

# STAR'S

## Coffee & a Paper

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Snack Bar!

### Class of the month -Flamenco!

Flamenco is a rhythmic dance and music from the south of Spain, best known for dancers in ruffled dresses stamping heavily, accompanied by clapping, strumming guitars, and onlookers yelling "olé!" The dance also involves strong arm movements, delicate hand gestures, and intensity. As a three-part art form, flamenco dancers learn to respond to flamenco singing, as well as communicate to the accompanying flamenco guitarist, through their dancing, transitions they need in the playing. Local flamenco duo, Claudia and Julian, met as they were both studying flamenco in Spain. In their upcoming workshops, dancers will learn fundamental flamenco steps and how it fits with Claudia's singing and Julian's guitar playing.



Flamenco Classes: Tuesdays 4:30-5:25 & 5:30-6:25

### **What's Happening... Dance. Music. Acting.**

Wow! Can you believe it's May already?

All of our students are working hard, knowing their year-end performances are coming soon. Before we know it, the Victoria Day weekend will be here, (Did you know we're closed for the weekend?), followed by Dress Rehearsal & Family Viewing Week. Soon after, all students will be having their year end performances. Check the side bar for all the important dates for your students.

This time of year, we understand that you may have questions about the year-end performances. Questions like; "Do I wear my costume to dress and stage rehearsal?", "When & how do I get tickets for the dance show?", or "Can I watch the recital if I'm only in the first half?", and, "Do I need tickets for the Glee show?" Over the coming weeks, we will be communicating answers to all of these questions and more. Check the TVs and info-boards at the studio, as well as your email for updates and information about preparing for recitals, as well as dress rehearsals and stage rehearsals.

#### **NEWS from our Little Actors & Acting Kids 1**

The Little Actors have been working on the parts of a story, so we have studied characters and created our own characters. We've learned about how a story evolves, then made up our own stories. We also discovered what props are needed to tell a story, which we had fun making as well. We are now working on our performance play for the end of the year!

Acting Kids 1 also has a performance play that we are working on. During this time we are also working on skills to help us as an ensemble, help our voices, memorize our lines and learning techniques to develop our Acting skills. We have also been having fun with costumes and character work, improv and story telling as well as listening and focusing skills!

#### **Summer Camps & Summer Drop-ins**

Have you seen the Summer camps and Summer drop-in classes listed on the website? This year, we have several exciting camps for students aged 6-10, including a Cirque themed camp, Hip Hop themed camps, Jazz camp, and a Broadway Bound camp! For our younger students, ages 3-6, we have our Dance Power Stars camp running twice this summer. Also, on Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout July & August, we will be running our Summer Drop-in classes in a variety of dance styles. Visit our website at: <https://www.starperformanceacademy.com/register/summer> for more information and to register!

### **Upcoming Dates & Events**

**May 19-21:**

*May Long Weekend - Studio CLOSED*

**May 22-28:**

*Family Viewing Week*

**June 2:**

*Acting and Private Music Showcase*

**June 7:**

*Stage rehearsal*

**June 9:**

*Year End Showcase*

**June 11:**

*Knox Music Showcase*

**June 12-14:**

*Picture Days*

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### ***In The Community:***

St. Jacobs Playhouse Presents:

### **West Side Story**

Performances begin May 9th 2018

One of the greatest love stories of all time takes to the streets in this landmark Broadway musical inspired by Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*.

Star-crossed young lovers Tony and Maria find themselves caught in a turf war between rival gangs – the Puerto Rican Sharks and the American Jets – as they dream of being together in a world without prejudice in New York City's derelict Upper West Side during the turbulent 1950s.

*West Side Story* features breathtaking choreography, charismatic characters, and a sweeping score including memorable songs like "Maria," "I Feel Pretty," "Somewhere," "Tonight," "America," and more.

For tickets and more information visit: <https://www.draytonentertainment.com/west-side-story-stjacobsOR>  
call (519) 747-7788

### ***Tips from the Office:***

Watch your email this week for the opportunity to order your very own "In The Wild" Year End Dance Showcase t-shirt!

Want to let us know about your Arts Event? For more information e-mail Nicole at:  
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### **Star Trivia!**

- #1. Considered to be the heart-beat of the band, this group of instruments has the most diversity, and largest range within itself.
- #2. How many reeds does an oboe have?

