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Stars are born

Limassol Theatre Arts School celebrated its 2nd annual talent show recently with a wealth of talented youngsters competing for the chance to shine and hopefully develop a career in the performing arts.

This year LTAS director, Lucy Georgiou, had invited celebrated West End choreographer, Ily De Luca (Saturday Night Fever, Strictly Come Dancing UK, So you think you can Dance UK) and Joanne Davies, a professional violinist who regularly plays with international performers including Kanye West, Rhianna, Jay-Z, George Michael, Ellie Goulding and Jamie Cullum, amongst many others, to judge the show and offer their professional advice and guidance to the young would be performers. Gregory Kerian, a professional musician here in Cyprus was the third judge.

The judges were amazed at the quality of talent they saw "frankly we really hadn't expected quite this standard of talent" and found making their final decision in each category very tough.

They were unanimous with their choice of winner in each age group however, stating "they were each truly outstanding; they could stand a good chance of future careers in the music or theatre industry."

For Georgiou the evening was "a chance to celebrate the wealth of young talent that we have here in Limassol.



A CHANCE TO SHINE: Intermediate section winners



TALENTED: Senior section winners plus compères and Lucy Georgiou-Musical Theatre Director of LTAS

"It was great for the kids to hear such positive feedback from the professionals of London's West End. I'm so proud of all the students."

Of the 50 acts that competed in the Junior, Intermediate and Senior sections, the winners were as follows:

Junior: winner - Iolanthe Georgiou (LTAS student) 8-years-old

Runner up: Artemis Georgiou (LTAS student) and Sanoë Martin (LTAS student) both 6

Special commendation: Pauline Blyum (LTAS student) 8

Intermediate: joint winners: Katherine Konnaris (LTAS student) 13 and Alison Ioannou 12

Runner up: Eva Aman 10

Special commendations: Iman Arnous (LTAS student) 10 and Harry McHale (LTAS student) 13

Senior: winner: Rushil Ranjan and George Kakkas 17 and 18 respectively

Runners up: Kate Pavli (LTAS student) 15 - Cyprus Has Talent junior winner and Karim Arnous (LTAS student) 13 & Darcy Watson Keeble 15

Special Commendation: William Pavli 14

Winners were given recording sessions and full scholarships to the Stage School (LTAS) for a full year.

Runners up were given a month's scholarship for vocal and dance tuition at LTAS.



WELL DONE: Junior section winners

WHAT'S ON

May 2012

The Rialto Theatre, Heroes Square, Old Town:

Saturday May 19 & Sunday May 20 - A Pornographic Relationship - play

Tuesday May 22 - Limassol CO-OP Sponsored event

Friday May 25 & Saturday May 26 - Ivan and the Dogs - play

Thursday May 31 - Bambis Tsertos - Ex-Adieretou - a musical journey from end 19th century to mid 20th century

Performances begin at 8.30pm but advisable to check with box office Rialto tickets - 7777 7745 Book on line: rialto@cytanet.com.cy Contact: www.rialto.com.cy for the full schedule or call: 7777 7745

Monte Caputo - Friday May 25 - Greek music concert with singer Despina Vandi - for information and bookings call: 22 757999 / 25 028262

Epiologi musical footprints concert - Sunday May 20 - choirs, dance groups and rock bands - intercultural bazaar with food from different countries - 7.30 - 9.30pm at Heroes Square, Limassol Old Town. For more info visit: Epiologi website: www.epiologi.info Or Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/events/296708917081924/>

Art Exhibitions:

ArtHouse 59 presents STRA-DA - 1st Urban Graffiti Contemporary Fine Art exhibition in Cyprus - runs till Sunday May 27, 2012 - cutting edge,

thought provoking works by some of the world's most prominent urban artists.

Gallery opening times: Monday to Saturday: 1pm - 8pm - Sundays: by appointment. For more info contact: 77 77 70 59 or email: info@art-house59.com or visit <http://www.art-house59.com/> ArtHouse59 is at 59 Kitiou Kyprianou Street, Limassol

Photography exhibition - Anthem - must end Saturday May 19 - Venue 50-1 Gallery, Limassol Old Town - Free entrance - call: 99 522977 for opening hours

Visual artists joint exhibition at Hambis School of Printmaking - Ends Friday May 25 - call: 25 222722 for opening hours

New Car Boot Sale - in Kolossi every Friday from 9am - 2pm (opposite Kolossi Castle next to Castle Auction showrooms) - for more information contact: 97636759 or 99177398 - proceeds raised go to Animal Welfare

Aphrodite Cup - Saturday May 26 - Fencing organised by the Cyprus Fencing Federation at Linopetra Lyceum Sports Centre - call: 25 591592 for information or visit: www.fencing.org.cy

St Barnabas Church Table Top Sale - Saturday May 19 - 10am - 1pm - opposite the Old General Hospital, Limassol - all proceeds to the St Barnabas' Church - for more info or to book a table call: Nora on 99 356 451

Spring bazaar and buffet in aid of Malcolm Cat Protection Society - Shlambelos Restaurant, Pano Polemida - Wednesday May 30 - opens at 10.30am - 3.00pm

Entrance to Bazaar €2 - BUFFET €15 (incl. entrance) - For info contact: Grace 99300356 or Gill 99518342

Limassol Cycling Club: May 2012 programme now available - cycle rides in and around Limassol - for more info call: 97 809451 or visit www.limassolcycling.eu

Limassol Walk - a stroll through Neapolis, Nemesos, Limassol... Lemesos

Walking tours organised by the Municipality of Limassol in collaboration with the CTO and the Cyprus Tourist Guides Association. Takes you through the historical city centre, visit monuments of the past, traditional workshops, unique architectural features, the old market place... a glimpse of traditional Limassol. Walks leave every Monday at 10.00am from the new CTO office at St Andrew's Street, no 142, on the intersection of Anexartias Street and St Andrew's Street, Old Town - Tel: 25 362756

Yermasoyia Walks - 'A village blessed by water' and 'Discover the Natural Environment of Yermasoyia'

Start and end points of the walks are: CTO information office at Dasoudi Beach area. Georgiou A' 22, Eastern entrance of Dasoudi Beach area, CY 4047, Limassol - book in advance - the tour combines bus rides which can only take 30 people. Tel: 25 323211