

## Inspiring Communities Through Song

## **Dear Parents**

Your school is taking part in an exciting community project which will take place at the theatre in Chester Storyhouse next year. AmaSing is a new CIC company which was set up in April 2017. The company aims to work collaboratively with educational establishments, arts specialists and schools, to enhance children's wellbeing, confidence, self-esteem and creativity through singing and arts projects and performances.

This project at Storyhouse based around Happiness and Memories will include children from 35 primary schools in Chester and Ellesmere Port, students from The University of Chester, dance students from The Hammond School and House of Dance, professional composers Ashley Fayth, Matt Baker and Andrew Smith, Deesign Choir, The Catholic High School choir "Voicebox", adult vocal group "Harmonix Vocal Collective" and "The Dee Brothers" and a professional live band.

The performances, three in total, will be held at Storyhouse on the 11/12/13<sup>th</sup> March 2019. Over the three days there will be more than 1000 children performing a selection of songs. Many of the songs have been specially composed for the project. We are supporting charities Dementia UK, Young Minds UK and Chester Zoo throughout the project each charity has had a song specially written in aid of it.

The University of Chester students will be working with teachers and pupils at all of the schools to help the pupils learn all the songs that will be performed at Storyhouse. The project will aim to support teachers and students professional development providing opportunities to expand on their skills delivering singing, music and arts in the curriculum.

This year AmaSIng has received funding to support all schools and all children to achieve Artsmark and Arts Award Discover Level and funding to train Chester University Teaching Students to become Arts Leaders. There will be many arts workshops with arts specialists throughout 2018-19 building up to the concerts in music, art, dance and drama where all groups children, students, elderly, families and teachers will have had an input in.

Over the three days there will be an exhibition in the Garrat Theatre in Storyhouse where you can go and see some of the work that the children, students, elderly and teachers have done.

Tickets for the performances will be sold from Storyhouse box office direct. You will also be able to access the box office on the AmaSing website. Tickets will be available to purchase from October and will be £16. Money from every ticket sold will go towards Young Minds UK and Dementia UK.

T' shirts will be sold for all children to wear (£6) during the performance and you will receive a letter with details of this from your school.

Please return the form to your school with money required. They can wear jeans or dark leggings with it.





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Please look at the website <u>www.amasing.org.uk</u> where you will find more information/ songs/ dance moves merchandise etc and help your child in learning the songs for the big day.

Please follow us on twitter and facebook to see up to date information on the exciting things we are doing in the community.

You will receive a letter from your school about details of the show day.

Please fill out the permission slip below and return to your school asap.

Thank you for all your support

Kind Regards Rachael Borman

I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_\_ to take part in AmaSing 2019

School

I am happy for my child to have photos/ filming done during the concerts that could be sold or used for AmaSIng media coverage.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_\_



