



Performing Arts Club St Johns

Winter News - 2021

(Our Sessions take place on Monday Nights between 7pm and 9pm at Connexions Community Hub – Just £3 per week)



After restrictions left us unable to meet, rehearse or produce. PACS was closed from March 2020 until August 2021. With only virtual sessions being allowed, the group dispersed and moved through the pandemic. Three cancelled shows and a lot of time later, we were finally able to take to the stage again.

In December 2021 the students from the 'Expressive Arts Asdan Award' created a show called 'The Year That Wasn't'. A show that moved audiences to laughter and tears as they used music, movement, and poetry to tell the story of Covid 19 from their own perspectives. The show was on for two days and we were greeted by seats full of audience members. The children and young people performed each piece brilliantly and grew with confidence with each night. With nerves at all time high due to us not performing for over a year they battled through those feelings and helped make sure this show was one to remember, and now we will be back even stronger. With each year aiming to challenge and grow the members and leaders.

**The Year
That
Wasn't**



Our next 3-year plan was produced by the Chair and Vice Chair at the end of 2021 and is given below...

- ❖ **'Music Through The Times'** – A Special Performance planned for April 2022. With the involvement and support of local groups, musicians, schools, and the community.
- ❖ **'Disney Concert'** – An end of 2022 performance. Using Disney songs from some more recent and popular Disney movies.
- ❖ **'15 Year Anniversary Show'** – A 2023 summer show using chosen pieces to help celebrate 15 years of PACS.
- ❖ **'Christmas Stories'** – Ending 2023 with a twist on Enid Blyton's 'Christmas Tales' as they are told by a narrator alongside a cast of singers and dancers.
- ❖ **In 2024** the year will consist of workshops, sessions from experts and the PACS members helping to produce a show with some of the favourite past pieces. This is all to prepare for our final show of 2024...

We have wanted to aim for a big production for a few years and we now feel it is time to bring it to the stage. Our 2024 Christmas Show will be 'The Nutcracker'. The show will consist of script, dancing, singing, poetry, and a massive collection of costumes. This is one not to be missed!

PACS is growing in strength, year on year.

To continue this we need a collection of new voices and people to help with putting our shows onto the stage and being part of them too! If you are interested then please contact us via our website www.performingartsclubstjohns.co.uk or join our first session of 2022 on the 10th of January at 7pm at the Connexions Community Hub on Church Street.