

WELCOME BACK!

We hope this newsletter finds you in great spirits as we prepare to embark on another exciting year at Diverse! After a year filled with outstanding performances, growth, and unforgettable memories, we are thrilled to welcome you all back for what promises to be another incredible chapter in our journey together. Here are some unforgettable highlights from last year.



WORKSHOPS WITH INDUSTRY ICONS

Last year we invited some industry greats to teach workshops at Diverse. Keiran Daley-Ward's Commercial workshop was nothing short of awe inspiring. Our students showcased his dynamic choreography in the impactful 'DVRs Army' piece at Dubai Opera and won numerous awards at competitions locally and internationally.

In Dane Bates' contemporary workshop, students delved deep into emotive storytelling and characterisation through dance. His intricate choreography was evident in his Medusa piece, another competition champion but more about that later!

Our collaboration with HDI Dubai Intensive camps brought forth a lineup of industry icons including the remarkable Kaea Pearce and Josie Lee. These camps offered unparalleled opportunities for our students to learn from the best in the business. From mastering intricate routines to understanding the nuances of performance, each session was a transformative experience.



SHOW TERM

January started with a bang; "The Wedding Singer," featuring our incredibly talented intermediate and senior musical theatre students. This musical extravaganza was a resounding success, and transported audiences back to the vibrant and nostalgic era of the 1980s with its catchy tunes, lively dance numbers, and heartwarming story.



In March we held our annual "Born To Perform" show at Swiss International School. This special event highlighted the remarkable talent and dedication of our junior students, culminating in a day filled with unforgettable performances and heartfelt moments. Our students took to the stage with confidence and enthusiasm, showcasing the skills they have honed throughout the year under the guidance of our talented faculty.

BRITAIN'S GOT T★LENT

Also in January, our elite group DVRS were invited to compete in UK's Britain's Got Talent.

They opened the show at the London Palladium and stormed the stage with an all singing dancing rendition of Bruno Mars' classics and received a standing ovation not only from the electric audience but from all four judges too. We received a resounding 'yes' vote from all four judges and the most spectacular positive comments.

It was an amazing experience for the students who took part and a day they will never forget.

Since appearing on the show our students have been interviewed on Lovin' Dubai and our Principal Lisa appeared on the Kris Fade

Show on Virgin Radio to talk about the experience. We were privileged to have made the UAE proud with international recognition!



[Click here to view the full performance](#)

COMPETITION SEASON

Our students had another outstanding competition season!



Global Dance Open MEDAL TALLY

- 🥇 43 Gold Medals
- 🥈 25 Silver Medals
- 🥉 17 Bronze Medals

Dancer of the globe nominees:
Gabriella Arango
Sienna Marshall
Christina Royal - Smith



Global Performing Arts Alliance MEDAL TALLY

- 🥇 50 Gold Medals
- 🥈 30 Silver Medals
- 🥉 14 Bronze Medals

SPECIAL AWARDS Dance for the Dang Champion in ALL categories.

Junior - Sienna Marshall
Intermediate - Iona Millar
Senior - Bethan Mills



GLOBAL DANCE OPEN FINALS - NETHERLANDS

🏆🌍 **BEST & HIGHEST SCORING SCHOOL**
DIVERSE 🎉

🏆🌍 **HIGHEST SCORING COUNTRY UAE** 🇦🇪
(293 points/284 points by DIVERSE)

🏆 X20 🌍 champions
🏆 X13
🏆 X6

UPPER DIVISION

🏆 What Ya Waiting For : Showdance Solo Sienna Marshall
4th Live Like Legends : Jazz Solo Sienna Marshall

MAIN DIVISION

MINI

🏆 Scooby Doo Papa : Duo/Trio Acro
🏆 Body Jam Small : Group Acro
🏆 Spice World : Small Group Tap
🏆 Double Bubble Duchess : MT Solo Celine Koussa
5th Parasol Polka : Duo/Trio Ballet
5th Stop Time Ballet : Duo/Trio Ballet

JUNIOR

🏆 Vamp : Tap Solo Presley Allen
🏆 Toxic Elvis : Duo/Trio Tap
🏆 Naughty : Duo/Trio Musical Theatre
🏆 Wild Party : Small Group Tap
🏆 Mamma Says : Small Group Musical Theatre
🏆 Telephone : Small Group Jazz
🏆 Sissy That Walk : Small Group Commercial
🏆 Transformation : Small Group Lyrical
🏆 Show Off : MT Solo Sienna Marshall
🏆 Kitri Act 1 : Ballet Rep Solo Sophie Mosanya
🏆 After Class : Neoclassical Sophie Mosanya
🏆 Singing In The Rain : Duo/Trio Tap
🏆 Diamonds Are A Girls Bestfriend : Duo/Trio MT
🏆 Disco : Duo/ Trio Showdance
🏆 Problem : Small Group Tap
🏆 Shine On You : Small Group Lyrical
🏆 Extraordinary : MT Solo Rhys Bunting
🏆 Charlies Angels : Duo/Trio Commercial
4th Sitting Down Is Stupid : Tap Solo Lakshmi Jethwani
4th Party Sisters : Duo/Trio Commercial
4th Looney Tunes : Duo/Trio Acro
4th Fix You: Duo/Trio Lyrical
5th Highly Strung : Neoclassical
5th Pound The Alarm : Commercial Solo Lakshmi Jethwani
5th Sunny Sympathy: Small group ballet



