contact us on 01908 558311, at anna.denny@mkco.org or at 3 Theatre Walk, Central Milton Keynes, MK9 3PX. Forthcoming activities include a project for young string learners at Loughton First School and schools concerts

DANCE SHOWCASE 2006

David Jones from Simpson Combined School recently hosted the 2006 Dance Showcase at which four local schools took part in a sharing of different dance styles.

The main hall at Simpson was packed with proud parents from all participating schools and gave the dancers the opportunity to perform to a real audience.

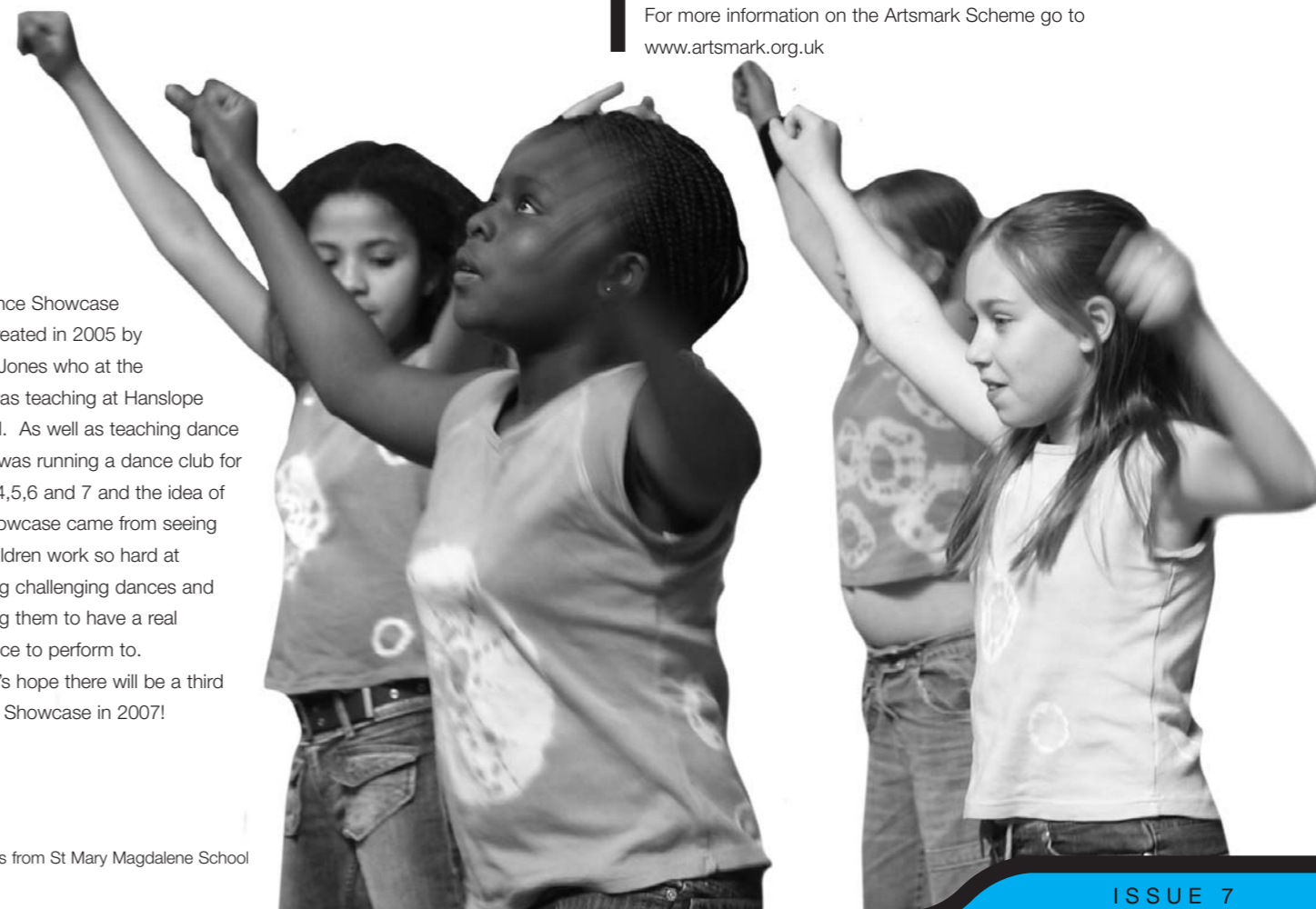
Children from Simpson School opened the event with a club music dance. Later, with their very own John Travolta, they gave a very entertaining interpretation of the 70's hit "Stayin Alive". Bushfield School wowed the audience with their Egyptian dancing and "Strictly Come Dancing" ballroom routines. The girls group from St Mary Magdalene School gave a very professional performance of "Pressure" previously seen at Milton Keynes Theatre in the DanceXchange event held earlier this year, and the all boys group performed a wonderfully inspiring street dance. A number of dances from the 60's and 70's were performed with amazing energy from Lovat School and had the audience clapping along.

It was clear that all the children and their teachers had worked very hard to produce such a wonderful array of different dance routines which were all performed to a very high standard.

Dance Showcase was created in 2005 by David Jones who at the time was teaching at Hanslope School. As well as teaching dance David was running a dance club for years 4,5,6 and 7 and the idea of the showcase came from seeing the children work so hard at learning challenging dances and wanting them to have a real audience to perform to.

Let's hope there will be a third Dance Showcase in 2007!

Dancers from St Mary Magdalene School



CONGRATULATIONS ARTSMARK AWARDS 2006

The Artsmark is available to all schools in England and is awarded to those schools who show a commitment to the full range of arts – music, dance, drama and art and design. It is a national award scheme and is managed by Arts Council England.

Schools may apply for an Artsmark in November of each year and can apply for one of three levels, Artsmark, Artsmark Silver or Artsmark Gold.

We would like to congratulate the following schools in Milton Keynes who have recently received Artsmark Awards this year.

- ARTSMARK GOLD:** BROOKSWARD SCHOOL
LOUGHTON SCHOOL
SUMMERFIELD COMBINED SCHOOL
- ARTSMARK SILVER:** CEDARS COMBINED SCHOOL
GREEN PARK SCHOOL
HANSLOPE SCHOOL
SHENLEY BROOK END SCHOOL

For more information on the Artsmark Scheme go to www.artsmark.org.uk