



Newsletter

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Yaller Skunk in association with the Catford Broadway present a holocaust remembrance



Sunday January 25th @ the Catford Broadway Theatre 3.30pm



A letter from the producer!

We've been working with a great many different students from the Borough of Lewisham to produce the Holocaust Memorial Event for Lewisham Borough council. These students are all so different so a great deal of care has gone into our non-exclusion ideas that were submitted in our initial brief. Everyone involved has jumped in with both feet and yet with the delicacy of a prima ballerina.

With plans now striding ahead for a very busy January here are some definite dates for the diary. On January 15th/16th at 7.30pm at The Catford Broadway Studio Theatre we are hosting several of our secondary school students as they present some of their own devised work. This is work that has been devised by them with guidance from our professional team. The two evenings in question will be open to the public although we expect a lot of friends and family to make up the majority of the audience. Ticket information will follow after we have finalized plans with Martin Costello and his excellent staff.

These devised pieces will be using the theme "Stand up to Hatred" to look into other genocide as well as the terrible atrocities that befell from a time in the worlds history that many still can't imagine. They will be presented with an open view to generate debate and conversation as we are keen that all the students involved offer us some insight as to how they have produced what we the audience sees! Prepare yourselves for some very insightful and thought provoking theatrical pieces from the Boroughs talented young adults.

We have also been fortunate to discover that some professional actors that have worked with us in the past want to do their bit in support of these enlightening and uplifting projects. And it is with great pleasure that we can announce that the Yaller team has a group rehearsed reading of several post Holocaust scripts. Directed by John Carter the two evenings in question will be January 20th/21st again at 7.30pm at The Catford Broadway Studio Theatre. Once again ticket information will be made available to you as soon as possible.

As part of our on going charity work to raise money for a charity of your choosing Mark Curtis will be walking around Lewisham from workshop to workshop and school to school in an attempt to cover Six million centimeters 37.2 miles. He will begin this in January. We are also in negotiation with several other community sectors to spread our message further with various charitable events. One of which involves dancing....

The Amersham Arms (New Cross) has agreed in principle to hold a music event for us in January. This will involve several political bands, and a chance to look at the theme in greater depth using poetry and music. After all it's not just "Stand up to Hatred" that we are teaching to everyone. The greater question is how do we stand up to those who diminish and cast out those of us who hold our dignity in difference.

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School in the spotlight: Lee Manor

Teacher Jennie Raine's comments:

It's great, not only are they learning so much about stage craft and acting but their speaking and listening skills have improved in class as well.

The workshops are very cross curricular, the personal and social element is just as key as the history and literacy.

Childrens comments

Charlie

I've enjoyed the singing and dancing, and when we were playing the games I had lots of fun/ My favourite bit of the workshop is all of it.

Cornelia

I have really enjoyed playing games and doing the workshop lets us work with the other class. I like having a go at acting and drama and have learned not to be so embarrassed at Drama or in front of other people.

Bobby

It is really fun, because you get to do a lot of different things, I don't really like drama but I like Mark and Tim.

Jennifer

I enjoy singing Kids game and also the actions, have learned different expressions and to keep still. It is fun because we do activities and they keep me lively. I've learned that its pretty fun working with others.

Michelle

While we have worked in the workshop we have learned to control our movements. We do games like the opposite game, I really like it because you're working but at the same time enjoying it. Its weird I know but true.

Shania

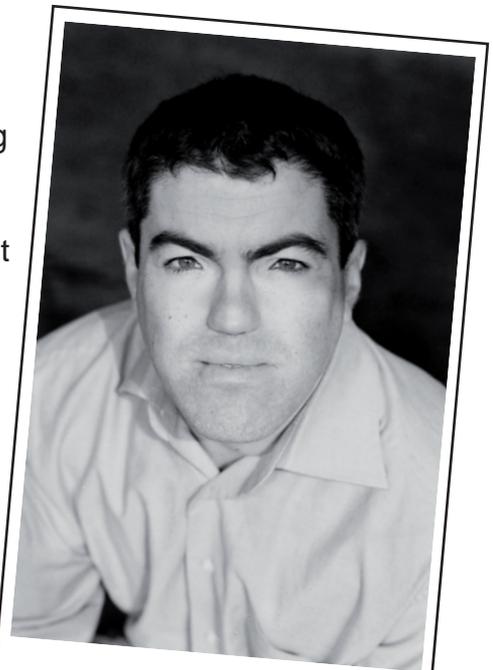
In year 6 we've been going into the hall with this man called Mark, he is kinda funny. We all enjoy ourselves, we play some cool games too, it's really fun and we are learning a lot.

Phoebe

We have been doing a Holocaust workshop about war and drama. We are practicing for a show in January. I have learned how to show expression in acting. I've enjoyed singing and dancing and acting, because they show us how to do it in a way that's fun and everyone can join in. And we've learnt the meaning of identity.

Everything is going well. We are meeting with Lorryne this week to discuss press possibilities. And with plans now to meet with Rev Amit and Charles Pickstone to discuss some Sunday school workshops we are covering a great deal of ground!

Please feel free to suggest any other avenues for us to explore. You all have my email but just incase it is mark@janecurtis.com or mark@yallerskunk.co.uk



A personal note from Mark Curtis!
We have also been working in school with a lot of our Borough's junior schools to create the final event on January 25th. Here are some pupil comments from Lee Manor Junior School