



Limassol
Theatre Arts School

Limassol Theatre Arts School (LTAS)

8th Annual Talent Show

Limassol, 25th July 2018

On Saturday 12th May 2018, Limassol Theatre Arts School (LTAS) held their 8th Annual Talent Show with great success.

Limassol's own stage school for kids once again gave talented young performers, singers, dancers, musicians and entertainers the opportunity to showcase their skills. Organised into three age categories, the competition was fierce!

The judges were:

Sam Salter:

Sam graduated from Laine Theatre Arts and made his professional debut as 'Big Deal' in the National Tour of WEST SIDE STORY. Since then, his numerous other credits include: the West End production of WICKED, Toy Soldier/cover Neleus in the National Tour of Cameron Mackintosh's MARY POPPINS, ON THE TOWN at Regent's Park Open Air Theatre, and most recently DICK WHITTINGTON at the world famous London Palladium. On TV, he has been seen in the Channel 4 drama CUCUMBER and has also danced on BBC1's EVEN BETTER THAN THE REAL THING. As a professional dancer, Sam took part in commercials for RIVER ISLAND, WORN DIFFERENT Dr. Marten, was a back-up dancer for Ella Henderson on SUNDAY NIGHT AT THE PALLADIUM and was a dancer for the FA CUP FINAL at WEMBLEY STADIUM.

Marios Andreou:

Marios Andreou graduated from the State Music Academy of Sofia Pancho Vladitserov in Bulgaria with a master's degree as a Soloist and pedagogical song teaching. He has been taught by the well-known Primiton Blakovesta Karnobatlova. He has won important roles in operas and Oratorios in Cyprus and abroad. He has won international competitions in Korea, Bulgaria and France and he attended seminars and collaborated with some well-known artists such as Dimitrov-M Kabale, Kabaivaska, Galea, Modinos, Mina. He is currently a singing coach at the Cypriot Musical Lyceums and the University of Nicosia. He continues concerts and performances in Cyprus and abroad

Inna Gurina

Inna Gurina was born in Lithuania and she studied piano and vocals. Her passion for music started at the age of 6 when she first came in touch with the piano. She graduated from the University of Hull in England in 2012 Faculty of "Creative Music Technology". At the moment, she is a vocal coach, composer, singer and co-founder of AirLand Music Studio in Limassol. She was nominated for the Musicians Benevolent Fund's Songwriting Awards.

Dimitris Vittas

Dimitris Vittas was born and raised in Thessaloniki where he studied hairdressing, in addition to his training in Berlin. He has worked with famous names in Greek show business and has gained extensive experience in television productions, fashion shows and musical video clips. He has also worked as an actor in several television series in Cyprus and Greece. He is driven and inspired by his love for his profession and is always keen to undertake new opportunities and collaborations, despite his very full program. Dimitris is an enthusiastic perfectionist in everything he does, a quality which has ensured him a very successful career on the island of Cyprus over the past eight years

Judging:

The judges were thoroughly impressed and entertained with the range of talent the competitors presented! There were 71 acts in the final Talent Show across the three sections. The judges found the standard extremely high, especially with regards to vocal and dance skills, making the overall decision in each section a tough one. A variety of gymnasts, dancers, extremely well rehearsed songs and musical theatre numbers were presented, and to top it all – a breath-taking Guzhen performance! Whilst the judges struggled somewhat to choose winners and runner ups for each section, several participants were awarded the impressive scholarships and prizes. All judges agreed that while they found it difficult to compare gymnastic acts with vocalists and comparing them again with dancers, they were particularly surprised by the vocalists and the choreography, characters and highlighted emotion within certain musical theatre acts.

Artistic Director of LTAS Lucy Georghiou who organised this competition:

"Competition was fierce this year! All participants were extremely well prepared, with vocalists, gymnasts, dancers and actors displaying a great range of abilities in all three age categories. I am happy that children are finding more and more opportunities to perform and enrich their cultural development. This year, we had over 70 participants in the final of the 8th Annual Talent Show. All applicants were allowed to perform in this extravaganza of talent, as it was impossible to eliminate anyone during the semi-finals in the week leading to the final show! Talent is surely growing!

