

## Spotlight On Youth 2012– Information For Participants



The Mayor Of Wirral 2011/12 Councillor Moira McLaughlin

The children's variety show, Spotlight On Youth has been an annual event at the Floral Pavilion Theatre (old & new) for the past 29 years.

Over this period, thousands of pounds have been raised from these events for the Mayor of Wirral's Special Charity Appeal. The Appeal supports both local and international charities.

Last year, at the Floral Pavilion Theatre, we raised over £3,500 from this one night event. This year with your support we hope to raise even more.

Every year the elected Mayor will choose various charities to support during his or her term in office. The Mayor of Wirral for the period 2011/12 is Councillor Moira McLaughlin.

This year, the Mayor, has pledged her support for the following charities:

**Age UK Devonshire Centre** – Across the Wirral nearly 5,000 people are diagnosed with dementia. Age Concern has vast experience of supporting these people and its high standard of care has resulted in an ever increasing demand for their speciality support and services.

All over Wirral they support people over 50, offering advice on retirement, bereavement, health and welfare benefits, plus many social classes and activities. They also have 15 lunch clubs across the Wirral which provide a hot meal and company for thousands of people every year.

**Wirral Hospice St John's** – The Hospice provides specialist palliative care and support for people living in Wirral with terminal illness. The service is offered free of charge and although they work largely with cancer sufferers they also meet the needs of anyone with a life limiting illness that is considered incurable. The Hospice needs to raise 2.1 million each year.

**Wirral Women's and Children Aid** - This charity provides a place of safety for women and children fleeing domestic abuse in their 12 unit refuge. They also provide outreach support to women and children affected by domestic abuse living anywhere in Wirral.

The refuge is staffed 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and provides a 24 hour help line service offering support and information.

For further information on these charities, please contact Sue Carroll at the Mayor's Office on 0151 691 8527 or email: [suecarroll@wirral.gov.uk](mailto:suecarroll@wirral.gov.uk)

The Mayor would like to thank you for your interest in participating in Spotlight On Youth and would like to wish you the best of luck in your auditions.

### Objectives

The main objectives of this event is primarily to showcase young talent from all over Merseyside, whilst also raising money for 'The Mayor of Wirral's Special Charity Appeal'

### Performance Details

This year, Spotlight On Youth 2012 will take place on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2012 at the Floral Pavilion Theatre, Virginia Road, New Brighton, Wirral CH45 2JS .

There will be a Technical /Dress rehearsal at the theatre on the afternoon of the same day. Further details will be announced at a later date.

On the night of the show, the evening performance will begin at 7.00pm and will finish at approx. 10pm. Tickets are all priced at £7 and are available from the Theatre Box Office Tel. 0151 666 0000 or online at [www.floralpavilion.co.uk](http://www.floralpavilion.co.uk)

### **Production Team**

This year's show will be produced for the sixth consecutive year by the Spotlight Production Team - Nick Johnson, Mary Newton, Simon Brock and Sue Carroll. The Production Team and all persons involved in this production have given their time voluntarily in support of the Mayor's Special Charity Appeal.

### **Eligibility To Perform**

You must meet all of the following criteria to perform in this production. Applicant's must:

- Be aged 5 – 19 years of age. (aged 19 on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2012)
- Young children (under 16) must have their parent/guardian/teacher's permission to perform
- Read the Information Pack and complete and return the attached Application Form
- Pass a successful audition or receive a personal invitation from the Mayor
- Attend both the afternoon rehearsal and the evening performance on the 25<sup>th</sup> March 2012
- Give your time voluntarily as no expenses will be paid

Applications are invited from solo/group performers from all varied forms of amateur entertainment. This includes music, dance, drama, comedy or anything that is suitable for a family audience.

### **Application Form**

It is also mandatory, prior to their audition, that every individual (or group representative) completes an application form (**Form A**) to participate in this production. You can either complete the enclosed form (with this pack), or visit our website: [www.spotlightonyouth.co.uk](http://www.spotlightonyouth.co.uk) to download an application form in Microsoft Word format. You can complete and return the form as an attachment to an email. Children under the age of sixteen must have their application form signed or approved by a parent, guardian or teacher. The name of the signatory in Word format will act as an electronic signature.

### **Groups**

We do our very best to try and include as many groups as we can in this production. However due to health, safety and child welfare legislation, and the limited dressing room facilities at the theatre, the maximum number of person's allowed on, and in the back stage area is **100**. Therefore to provide a fair system of inclusion, we ask that groups limit their numbers to a maximum of **18**. This number may be amended to accommodate a set number of persons in a specialised act. If there are a number of groups within one organisation, we ask that a representation of the organisation is submitted for audition. It is unusual for us to select more than one group from one organisation.

