

Theatre production – *What Moves Me* – ASAP Groups

The original and innovative music-theatre production – *What moves me* – will be created by FIS students beginning in February. *What moves me* will be included in the program for the Internationales Kammermusikfestival Nürnberg in September/October 2012.

In music, drama and art classes, workshops and rehearsals, students will work with teachers and professional artists in the areas of singing, playing, acting, dance, composing, designing and making. Committed and enthusiastic students are required to create and polish this stylish production.

What Moves Me will be produced by Ms Connie Panagakis, FIS HoD Music & Drama, and Ms Frances Pappas, Artistic Director, Internationales Kammermusikfestival Nürnberg, together with FIS teachers Dr La Rose, Mrs Harrison, Ms Brüning, Ms Wrzesniewska, Ms Johnson, Ms Clements and Mrs Manna.

Workshops and rehearsals for the production will take place primarily in ASAP groups, whose members will work together after school and in a number of weekend workshops on Fridays and Saturdays. The rehearsal period will run from February until the end of June for this school year and recommence in August at the beginning of the school year 2012-13. Students who will no longer be at the FIS in the school year 2012-13 are not able to participate in the performing groups.

MS and HS students who are interested in participating in this production as performers, composers or designers should read the information below regarding the activities as well as the dates and times of rehearsal and workshops. The Performance Ensemble is only open to students who are currently in Grades 6-11. **Only students who are able to attend ALL rehearsals, including the weekend workshops may participate.** There is a possibility of additional rehearsals or a slight change to this schedule. The Art Journeys group is only open to Grade 4 students.

The form below must be completed and signed by a parent and returned to the relevant teacher by Friday 27th January. Auditions for the Performance Ensemble will be held on Monday 30 January from 15.45-17.15 in the Drama Room. Students wishing to participate in this group need to obtain the audition materials from Ms Panagakis and bring the form to the auditions.

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What Moves Me **ASAP Groups**

Student Name _____ Grade _____

- 1) Performance Ensemble 2) Music for *What moves me*
3) Set Design and Costuming 4) Art Journeys

My child is able to attend all sessions, rehearsals and workshops as indicated in this letter

Parent Signature _____

Music, Drama, Art Groups

1) Performance Ensemble

Director: Ms Connie Panagakis, assisted by Ms Constanze Brüning, Mrs Fay Manna

Choreographers: Ivo Bärtsch, Riikka Läser

Day/Time: Monday 15:45-17:15

Auditions: Monday 30 January 15:45-17:15

Workshops: Friday 10 February 15.00-19.00 & Saturday 11 February 9.00-13.00

Friday 2 March 15.00-19.00 & Saturday 3 March 9.00-13.00

Friday 20 April 15.00-19.00 & Saturday 21 April 9.00-13.00

Friday 14 May 15.00-19.00 & Saturday 15 May 9.00-13.00

Friday 22 June 15.00-19.00 & Saturday 23 June 9.00-13.00

Place: Room 1.59 & Aula

Limit: none

Starts: Monday 6 February 2012

Grades: Grades 6-11

The members of the Performance Ensemble will be the production's principal stage performers – acting, moving and singing, along with the class performance groups. They will express the text, the meaning and emotions of the concept of *What moves me* in creative ways using voice and body. Students participating in this group will need a high level of commitment, open-mindedness, be risk-takers and possess a passion for performance. Only students who are able to attend **all rehearsals and workshops** listed above can be part of this group. Being a member of the Performance Ensemble is guaranteed to be an exciting and dynamic opportunity for skilled and creative performers.

2) Music for *What moves me*

Director: Dr Andrea La Rose

Composer: Stefan Hakenberg

Day/Time: Wednesday 15:45-17:15

Thursday 15:45-17:15

Students may sign up for one or both days

Workshops: Friday 24 February 16.00-19.00 & Saturday 25 February 10.00-14.00

Friday 4 May 15.00-19.00 & Saturday 5 May 9.00-13.00

Friday 22 June 15.00-19.00 & Saturday 23 June 9.00-13.00

Place: Room 1.57 & Aula

Limit: none

Starts: Wednesday 1 February 2012

Grades: Open to MS & HS students

You will be both composing and performing the music based on the theme of the show, inspired by other students' texts, artwork, and multi-media presentations. We need instruments of all types. This ASAP will start on 1 February, run until 28 June and start up again in August. There will be three weekend workshops in addition to the weekly rehearsals/workshops – please see dates and times above. We will be creating at least 60 minutes of music, so we will have much to do. It will be a lot of work, but a ton of fun!

3) Set Design and Costuming

Director: Ms Jennifer Johnson

Day/Time: Wednesday 15:45-17.00

Thursday 15:45-17.00

Students may sign up for one or both days

Place: Room 1.55

Limit: 15

Starts: Wednesday 29 February 2012

Grades: Open to MS students

Both groups are necessary for the large amount of work that will be created for the music-theatre production ***What moves me***. These ASAP's will focus on helping to supply the Music & Drama departments with sets, costuming, and props. All materials needed for this activity will be provided by the school. If you are self-motivated, creative, love to build, paint, and work well with others, please sign up. The students in this group may attend on either or both of these days - Wednesdays and Thursdays. If you are able to attend both days, that is perfect. Looking forward to seeing what we can create together.

4) Art Journeys

Director: Ms Hayley Clements

Day/Time: Monday 15.45-16.45

Place: Room 2.15

Limit: 15

Starts: Monday 27th February 2012

Grades: Grade 4 students only

As part of the ASAP schedule, Grade Four students have the exciting opportunity to participate in the music-theatre production ***What moves me***. This participation will be in the form of producing Art pieces to be included in this collaborative production.

We are looking for pupils who are motivated to learn new skills in Art; have creative ideas about what moves 'Them'; and are willing to share their ideas using images. They will begin a creative journey exploring images around this theme, concluding with an artistic composition that communicates their ideas. They will be experimenting with, and using a range of media to create a 2D finished piece.