INTERMEDIATE

- 🏆 Game of Survival : Showdance Solo
Gabriela Arango
- 🏆 Cover Is Not the Book : Duo/Trio MT
- 🏆 Burn Up The Dance : Duo/Trio
Commercial
- 🏆 Life's A Drag : Small Group
Commercial
- 🏆 Lady Powers : Small Group
Showdance
- 🏆 Do Your Thing : Small Group Tap
- 🏆 Missy Elliot : Large Group
Commercial
- 🏆 Medusa : Large Group Showdance
- 🏆 Play That Funky Music : Large Group
Tap

- 🏆 Younce : Tap Solo Jessie Burnett
- 🏆 Sincerely Me : Duo/Trio MT
- 🏆 Half Light : Small Group Lyrical
- 🏆 D.V.R.S Army : Large Group
Commercial

- 🏆 Anything Goes : MT Solo Suria Cramer
- 🏆 Travelers : Duo/Trio Acro
- 🏆 Candystore : Duo/ Trio Tap
- 4th Level Up : Commercial Solo Bethan
Mills
- 4th Silde Some Oil : MT Solo Jude Sinha
- 4th To Be Loved : Showdance solo
Ariana Jethwani
- 5th Maria : Showdance Solo Olivia Birks

ANOTHER GREAT YEAR OF EXAM RESULTS

RAD BALLET 10 merits, 41 high merits, 18 distinctions. Highest scorer: Sienna Marshall with 80%

TRINITY DRAMA 100% distinctions. Highest scorer: Annabelle Blackburn 94%

LAMDA SINGING 15 distinctions, 11 merits. Highest scorer: Suria Cramer 92%

ISTD TAP & MODERN 48 distinctions and 4 merits. Highest scorers:

Sienna Marshall 95% Grade 4 Tap

Adriana Rifai 95% Grade 3 Tap

Shoalin Gilley 95% Grade 4 Modern

Congratulations to all of our students!



CELEBRATING 15 YEARS OF DIVERSE AT DUBAI OPERA

Our talented students graced the stage once again for our annual show at Dubai Opera, D1VER5E in which we celebrated 15 years of Diverse. We began with a tribute to the King of Pop himself, Michael Jackson and continued to light up the stage dancing to some of the biggest hits from world renowned artists such as the fierce energy of Beyoncé to the infectious beats of the Black Eyed Peas.

We continued our journey with excerpts from beloved theatrical productions, transporting audiences into the enchanting worlds of Mamma Mia, High School Musical, and the whimsical universe of Wonka. It was a joy to see our students strutting their stuff doing what they do best!

[Click here to view highlights from
D1VER5E at Dubai Opera 2024](#)

CHILDREN'S AGENCY

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT AT EXPO!

Some of our students were given the incredible opportunity to perform at Expo in the annual Carols by Candlelight show in December. This was a week of live performances which got everyone in the Christmas spirit!



TV COMMERCIALS

Some of our lucky students were selected for various TV Commercials this year, a Centrepont Back To School campaign and with Miami Band for Yas Island!



[Click here to view the full Yas Island Commercial](#)



NICKELODEON KIDS CHOICE AWARDS 2023



Our talented students were selected to perform alongside Jessie J and other artists for the Nickelodeon Kids Choice Awards 2023 in Abu Dhabi. We also took 220 children who participated as part of the slime pit audience!



The energy on and off stage was electrifying!

BTEC SUCCESS

Our 2023 BTEC assessments resulted in 100% distinction, well done students!

Our 2024 BTEC student intake has more than doubled since last year and the learners have just completed their 'A Chorus Line' induction week.



GOODBYE GRADUATES!

As always, the end of the year brought great sadness as we said goodbye to some of our students who have finished their training with us. Some have moved on to train at prestigious professional colleges and institutes around the world. We would like to wish the very best of luck to Ernestine Fay-Jourdain, Lara Shonibare (both attending Urdang in London), Chloe Boyle who has started at Arts Ed also in London and Lauren Bleeker, attending Marymount Manhattan College in NYC - we can't wait to see what the future has in store for you all. Sophie Mosanya and En Kato have also left us this year to attend full time ballet school. We would also like to wish the following students the best of luck on their further education and university courses: Faris Al Mutawaa, Zeena Ghandour, Vittoria Malcangio, Lucinda Bourke and Morgan Ebersohn - best of luck everybody!

2023 ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS



HARRISON WILDE
Kiss Me Kate
West End



CHARLIE WADDELL
50 Cent Tour



CALLUM BELL
Wonka Movie



NATASHA WILDE
Why Am I So Single
West End

CLASSES AT NORD ANGLIA SCHOOL

We are now offering classes at Nord Anglia School Dubai as a secondary venue, these sessions are open to all and those in attendance do not need to be a current student of Nord Anglia School. Classes offered include Dance Fusion, Commercial/Street Jazz, Contemporary and Musical Theatre. Students attending these classes will perform in our annual show at Swiss International School.



LOOKING AHEAD:



Diverse students have been invited to perform at the Can You Dance Super convention in Liverpool for a second consecutive year. We have been invited as an international school on the Main Stage and we will also be representing Global Dance Open with pieces from the International Competition.

Our students were also selected to perform 'DVRS Army' at the prestigious Move It convention in London in March.

This year we are also launching our first Halloween Camp during October Half term, registration is open now!

Watch out for some of our students who have been selected to perform at Rugby 7's this year!

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