Shortly after the auditions, duos/trios/groups and schools who have been selected for this year's performance will be sent a further form (**Form B**) which must be completed and returned within fourteen days after receipt.

Form B requests information about each child that is in your act or group and also the names of their appointed chaperones. We are legally obliged under the Children & Young Persons Act 1963 to provide information of all the children under the age of sixteen who are performing in this production to the local authority's, Child Welfare Officer. The information required will be your child's name, date of birth, address, and the school they are currently attending. The information submitted on Form B will be used in our application for a 'Body Of Person's Licence', which is another legal requirement. If you require any further information on this subject, contact: Karen Barry, Child Employment Officer at the Education Social Welfare Service, Bebington Town Hall, Civic Way, Bebington, Wirral CH63 7PT. Telephone: 0151-643 7373. Email: [karenbarry@wirral.gov.uk](mailto:karenbarry@wirral.gov.uk)

### **Application Form Closing Date**

The closing date for all applications will be **25<sup>th</sup> January 2012**. You can complete an Application Form online: [www.spotlightonyouth.co.uk](http://www.spotlightonyouth.co.uk) or you can bring your completed application forms with you to the auditions or alternatively you can send them by post to the following address:

The Production Team  
 Spotlight On Youth  
 C/o 15 Alverstone Road  
 Wallasey, Wirral, CH44 9AA

### **Auditions**

You can audition for this year's production by the following methods:

- Open Auditions
- External Auditions
- Audition on DVD
- Audition on YouTube

### **Open Auditions**

Open auditions will be held in the Civic Hall, Town Hall, Brighton Street Wallasey, Wirral CH44 8ED on the 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> January 2012 between the hours of 5 & 9pm.

Performers will audition in front of the four members of the Production Team. Inclusion in this production will be based on ability, entertainment value, and relevance to a balanced performance schedule.

### **THE PRODUCTION TEAM'S DECISION IS FINAL AND WILL NOT BE OPEN FOR DISCUSSION.**

Applicants must bring with them to the audition, their own instruments, props etc. and music. A P.A system will be provided on the audition dates. Recorded music can either be on CD or Mini Disc format.

**It is mandatory that performers (whose act is chosen for this year's production) perform the same song, dance, or act they perform at the auditions. When there is more than one performer in an act (including groups), you must inform us of any changes that have been made from the original line-up.**

All applicants who attend the auditions will be notified in writing within seven days confirming their inclusion or exclusion in this year's production of Spotlight On Youth. All applicants who meet our eligibility criteria are guaranteed an audition.

### **External Auditions (Groups Only)**

In the case of large groups, .e.g. schools etc. arrangements can be made for a private audition at their choice of venue and on their preferred date and time.

A representation of the Production Team will visit your venue. To enable the full members of the judging panel to view your audition and make a fair decision on your performance we will need your permission to film your audition on video. After the video has been viewed by the judging panel and a decision has been made on your inclusion/exclusion into this year's production, the video footage will be destroyed. No decisions will be made at the audition and your group will be notified in writing within seven days of the final audition date.

The following dates have been allocated for external auditions: 23<sup>rd</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> January & 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2012. Times: 4–9pm

Please note that external auditions are subject to a limited availability, so please give us at least seven days notice in advance if this is your preference. External Auditions will also be subject to the submission of an Application Form.

### **Audition on DVD**

You can film your audition at another location using a video camera or mobile phone and transfer the video footage onto DVD. The following conditions apply if this method is your preference:

- Applicants must meet the eligibility criteria
- The DVD footage must be authentic and have been filmed within a month of it's submission
- The DVD must be accompanied with an Application Form
- The DVD must be in good quality resolution
- Young children must have their parent/guardian/teacher's permission to perform

Auditions on DVD must be received at the address below, no later than **25<sup>th</sup> January 2012**. We will send you an email to acknowledge the receipt of your DVD and we will contact you in writing (within seven days of the closing date) notifying you of your inclusion/exclusion in this year's production. Please post your DVD to the following address:

The Production Team  
C/o 15 Alverstone Road  
Wallasey  
Wirral. CH44 9AA

### **Audition on YouTube**

You can film your audition at another location using a video camera or mobile phone and if you have a YouTube account, you can upload the video footage onto their site (<http://www.youtube.com>). The following conditions will apply if this method is your preference:

- Applicants must meet the eligibility criteria
- The video footage must be authentic and have been filmed within a month of it's submission
- The video resolution must be good quality
- The video footage must be accompanied by a completed Application Form
- Young children must have their parent/guardian/teacher's permission to perform

You can upload your video and apply restricted access in your settings so that it can only be viewed by persons you have given permission to view. For further information visit: <http://www.youtube.com> You must inform us by email when you have uploaded your video and submit details of its location and any password that may be required to access it. Auditions on YouTube must be uploaded no later than **25<sup>th</sup> January 2012**. We will contact you in writing (within seven days of the closing date) notifying you of your inclusion/exclusion in this year's production.

