

Newsletter October

ONE MONTH IN...

Time seems to fly by 'when you're having fun' - which is what we've been doing for the past month with the students at Jackie Palmer Academy! Although new students are still getting to know each other, the staff and the routines of the Academy, we have dived right into working on our first assessments in Contemporary Dance, Improvisation and Performing Arts Business, having a Heels workshop with our commercial teacher, Chelsie Innes, and building a larynx out of Plasticine.

Our second year students had their headshots and body shots for auditions taken last week by our wonderful photographer, Dan Tsantilis, who made them all feel comfortable and took some excellent shots. We can't wait to see the final edits!



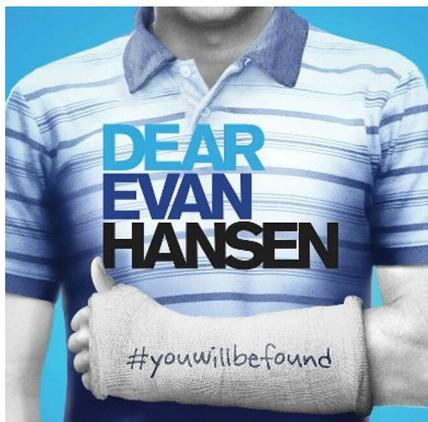
Rehearsals have started on our Christmas Cabaret and our first theatre trip, to see *Come From*



Away in London, has been booked.

All this in only one month! Things are definitely busy! Whatever does the rest of the year have in store for us?

JPA ASSOCIATES



JPA Associates, our agency for both young performers and adult professionals, has had some great successes placing clients in roles recently. Our client has been cast in a lead role in *Dear Evan Hansen*, which opens in London at the end of October, and another was chosen to do Press Night in *Faith Hope and Charity* at the National Theatre. We have clients in *Matilda* in the West End, *Romeo and Juliet* with the Young Shakespeare Company, and on tour with *The Buddy Holly Story*. TV series include *The Crown*, *The Power*, *Silent Witness*, and *Waffle the Wonder Dog*.

We wish all the JPA Associate clients success in their future endeavours and hope that our BTEC Students joining the agency gain wonderful experiences through being part of this professional strand of the Jackie Palmer brand.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHTS ON...



CARLA REID & COURTNIIE FENN

2015 Graduate, Carla Reid, and 2106 Graduate, Courtnie Fenn, have been scaring the crowds at Thorpe Park's 2019 Fright Nights, in immersive theatre roles, which include a re-creation of the famous THRILLER dance!

Carla and Courtnie both graduated from Masters Performing Arts after leaving Jackie Palmer Academy and loved their time there. Knock 'em DEAD, ladies!

HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY, CHRIS!



Our co-owner, Chris Phillips, recently celebrated his 80th birthday and we surprised him with lots of little treats, including a personal message from ex-Jackie Palmer student, James Corden, and our current Jackie Palmer Academy students serenading him during his radio programme at Wycombe Sound. Chris has always loved a choir and the beautiful harmonies Sara Lawson, Head of Singing, quickly put together for his birthday surprise really made his day.

Happy Birthday, Chris! Thanks for all you do for the Academy!

JACKIE PALMER
... **Changing Lives**