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Trivia Answers: #1:Percussion #2:Two

## 5678 Blog! - "Do you want to sing?"

When I was 9, my Mom thought I would like to take singing lessons. "Do you want to sing?" she asked. She was right. I did. But going to my 30-minute weekly class was just the beginning of my journey with music. I was amazed that a person could teach me how to sing higher, lower, louder. I didn't even know it was possible!

Soon after, my first singing teacher said I should take piano. It would help me to read music. So I signed up for piano. I loved that too! A piano teacher came to my school and gave piano lessons during lunch. Then my singing teacher said I should try Kiwanis. My first thought was, "there are dance competitions for singers?" I thought that was the best thing!

So there I was in a red and white dress, singing some song about clowns, I think? What I didn't realize was that singing when you're nervous is a whole different experience! I didn't win. But I knew I was going to sign up again the next year. In the meantime, my first voice teacher moved, and I started with a new one. With recitals and other small performances, I just couldn't shake those nerves. When I sang in public, I just didn't sound like I did in my lessons.

Later on, I signed up with Mrs. King. I only knew her at the time as my dance teacher's mother. I would go to her house once a week, sometimes with my sister too. We would do singing exercises, and she would pick songs for us about life and love, and we could all rock a great version of O Canada, in part English/part French. What I didn't know initially was that I would become part of Mrs. King's Caring Kids and Teens. And I was about to sing practically everywhere. We frequented many nursing homes, retirement homes, churches, political functions like citizenship ceremonies, and city council meetings. We frequented many malls during Oktoberfest, and Christmas Time. We sang in Kitchener Kiwanis and Stratford Kiwanis. Then there were all the fairs, Elmira, Cambridge, Tillsonburg, Aylmer and Western Fair to name a few.

The entire time, we were expected to dress well (close-toed shoes, a long dress, hair off the face), stand tall, sing proud, smile and give our audience some musical entertainment. If I had dance practice, I could miss a show. As I got older, if I wanted to go out on a date, Mike would watch me sing, and then we would go out!

What slowly began to disappear were those pesky nerves. Mrs. King had us focused on a task. Sing, so people hear you. Make a difference. Put a smile on their face. We sang for people from all walks of life. Some were happy, some were sad, some were healthy, some were sick. It wasn't about me anymore. It was about the music and the audience.

I don't get the opportunity to sing much in public anymore, and if I do, those nerves still creep up. But I can talk myself down now. I focus on the task. It has made a big difference in my life.

Mrs. King passed away last week. She would have been 95 this summer. Some of our dancers and singers at Star still competed in her contests up until last year! She was always trying to give kids a space to have a voice, to stand up and be heard. While I will miss her dearly, it was a pleasure to see the Caring Kids and Teens again and share our fond memories of singing for Mrs. (Elsie Sue) King. For me, it started with one singing lesson. A desire to perform turned into a love of song. For now, as the weather warms up, you can hear me singing at a stoplight, with the windows down near you, but who knows what the future holds!

- Kristin Werner

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# May Horoscopes

What do the stars have in store for you?\*

For entertainment purposes only.

## Aries - Mar 21 – Apr 19

Your future is open; what was stopping you is over. Put your ideas in practice.

## Taurus, Apr 20 – May 20

Think before you invest your money; you have different possibilities this month.

## Gemini, May 21 – June 20

Be careful in relation with money. Be smart and ask for advice to help protect your finances.

## Cancer, June 21 – July 22

Lot of changes are happening around you, don't look for help from others. Good time for travel.

## Leo, Jul 23 – Aug 22

Be practical and look at future possibilities in relation to your personality.

## Virgo, Aug 22 – Sept 22

Focus; clarify and simplify your life. This is not the time to make important decisions.

## Libra, Sept 23 – Oct 22

Your routine needs organization. Try to take only ONE problem at a time.

## Scorpio, Oct 22 – Nov 21

Finally the changes you made in your life are giving results.

## Sagittarius, Nov 21- Dec 21

Be careful with all your communications, email, phone, etc, say only the truth..

## Capricorn, Dec 22 – Jan 19

Life is going better! The pressure from people around you is becoming more easy to handle.

## Aquarius, Jan 20 – Feb 18

The time has come when you may clear everything challenging you in the last 9 years. Forgive, let go and move on!

## Pisces, Feb 19 – March 20

Illusions are always there, especially in relation to money. The best investment now is in spiritual things.

Monthly horoscopes provided by Norah Nasturas.

For more information, please visit [www.norahsastrology.com](http://www.norahsastrology.com)

## Spring! - Word Search

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