

ORIGINAL KIDS THEATRE STAGE DOOR, March 2014

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MARCH EDITORIAL THROWBACK

From the archives, here's a "classic" editorial from March, 2009. It remains true five years later! Enjoy!

"Grey skies are gonna clear up,

Put on a happy face."

(A song from Bye, Bye, Birdie!)

This is a tough winter, and late February is the time that our body says "Hibernate." So it was very exciting for me to be at Original Kids at 830am last Saturday to watch parents and OKids streaming in for the early morning redeye *Godspell* rehearsal. It has always been my belief that a solid training in theatre inculcates values well beyond acting, singing, and dancing, and that, at Original Kids, we offer that training as a natural part of what we do every day and evening of the week. Simple values like putting the common good ahead of your own selfish comforts, building trust and confidence in your reliability, and hanging tough when the going gets difficult, will pay off forever, whatever the OKids' futures hold.

I love to speak before rehearsal to an OKid whom I've just seen yawning mightily and hear this:

"How are you feeling today?"

"Great! Can't wait for rehearsal!"

There might be a bit of acting going on in that reply, but in Athletics, that is called "putting on your game face". You see, good athletes act too. They put on a mask, so that no one sees them as weak, tired or "wimpy". And as they wear that mask of courage and alertness and readiness to really go for it, the mask becomes the reality. They inspire those qualities in their teammates, and success is within their grasp. They all stand proud!

When I was a kid at school, my mom and dad gave me a little framed poem that I set on my desk where I could look at it while doing homework. It is still imprinted on my brain-

"Somebody said that it couldn't be done.

But he, with a chuckle, replied,
That maybe it couldn't but he would be one
Who wouldn't give up till he'd tried.
So he buckled right in with the trace of a grin
On his face, if he worried, he hid it
And he started to sing as he tackled the thing
That couldn't be done -
And he did it!"

So everyone, parents, OKids, staff- LET'S DO IT!

THE PETER PAN GANG WILL REALLY "DO IT!"

We're almost ready to open our first "I Dream. I Wish" production, the perfect family entertainment of *Disney's Peter Pan Jr.* As you read this, the fabulous young actors and their inspiring directing staff, Kerry, Kristina and Ceris, are entering their final rehearsals for their Mar. 7 opening. (12 noon on PA Day!). This gang loves the show, each other and Original Kids, and the stage will glimmer and glow with their love and caring.

There's no doubt at all about this one. Watching these passionate child artists performing great theatre will give your March Break wings to fly.

This production will sell out as did last year's *Disney's Little Mermaid Jr.* Get your tickets now. www.oktc.ca / 519-679-8989.

WE'RE DIRTY! WE'RE ROTTEN! AND... WE'RE SCOUNDRELS!

You can always trust Original Kids to deliver fresh, new, entertaining shows before anyone else does! Last year, we beat the crowd with *Spamalot* and *Titanic*. This year we're way out ahead of the curve with the clever Broadway hit, musical comedy, *Dirty, Rotten Scoundrels!* On our annual trip to Broadway, we manage to cover every Broadway show that is on, and thus to make discoveries that no other group can. *Scoundrels* is one of those discoveries that we know you'll love because we collected it from the Great White Way in NYC. Our OK

group of 56 is off to Broadway again On Mach 6. I wonder what discoveries they'll make this year??

***Dirty, Rotten Scoundrels*: March 26 to 30 at OKTC!**

OK GRAD GALA & SEASON CELEBRATION

Our traditional celebration and honouring of our Grads, both those entering and also those leaving high school, is set for 630pm on Monday, June 2 at the Faculty of Education auditorium. Our outstanding Grads moving on from Original Kids to new glories are: Dharavi Balusani, Robert Clarke, Emily Clarke, Kate Collins, Carrie Cooper, Mark Dickey, Nikki Ferreira, David Fisher, Julia Fyfe, Natalie Geraci, Hannah Gregor, Kye Handelman, Alexis Hoxar, Mike Maddigan, Emily McDonald, Ben McVittie, Amanda Micallef, Liam Murphy, Lowgan Pertout, Grace Pinder, Madison Stoner, Olivia Vandelinder.

Set this night aside for fun, heart, and a few tears too.

DETAILS, DETAILS

- 1. For families of *Dream Journey*, On March 3rd at 6:45pm, we will be available with information regarding our flights to Germany. Then, Rob Blowes, our travel agent, will be at the Market at 7:30pm. He will help coordinate families who are interested in continuing travels after Lingen. Please let andrew@oktc.ca know if you have any questions or comments.**
- 2. Stratford Festival's *Crazy for You*, Oct. 8. There are still places open for the matinee of this Tony-winning musical! All OK's and families are welcome. For information email art@oktc.ca .**