

# ARTS NEWS

## Sproston Community High School



### ARTS REVIEW 2008-09

Sproston Community High School aims to raise standards of achievement for all students both in the specialist subjects and across the whole school.

Working in partnership with feeder schools, external providers, artists and the wider community we strive to lead as a centre of excellence for the Arts in the North of the City.

## Inspirational Events and Activities

Firstly, I would like to say a huge thank you to all; students, staff, parents, families, partner schools, external providers, school governors, members of the wider community and the creative industries who have run and supported so many inspirational events and activities which have enriched students learning experiences through creative thinking and learning and the arts.

This year we have run two large scale projects across the school as cross curricula opportunities to widen learners participation and enjoyment; the Year 8 Start Project and the highly successful Year 7 Creative Partnerships Project. Alongside these the Departments have run

### **New flash: Opportunities for 2009-2010**

**In September all Year 8 students will be able to experience two live theatre productions and pre-show talks by actors and writers as part of the Start Project.**

**The project begins with a special assembly on 'ghost writing' by Norfolk's Rose playwright Bart Lee. This will be followed by a whole year group visit to the Playhouse to watch the gothic ghost story Norfolk's Rose on Wednesday 30th September.**

and supported some fabulous productions which have showcased students' talent in the arts. In November it was brilliant to see 608 Year 7 and 8 students joining thousands of other students across the country singing, 'You Gotta Be' by Des'ree, to break the world record for the biggest simultaneous sing along.

In response to students and stakeholders voice we have

run a total of 28 lunch time and afterschool clubs which have been led by arts staff, community partners and professional artists. We were also been pleased to welcome into school artists from the creative industries to work with and perform for our students including; the Rannel Theatre Company, Chartwell Dutiro, Oli Brown Band, Creative writers, Dancers and Film makers. A number of our students have had their personal achievements recognised by gaining regional and national awards in arts and media and many students have taken part in regional festivals including the Lord Mayors Procession and the Norfolk Show. Well done, we are very proud of you all.

Relationships with our community partners continue to grow and strengthen through opportunities to share and extend learning. Anyone who saw the Community Choir perform at Sproston Festival this summer will appreciate not just how good they sound but how much the group enjoys performing together. It was also amazing to see the Hollywood Cinema taken over in April by our school partners, families and friends and members of the wider community for our Community Film Festival, 'East Meets East'.

Thanks to everyone who has helped make this such a fun and productive year. Have a wonderful summer.

*Margaret Quigley*

Arts Director, Specialist Status  
(Performance Arts & Media)



Norwich Castle hosts the Great British Art Debate, July 2009



Oli Brown performs at Sproston Community High School, Activities Week 2009



Audience enjoy the 4th Community Film Festival, April 2009 at Hollywood Cinema



The Far Tree from 'Let's Talk' Project 2008-09

**Whole School Projects & Activities: Start Project** – 110 Year 8 students, **Creative Partnerships** all Year 7 students plus core group, **Big Sing** - all Years 7&8 students; **Arts Across the Curriculum** Years 7&8 Drama for learning opportunities, **African Music Workshops** with Chartwell Dutrio, **New Writing Partnerships with Refugee Writers** - 30 Year 9 students, **NR5 Studios Radio Broadcasting** – Year 9 Boys, **The Great British Art Debate**, Norwich Castle – Year 7&8 Boys, **Arts & Media Afterschool & Lunch time Clubs** - 28 Arts Clubs open to all students.

## Whole School Projects and Activities



### Music Technology Workshops run by Norca

"I have learnt how to improvise vocals. I was the only boy in the choir at middle school – it's good to have a chance to do some singing here because singing is something I enjoy"

"I have learnt a lot about music in music makers... it has been fun, I would recommend it to anyone"  
 "I have gained new skills in the keyboard & technical wise"



### Creative Partnerships - Why Talk Project

As part of the Creative Partnership Project all Year 7 students worked in collaboration with the Creative Partnership agency during a collapsed curriculum day to develop their story writing skills. They wrote their own story on a large leaf which was

hung on the tree sculpture - 'Fartree'.

"It was an excellent day and I would love to do it again or something similar."

"An excellent day. Very well planned. I loved the tree".

"Thank you for a good day. More days like this."



The Creative Partship project continued with a core group of students to develop their ideas further. Four

of our students were featured in the fabulous Shine 2009 promotional photograph, see the back page.



### START Project – 2009

"This project made me want to be an actor!"  
 "I learned that Shakespeare is not as boring as it first seemed."

"I liked the whole going on a trip thing and the play and dancing."

"I loved the music" The 'Start' project is funded through the Prince's Foundation for

Children & Arts and the Arts College to provide young people with cultural learning opportunities. This year Year 8 pupils watched professional performances of Romeo and Juliet and The Ranel Theatre Company.



### African Music Workshop March 2009

"I thought the stories about his childhood and music were interesting".

"It was great learning about the culture and music of Zimbabwe and I learnt to play Frere Jacques on the mbira!"



Chartwell Dutrio from Zimbabwe

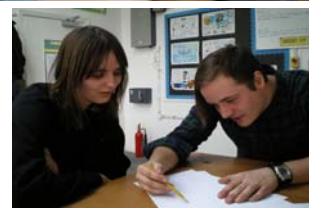
"A very good educational experience– not just music but history as well!"

"So amazing– please come back!!"

### After School Manga club – 2009

"I was in Art club after school and enjoyed it very much and I learnt new things and got better at my painting skills. I would like to join Manga to design a comic book and draw different types of manga cartoons."

"I really enjoy Manga club. I can practise my drawing with my friends & I have learnt loads."



