



Applause!

NEWSLETTER

February is here, let's keep things rolling!

It's February already and we are moving right along with classes and events. It's like we are in a non-stop whirlwind of creativity and fun! Thank you everyone for your continued support and adaptability with classes, closures, snow, ice, and new events that keep popping up. Every opportunity the students have, is an opportunity to grow, learn, and step a little further out of our comfort zones.

Below are the updates and happenings for each class, and information about *Schoolhouse Rock Live Jr.*...our April outreach show.

Also, summer camps and programming is [now up online!](#) Many of our camps fill quickly, so check it out and register today. If you have questions or need assistance in registering, call Doug at 259-2606, ext. 13

Kids' Follies

Kids' Follies performances went very well. I think everyone involved had a great time and it was a different learning experience than other DAC Applause! performances as they got to interact and observe other performing arts groups from the community! Having so many kids backstage was a challenge, but they rose to the challenge, and had a very professional and focused attitude during the performances.

Wee Glee

Emily has told me that she is really having a great time with Wee Glee so far this term. There are a few more kids enrolled this term and it is really adding to the experience for everyone involved. They are starting to work on *Zip a Dee Doo Dah* and *Do Re Mi* in class and I can't wait to see how they turn out. Even though it's a smaller class, they have enough energy for all of us combined!

Confetti

The Confetti group is having a great time so far in class singing and dancing their way through Thursday afternoons. They always have such a great energy and I know that people can't wait to see them onstage. With that said, we will most likely be asking the Confetti class to perform a number or two as a pre-show warm up for *Schoolhouse Rock Live Jr.*, which will be performed by the Somethin' Doin' and Spot on classes in April. More detailed information will be coming soon, but please see the *Schoolhouse Rock Live Jr.* section of the newsletter to get basic show details and information.

Somethin' Doin'

Schoolhouse Rock Live Jr. is underway! We have started learning the music and everyone has received their script. The script is theirs to keep; however, that doesn't mean it's theirs to destroy. Each cast member will be required to bring the script and a pencil to EVERY CLASS AND REHEARSAL. As with *The Music Man*, I want to give them as professional a process as possible. I want to cultivate in them the sense of responsibility and expectations that come with putting up a show. For details about the performances, please see the *Schoolhouse Rock Live Jr.* section of this newsletter.

Spot On

THANK YOU everyone for helping to make the Sweethearts of the Arts event a grand success. The presence of the Spot On students at the event as the catering and serving staff was an amazing addition to the night. We heard so many comments and compliments about the kids being there...thank you, thank you, thank you to Taegen, Connor, Mady, Riley, Samme, Julian, Rose, and Helene!

In class, we have now entered the world of "Edutainment" with our first rehearsals for *Schoolhouse Rock Live Jr.* This is going to be a really fun show for everyone involved and a great outreach opportunity for the local community. We have started to learn the music and will hold in class "auditions" for solos and assigning the dialogue. They already have their scripts! See the *Schoolhouse Rock Live Jr.* section of the newsletter for the performance details.

Acting I

We have a great group of kids in the acting class this term. I would like to give a special thanks to the few of them that would've been in the Acting II class, but due to the low enrollment decided to stay in the Acting I class to act as class leaders and mentors. I think it is a great opportunity for them to learn in a creative and diverse environment, but also to help nurture and pass along the lessons to their younger classmates.

We have started working on our first few ensemble building projects and reviewed our stage concepts and terms. We have even finished our 3rd theatre vocabulary quiz. I am excited to take their learning to the next level and delve into deeper character creation and emotional and sense memory exercises.



Schoolhouse Rock Live Jr

Our outreach show this term is *Schoolhouse Rock Live Jr.* If you aren't familiar with the show, it is a great compilation of 12 classic Schoolhouse Rock songs done live onstage. It follows a very simple story of a first-time teacher that wakes up the first day of school. He calms himself down by turning on the TV and watching Schoolhouse Rock. Parts of his personality start coming to life and pumping him up for the day with songs about learning Math, English, Social Studies, and Science. The Spot On and Somethin' Doin' classes will make up the cast and Confetti will perform a few pre-show songs (as they did for *The Music Man*).

Public Performances – Friday - Saturday, April 8 - 9 at 7:00pm

Outreach Performances here at DAC – Monday - Tuesday, April 11 - 12 at 4:30pm.

As we get further into rehearsing, we will send out information about costumes, the few extra rehearsals needed, and any other pertinent details. I have sent out the music via email so everyone has access to the soundtrack and performance tracks to rehearse and sing along to on their own.

Monthly Quote

“The stage is a magic circle where only the most real things happen, a neutral territory outside the jurisdiction of Fate where stars may be crossed with impunity. A truer and more real place does not exist in all the universe.” - P.S. Baber

Thank you again! And if you have any questions, please reach out anytime!

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