

# Let the talent shine on

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With the new movie Annie now playing at the cinema, based on the famous musical and starring 12-year-old Quvenzhané Wallis— singing 'Tomorrow is only a day away' could come naturally to you at this point – the mind drifts to the talented child actors out there and how they started out in the business so young.

There is Macaulay Culkin (not so much home alone these days), Haley Joel Osment (famous for seeing dead people), and the man who will never let go, Leonardo DiCaprio.

So, going down memory lane and comparing how these child actors looked when they got their big break to the way they do today and the career they've had, one would think that a talent competition for young people would be just the ticket to Hollywood – or at least to a few parts on a local series.

You might just be able to catch some of this new talent on Saturday during the 5th annual open talent competition at the **Limassol Theatre Arts School** (LTAS). But acting isn't the whole story (just in case our introduction confused you), those involved will be singing, dancing, and making music to entertain us to the max and have the chance to see what it is like to be part of a live performance.

Contestants will compete in three categories, the first will be for juniors from 4 to 8 years old, who will perform at 3pm, intermediate category for children from nine to 13 years old, who will take to the stage at 5pm, and the last category includes seniors from 14 to 18 years old who will give the final performance at 7pm. All contestants will be judged by a panel of professionals who will be flying in from the West End.

And in case you were wondering what the prizes are, they include professional cover song and video recordings, plus a scholarship for the Pineapple Studios Musical **Theatre Summer School** in London. So remember these kids' names, they might just live forever.

Now, to another matter which involves talent, the Cyprus Symphony Orchestra (CYSO) is inviting musicians to audition for possible future collaborations with the orchestra.

In order for you to be eligible to do so, you should have worked with the orchestra fewer than four times since January 2012 (and not at all in the past two years), in which case you will be entitled to audition.

Musicians who are interested in taking part and working with the orchestra in upcoming concerts, must be legal residents of Cyprus and possess recognised degrees within their specialty.

During the closed audition, musicians will perform one or more works which they have selected. If a work demands piano accompaniment, it is the musician's responsibility to select and pay their pianist. Each musician will have at least 15 minutes to perform.

The auditions will take place at Pallas **Theatre** in Nicosia on June 6.

Interested musicians need to state their participation in writing, to the Cyprus Symphony Orchestra offices (address: Iphigenias 27A, 2007 Strovolos, Nicosia, P.O. Box: 28922, 2084 Acropolis, Nicosia or by email on [info@cyso.org.cy](mailto:info@cyso.org.cy) or [a.antoniou@cyso.org.cy](mailto:a.antoniou@cyso.org.cy)), with their CV attached, and should apply no later than May 15th at 2pm.

## **Fifth Annual Talent Show**

Talent show featuring performances from young talents. May 9. **Limassol Theatre Arts School**, 13 Panathineon Street, Ayia Zoni, **Limassol**. 3pm-7pm. €5. Tel: 99-784927

## **Cyprus Symphony Orchestra Audition**

Send a written statement to [info@cyso.org.cy](mailto:info@cyso.org.cy) or [a.antoniou@cyso.org.cy](mailto:a.antoniou@cyso.org.cy), along with a CV to state your participation in the audition which will take place on June 6. May 15 due date. 2pm. Tel: 22-463144

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