



# Limassol Theatre Arts School

## Limassol Theatre Arts School (LTAS) 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Talent Show

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Limassol, 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2013

On Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2013, Limassol Theatre Arts School (LTAS) held their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Talent Show with great success.

Limassol's own stage school for kids gave young singers, dancers, musicians and entertainers the opportunity to showcase their talents in a fierce competition organized into three age categories (juniors, intermediates and seniors).

All three judges were flown over from the UK

The judges were:

**Miss Laura Meaton:**

Laura is currently a Drama Student at Royal Holloway University in London with a very promising career ahead of her. Already she has performed in and choreographed many shows since she arrived at Royal Holloway. She played 'Mimi' in RENT in her first year and then went on to choreograph a new musical 'Illegally Blonde' whilst also performing in 'Cabaret'. This year she choreographed 'Sweet Charity' and has recently performed the role of 'Ella' in 'Mac and Mabel'. During this time she has also been dancing at Pineapple Studios on a weekly basis and performing in various dance shows and competitions at University.

**Miss Joanne Davies:**

Classically trained at the Guildhall School of Music, Joanne went on to Cambridge University to do a music degree. She then went on a worldwide tour with the dance show Spirit of the Dance as featured lead violinist. Joanne has played for Kanye West, Rihanna, Jay-Z, George Michael, Ellie Goulding, Jamie

Cullum, Il Divo, Westlife, Michael Buble, amongst many others. Joanne played with Muse this year to open the Brit awards. She also sang with Andrea Bocelli on Strictly Come Dancing. Joanne plays solo violin for some of London's top hotels and restaurants and continues to play for the Belmont Ensemble, Apollo Chamber Orchestra, Brighton Philharmonic Orchestra Bowfiddle String Trio and performs as a soloist all over the world. She has also taken on 30 pupils this year in a primary school, so her army of violinists is fast growing!

### **Mr Richard Roe:**

Richard is a well known dancer, performer and choreographer from the West End stage... what he hasn't been in probably isn't worth mentioning!!!! So .... his theatre credits include: The Wizard Of Oz, Ben Hur Live, Imagine This, Lord of The Rings, Sweet Charity, Sinatra, Gypsy, Chicago, We Will Rock You, Chess, Closer To Heaven, Notre Dame De Paris, Fame, Rent, Cats and A Chorus Line!!!

Television and Film credits include: Absolutely Fabulous (BBC); Jesus Christ Superstar and Julie & the Caddilacs.

The judges were amazed at the array of talent they were presented with, which they hadn't quite expected. They found the standard extremely high that at times they had tough decisions to make comparing vocalists with gymnasts with musicians but saying that, they were unanimous in their choice of winner for each section and believe they could stand a good chance of future careers in the music or theatre industry.

There were 62 acts competing on the day ranging from solo and group singing to ballet, modern and hip hop dancing, gymnastics, solo harp, guitar and piano, a band, musical theatre, mime and comedy acts to name but a few.

### **Results were as follows:**

#### **\*Junior Section\***

16 acts

Winner: Artemis Georghiou (LTAS student) 7 yrs

Runner up: Nicoletta Christoforou

#### **\*Intermediate Section\***

29 acts

Winner: Alison Ioannou (LTAS student) 13 years

Runner up: Pauline Blyum (LTAS student) 9 years

#### **\*Senior Section\***

17 acts

Winner: Michalis Antoniou 17 years

Runners up: Anastasia Dalchanina (LTAS student) 14 years & Andreas Foklas 16 years

**Prizes:**

Winners were awarded: A fully produced cover song with video sponsored by Soundscape Studios amounting to the value of 3600 Euro; various vouchers as well as scholarships to the Limassol Theatre Arts School (LTAS) for Vocal and Musical Theatre coaching.

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

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 finalists for this were: Iliana Agathocleous, Iman Arnous, Katherine Konnaris and Kate Pavli. The judges chose 11 year old Iman Arnous as the winner of this scholarship.

**Limassol Theatre Arts School** (LTAS) has announced its 4th Annual Talent Show to take place in March-April 2014. 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.

We would like to give a special thank you to our **sponsors:** Soundscape Studios, Russian Wave, Vestnik Kipra, Lemesos Newspaper, Musical Paradise, Serres Education and Design Centre.

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Intermediate Winners



Senior Winners

