

31 January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **ABBY'S HEROES CHARITY GALA EVENT 2023**

I am delighted to tell you that your child has successfully auditioned and been cast in 'A Night at the Circus', a Charity Event for Abby's Heroes. Your child has been and will continue to work with Coach Rachel during the creative process.

We are sure you will agree that this is a fantastic opportunity for your child to showcase their talent as well as help an amazing charity that helps teenagers and their families when becoming ill with cancer. The gala is set to have over 300 attendees so it will be a wonderful experience for them to perform in front of such a supportive and charitable crowd.

We will be attending the event on **Saturday 25 March** which will be taking place at the Hilton Ageas Hotel, Botley Road in Southampton. We require your child to arrive at LeAF Studio **no later than 2.45pm** to load their costume and props on to the coach, which have both been supplied by fund-raising and Abby's Heroes. The coach will be leaving promptly at 3pm from LeAF Studio.

The students are set to do a dress and technical rehearsal at 5pm with the doors for the event opening at 6pm. From 6pm-7pm they need to do their hair and make up if this hasn't been done prior to departure. They will do their first performance at 7.30pm and then their second at 9pm (approx), all dependent on the hotels food service as this is a sit down dinner event.

Students involved in the Gala Event will be supervised by and the responsibility of LeAF Studio staff; Mr Lake, Miss Makoogin and Coach Rachel.

When your child is not performing, they will be held in an allocated 'green room' at the hotel with LeAF Studio staff. Unfortunately, students will not be allowed to leave the hotel in moments of 'down time' so please make sure your child has plenty of food/water. Sadly, the hotel cannot cater for any food for the performers due to the high demand of attending guests that evening.

The returning coach will leave Hilton Ageas at **9.45pm** and we are expected to arrive back for pick up at LeAF Studio at **10.45pm**.

Students are currently already rehearsing on a Tuesday within school hours so no after school rehearsals are required at this time but this may change closer to the event, if required.

Please complete the online consent form by clicking this following link, this must be completed by 14 February 2023: <https://forms.office.com/e/qKBLnBFRE3>. Sadly with no consent form students may be released from the performance piece and their part offered to an understudy.

Any questions to [Rachel.Ford@leafstudio.co.uk](mailto:Rachel.Ford@leafstudio.co.uk)

Yours sincerely,



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