### Big Sing – record breaking choir attempt 2008

A Year 7 student told the local press "We have been practising for three or four lessons trying to get the song just right so it was good to finally get to do it today, I have had a fantastic time."



**Community Events and Activities** : Lowestoft Dance Festival- student performances, **Sprowston Community Choir** - weekly workshops and School Performances, **'WOW Days'** -Year 6 feeder schools taster afternoons in Drama & Music, **Film making and Production Workshops** - community and partner school workshops for **East meets East**, **Community Film Festival @ Hollywood Cinema**, **Creative Partnerships** – Partner Schools **'Why Talk?'** project, Sprowston Festival - Community Choir and students, **Royal Norfolk Show** -Dance students all years, **Lord Mayors Procession** – Sprowston Samba students.

## Performances and Productions



**Autumn Music Concert November 2008**



*Please see the school website, Arts Zone pages for many more photos and details*

**Dancers performing at The Norfolk Show**



**Sprowston's Got Talent, April 2009.**

Performing Arts students took part in **The Merchant of Venice** at The Norwich Playhouse as part of the



**Dance Showcase June 2009**



UK's largest youth drama festival.



Stunning performances from **Year 12 and 13 Drama students** including: **'My Mother Said'**, **'Blood Wedding'** &



**'Remember When You Cared'** and **'Com'** at The Sewell Barn Theatre



**Winner, Steph Ford**

## Community Engagement Through the Arts



Films created by more than 60 children from Sprowston schools and members of the local community were shown at Hollywood Cinema in Norwich as part of the **Fourth Community Film Festival**. Organised by Sprowston Community High School, the film festival showcased the work developed through its specialist performing arts and media status. The theme for this year's event was **"East meets East"** and students were given professional guidance by local filmmaker **Robert Vaughan**.

**"Dear Olivia,**  
I really liked working with Rob. He showed me how to use the video camera and take film of all my friends. I liked filming outside best when all my class were on the minibus. My favourite part was seeing our film at the cinema. Thank you for helping us to make it happen", from Daniel Banner at Hall School



### Community Choir

**"Monday night singing is the highlight of my week. Long may it continue."**  
**"We have all come together and made new friendships."**



**"We come from all backgrounds and are of various ages."**



### WOW Taster Days for Partner School Pupils 2009

**"Just wanted to let you know what a great afternoon we had yesterday! The children got a lot out of it and wouldn't stop talking about what they will do when they go up in September! Thank you for putting on the afternoon it was very successful"**  
**Sarah Ashcroft, Sprowston Junior School**



**School Arts Awards 2008-09:** Bronze Award winners for Performance Arts & Media: *Morrighan Humpleby, Leannan Humpleby, Ryan Bedwell-Woods, Nyashadzashe Rukara, Merve Kaplan, Sophie Rumsby, Thomas Brooks, Josh Edwards, Jasmine Wood, Sophie Pendrill, Justine Pendrill, Aaron Cawdron, Chelsea Randlesome, Daniel Bowen, Matthew Urry, Naseem Rahman, Ryan Crouch* Bronze Award for Music: *Jack Mace, Adam Maskell*, Bronze award for Performance Arts: *Kaylee Alden, Elisha Stork, Bonnie Rae Wilson, Hannah Muddle, Toby Nicholls* Bronze award for Media: *Hannah Cousins, Daniel Hives*  
 Silver Award for Media: *Leannan Humpleby, Morrighan Humpleby, Isobel Ventress*

## Student Achievements and Awards

### Schooltoon Awards at Cinema City

At the awards ceremony on Thursday 26th March students from Sprowston received much praise from the panel of judges as they carried away the top two prizes in the Norfolk Schooltoons Festival Competition.

**Almost Perfect Crime: Awarded 1st Prize in Best Creative and Animated Technique Category** Produced by GCSE Media students **Blaine Keneally, Daniel Knight, Jack Smithson, Jack Hardy**

**Brains & Bananas Awarded: Overall Winner**

Produced by members of Sprowston Animation club: **Daniel Knights, Thomas Roberts, Matthew Evans, Lee Cooper, Charlotte Ellis, Jordan Bezants, Blaine Keneally, Lennie Gotterson, Millie Woodcock, Martha Cracknell**



Over 15 photography students entered the Impressions of Norfolk Photography Competition held by Aim Higher. The task was to send in pictures of things from the county that inspire them; to celebrate Norfolk in all its glory with the best 12 to be used for the 2009 Aim Higher Calendar. All were commended for their entries and **Rebecca Norman** will see her beautiful photograph of *frost on buds* used for December.

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### National Bronze Arts Awards

In June, our Yr 9 boys received the National Arts Bronze Award in radio production and broadcasting. They were; **Callum Parson, Adam Forster, Rhys Edwards, Rhys Howard-Bradly, Jacob Catchpole, Luke Furness, Adam Maskell and Robbie-Lee Hisgrove**

**Shannon Eke** is awarded iPod in a prize draw by June Hunt, Sprowston Parish Council, for Sprowston's Young Peoples Questionnaire.



**Ellinor Kendall** wins third prize in The Start Project competition for her cartoon drawing featuring The Rannel Theatre Comany



**Millie Woodcock** won the Sprowston Parish Council Photography Competition in the 11-17 age group with her photo of "Christmas".

**Shine 2009 promotional photograph** Featuring **Leannan Humpleby, Morrighan Humpleby, Sophie Pendrill and Justine Pendrill**



**Student performance receives praise** **Hattie Marsh's** received praise from the Parish Council for her impressive solo performance at the Sprowston Festival in July.