### **Maximum Number Of Auditions**

The maximum number of auditions that an individual or a group can perform for this production is **TWO**.

### **Audition Tip**

Every year we are always delighted with the budding performers who turn up for our auditions. However, every year many good acts do not get through the auditions. Not always because of their ability, but sometimes it's down to a repetitive choice of music or dance style that is current at the moment. You have two bites of the cherry, so always have a second choice of song/dance. We suggest vocalists and dancers consider both modern, classic and contemporary in their choice of music or routine to increase their chances of inclusion.

### **Costumes/Stage Attire**

It would be beneficial for staging and lighting purposes if you attend your audition in your costume or stage attire. Please note that there are no changing facilities available at the Town Hall.

### **Production Schedule**

Selected performers will be sent a Production Schedule prior to the date of the performance. This will detail all information relating to arrival at the theatre, tech rehearsal and the performance.

### **Chaperones**

At the Auditions/Technical/Dress rehearsal and on the night of the performance, suitable provision for the supervision of young and vulnerable persons must be provided by an appropriate adult(s). This particularly applies to groups of children. Please allow one adult per twelve children maximum.

### **Photographs**

We will require a current good quality photograph of you or your group (unless you object) for the programme and the website. You can either email us your photograph, or alternatively arrangements have been made for a photographer to be present at the Civic Hall on both audition dates, in the case of external auditions, we can take your photograph at your venue.

**Website**

The website: [www.spotlightonyouth.co.uk](http://www.spotlightonyouth.co.uk) will be updated soon. The website will contain information to promote the production. Videos from previous productions have been posted on YouTube and can be viewed at: [www.youtube.com/actoneproductions](http://www.youtube.com/actoneproductions)

**Promotion**

Posters and promotional material will be available shortly. We ask you to do your best to promote the show by informing family and friends of your participation, if you can, ask local schools, public buildings and businesses to display our poster.

**Further Information**

We wish you the best of luck and we look forward to meeting you at the auditions. If you require any further information relevant to any aspect of the production, or if you require information about The Mayor Of Wirral's Special Charity Appeal, please contact Sue Carroll by telephone: 691 8527 or email: [suecarroll@wirral.gov.uk](mailto:suecarroll@wirral.gov.uk) or contact: [info@spotlightonyouth.co.uk](mailto:info@spotlightonyouth.co.uk)



# SPOTLIGHT ON YOUTH

Supporting the Mayor of Wirral's Special Charity Appeal. Registered Charity No. 518288

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## FORM A APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN SPOTLIGHT ON YOUTH 2012

Performance	Date	Venue	Time
Spotlight On Youth 2012	25th March 2012	Floral Pavilion Theatre	7pm - 10pm

### Personal Details Please read the notes in the Information Pack before completing this form

Name		Male/Female	
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Contact Address	Educational School/College
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Postcode:	Postcode:
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Telephone No.		D.O.B		Age on 25th March 2012	
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Email		Website	
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Emergency Name & Telephone No.	Details of any medical conditions
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### Audition Details Please select 'x' in any of the following categories that apply to your audition

Open Auditions	<input type="checkbox"/>	External Auditions	<input type="checkbox"/>	Submitted DVD	<input type="checkbox"/>	Upload to YouTube	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Solo Performer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Duo/Trio/Quartet	<input type="checkbox"/>	Group	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Vocal	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dance	<input type="checkbox"/>	Drama	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
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External Auditions Preferred Dates	
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Submitted DVD. Date Recorded	
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Upload to YouTube. URL Address	
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Duo/Trio/Quartet/Group/School Name		No. in Group	
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Music Title #1	
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Music Title #2	
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Drama Title	
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- Duo/Trio/Quartet/Group must complete Form B if selected for this performance.
- Children under 16 years of age must have parental consent to participate in this performance.
- By signing this form, permission will be given to the Production Team to display photographic and video images of the applicant on the internet and other promotional purposes relating to this production.

Signature		Parent*/Guardian*/Teacher*		Date	
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