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Dear YOBOS member and Parents

Thank you for your interest in YOBOS and this year's production of 'Kipps: The New Half a Sixpence Musical! This year's summer course promises to be a fantastic show with an exciting opportunity to work on character, vocal skills, choreography and other aspects of the theatre.

YOBOS was formed in 2003 and recently became a charity (Registration No. 1193199)! Since our formation, we have become renowned for our ability to put on a fully staged musical in just one week. Our high-quality shows have been recognised nationally, with YOBOS winning multiple awards! YOBOS cast and production team members have also been nominated for - and won - awards for their work with YOBOS. The performance will be fully costumed, with professional quality lighting and sound, along with a live orchestra. Our previous productions include 'In the Heights', '42nd Street', 'Rock of Ages', 'The Wedding Singer', 'Legally Blonde', 'Grease', '13 the Musical', 'Seussical the Musical', 'Rent', 'Hairspray', 'Little Shop of Horrors', 'Crazy for You', 'Hot Mikado', 'Fame', 'Barnum', 'Anything Goes', 'Honk!', and 'Bugsy Malone.' All these productions were met with rave reviews, not only from audience members but also from our course participants.

Before we give you all the information about Kipps, we have some exciting news. As mentioned at the Taster Day, we are thrilled to have been asked to perform at this year's NODA Awards! This is due to the exceptional response to our last production of In the Heights. We have been asked to perform a 20-minute showcase and everyone involved in Kipps is invited to be part of this event. We will be organising transport to the event and there will be an extra rehearsal for those who wish to take part. We will also be using some of our June workshop to rehearse this performance. If you cannot perform at the NODA Awards, don't worry – you can still be in Kipps!

NODA PERFORMANCE

NODA Performance Date: Sunday 19th June 2022 (times TBA).
Extra Rehearsal Date: Saturday 11th June 2022, 2pm to 5pm at Christopher Rawlins Primary School (Free)

'YOBOS Week' takes place in Wykham Theatre at Wykham Park Academy, a performance space that provides a wonderful learning environment for members who will work with many different experts on disciplines related to the show. As well as performing on stage, these disciplines will include set building, makeup, hair, lighting and costumes. It is our intention to have members of YOBOS take part in all these aspects in order for them to learn more about what it takes to put on a musical production. They will also learn skills that will be useful if they wish to continue in the dramatic arts.

'YOBOS WEEK' INFORMATION:

'YOBOS Week' dates: Saturday 6th August 2022 – Sunday 14th August 2022
Performance dates: Friday 12th August 2022 at 7.30pm
Saturday 13th August 2022 at 2.30pm and 7.30pm
Times: Saturday 6th till Wednesday 10th – 10.00am till 6.00pm
Thursday 11th till Friday 12th – 10.00am till 10.30pm
Saturday 13th – 12.00pm till 10.30pm
Sunday 14th – 12.00pm till 6.00pm (clear hall, announcement of next year's show and a BBQ to celebrate!)
Location: Wykham Theatre, Wykham Park Academy, Ruskin Road, Banbury, OX16 9HY

This year, 'Show Week' will be preceded by three workshop days (not including the additional rehearsal for the NODA Awards performance) which will allow us to make a start on the considerable amount of work that is needed to stage this ambitious show. There will be one workshop in June and a 'Workshop Weekend' in July. These workshops will include character building, vocal workshops, and dance practice. It is also a wonderful opportunity for the cast and crew to bond. Due to the fact that everybody at YOBOS has an interest in musical theatre, the course is a fantastic chance to make new friends! If you are unable to attend any of the workshop days, don't worry! Just let us know on the online audition form so we can plan around you.

Whilst we try to keep the cost of performing with YOBOS as low as possible, we must take into consideration the cost of hiring the hall, costumes, performance licence etc. It is important to note that all the money goes to offset the (considerable) costs of the show and summer school week, with the production team and all helpers giving their services voluntarily with only expenses where appropriate. Payment of the YOBOS Membership Fee should be made prior to or at your audition and can be paid via bank transfer, cheque or cash. The information for this is available on the Kipps application form.

COURSE FEE

£90 for Performers | £40 for Non-Performers

(Includes: T-Shirt, BBQ, insurance, costume hire, food on dress rehearsal evening etc.)

Everyone should audition, even if you don't want a principal/named role! If you wish to have a solo singing or speaking role of any kind, you should audition using the audition material for the appropriate character that is available to download from our website. You should audition for no more than two characters. There is space on the application form to list other characters you would like to be considered for. There will be time before your audition to practice too!

APPLICATION FORM AND AUDITION MATERIAL:

The Application Form and Audition Material will be available to download at **www.YOBOS.co.uk**.
If you have any problems accessing the material or any questions, please contact us.

If you would like to be involved in this fantastic opportunity, please fill out the online Application Form on our website no later **Sunday 15th May 2022**.

OTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Auditions – 22nd May 2022 – Christopher Rawlins Primary School, OX17 3NH – Scheduled
(We will contact you with a time for your audition by Wednesday 18th May 2022) – Free

Workshop – 12th June 2022 – Christopher Rawlins Primary School, OX17 3NH – Times TBA - £5

Workshop Weekend – 9th & 10th July 2022 –
Christopher Rawlins Primary School, OX17 3NH – Times TBA - £15

To find out more, please check out our website which is full of information, pictures and news all about YOBOS. There is also a contact form on the website – www.YOBOS.co.uk - which can be filled out and sent directly to the production team with any questions or queries you may have. You can also follow our Facebook Page and Group by searching for 'YOBOS (Youth of Banbury Operatic Society)' as well as our Instagram and Twitter accounts by searching for 'YOBOSbanbury'. We can't wait to get started on this wonderful production with you all!

The YOBOS Team