Having created a vocational theatre stage school to train the talented children of Cyprus 8 years ago, it is becoming increasingly obvious that many children have such a talent for performing on stage, it is only natural for them to want to showcase their skills. Hosting our talent shows gives us the opportunity to identify the talented youth of Cyprus and offer scholarships for training at our Theatre School as well as offer them our guidance and in fact, if we spot a child who is incredibly talented, we like to nurture and promote their talent. After all, this is why LTAS was created; we value and appreciate the efforts of children and their families who are encouraged to be more artistic and creative, thus our goal is to train and provide for these children as we know best.

As a professional West End Musical Theatre performer, having worked in professional Theatre since the age of 4, I know exactly what it takes to make it in the industry. It is a very competitive world, and I have made it my aim to create a team of professionals from the industry, who teach at the school and who share my passion for cultivating children with great talent. Within the last few years my team and I have given children of our school numerous opportunities to perform in our shows and we have given valuable feedback in dance, vocals, acting and performing, which is needed to make lifelong decisions about their futures! Our students are blossoming into true professionals and we are happy to see that many are pursuing further training and careers in the UK and USA.

My team and I will continue to make a difference to the society here in Cyprus by promoting a love of the performing arts and dedicating my time to training these incredibly talented children."

Results were as follows:

Junior Section

Winner: Isla Gie, 7

Runner ups: Olga Raczynska, 9, LTAS student
Zlata Martynova, 9

Special Commendations and other awards: Eva Yundt, 9
Patrick Green, 5, LTAS student

Intermediate Section

Winners: Konstantina Theophilou, 11, LTAS student
Elizaveta Zubova, 10

Runner up: Anastasia Katrani, 12, LTAS student

Special commendations and other awards: George Isaev, 10, LTAS student
Yana Prymak, 10, LTAS student
Marina Leonidou, 10, LTAS student
Anna Roumpa, 10, LTAS student
Elysia Pullen, 10, LTAS student
Despoina Panyiotou, 10, LTAS student

Senior Section

Winners: Catrin Snaith, 18, LTAS student

Runner up: Anna Sokolova, 14

Special Commendations and other awards: Max Agathocleous, 15, LTAS student
Eirini Fellas, 14, LTAS student
Anastasia Dalchanina and Elizaveta Anufrieva, 19 and 17
Marita Constantinou, 17, LTAS student
Yuki Duan, 17
Pasha Rai, 16, LTAS student

***Pineapple Performing Arts Summer School Scholarship* Olga Evagorou, 17, LTAS student**

Prizes:

Prizes awarded for winners and runner ups were: A fully produced cover song with video, as well as scholarships to the Limassol Theatre Arts School (LTAS) for Vocal, Dance and Musical Theatre coaching for a year or a term's scholarship for vocal or dance tuition at LTAS. In addition, winners, runner-ups and special mentions received various vouchers from Danzante Dance Boutique, flower bouquets from FLOWERS & DESIGNS by Roys Herododou Ltd, cut and blow dries by Dimitris Vittas and Hairsmith's hair salon and accessories/ gadgets from TSIAKKAS Computers & Office Solutions

On top of this, a scholarship to the Musical Theatre Summer School at the renowned Pineapple Performing Arts Studio in Covent Garden, London was awarded to 1 participant – specially chosen by our panel of judges based on their potential and ability in Musical Theatre. The judges chose 17 year old Olga Evagorou as the scholarship winner, based on her astounding performance of 'Last Midnight' from the musical INTO THE WOODS.

Limassol Theatre Arts School (LTAS) has announced its 9th Annual Talent Show to take place in March 2019. More details to follow.

Limassol Theatre Arts School (LTAS) is a new dynamic Stage School aimed at providing young people high quality training and performance opportunities. It brings alive the magical world of dance, music, drama and theatre arts, where true talent is discovered and nurtured till it reaches its true potential.

More information about LTAS can be found at www.limassolarts.com



Junior Winners and participants.



Intermediate Winners and participants



Senior Winners and participants with the Judges, Comperes and other performers.