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Stage school is creative diamond in heart of Leigh



Pictured above and left, students at the Singer State School in Elm Road, Leigh.

SINGER Stage School in Leigh is one of the very best in the UK and that's a fact! Nestled inside The Wesley Hall building in Elm Road, the school is a creative diamond in the heart of Leigh.

It offers vocational training by some of top tutors in the industry and is 'up there' in terms of success and reputation alongside London Goliaths such as The Italia Conti and Sylvia Young Theatre Schools.

The Singer Stage School has students working in everything from advertisements and TV drama to musical theatre and feature films.

So how has this school, set 40 miles outside London managed to achieve so much?

The success is due to a combination of the exceptionally high standards of tuition and the vision, energy and sheer determination of its founder Sandra Singer, who quite simply, loves her work, adores her students and is totally ded-

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icated to helping each pupil fulfil their artistic potential.

This year, Sandra who lives in Westcliff, is opening her doors again to both current students and newcomers for her summer school 2007 which takes place from July 30 until the evening of August 3. The main subjects being covered are: dance, musical theatre, drama, and physical theatre.

Sandra explained: "Students will have the opportunity to have wonderful time learning in a professional environment and be taught by tutors whose credits include: 'Chicago', 'The Producers', 'Mary Poppins', 'Les Miserables', 'Mamma Mia', 'Grease', 'Joseph', 'Sunset Boulevard', 'West Side Story' and 'Cats'.

In fact, a few of the tutors are finishing shows

in July and see coming directly to the summer school."

"Last year, casting directors visited the school during summer school week and after sitting the drama classes a selection of students were selected to audition for the film 'The Count of Monte Cristo' which stars Natalie Portman and Scarlett Johansen. One of our students offered the role of 'Elizabeth I' - a flashback as a child - the feature film comes later this year.

The summer school hours are 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday, and there will be three groups for the classes: 6-10 years of age, 11-13 years of age and 14-18 years of age.

The whole school rehearses on the Friday towards the show as the finale to the summer school.

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