

I CAN SING! (ICS! Performing Arts) is HMDT's Music Theatre School, which offers students aged 5 - 16 an opportunity to experience the excitement of musical theatre training and performance. During ICS!, students train in a variety of stage disciplines. They meet new friends and, together with leading professional artists, gain the skills and confidence necessary to perform to a high level.

I CAN SING! runs weekly throughout the academic year, welcoming students of all abilities. There is no audition process, and, unlike similar schemes, ICS! reinforces the ensemble performing tradition and focuses upon repertoire ranging from classic Broadway to original HMDT Music commissions, emphasising an appreciation of the rich music theatre tradition.

HMDT is one of the very few idealistic, altruistic organisations . . . which advocates the use of music in human development . . . genuine heroes.
THE TIMES



HMDT . . . is deservedly touted as one of the country's exemplary arts education outfits.
OPERA MAGAZINE

THE PROGRAMMES:
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School Years 1-2
ICS! JUNIORS
School Years 3-5
ICS! SENIORS
School Years 6+

Vocal Training introduces students to the joy of performing and expressing their emotions through song, focusing on developing singing skills in a healthy way, breathing, posture, intonation, timbre and learning to sing as part of a large group of performers. Students work with a variety of musical genres, with a focus on musical theatre and dramatic singing.

Musicianship develops musical literacy and understanding through students' very own musical instrument – their voice. They develop their understanding of pitch, rhythm, dynamics and tempo through interactive vocal and physical exercises as well as written and aural skills. Students are given a contextual introduction to repertoire they are learning and beyond, to gain a broader understanding of the musical genres in which they are working.

Dance Training teaches students dance steps and routines based on a fusion of the dance styles that make up theatre dance performance, whilst encouraging them to be active and healthy. They also learn how to use movement to express emotion and action as part of musical performance. Dance technique sessions offer a chance to consolidate steps and styles out of the context of a routine.

Performance Training helps to build skills in music theatre so as to convey the emotional power of music and movement on stage. Students will learn a variety of performance skills, ranging from how to use characterisation in musical scenes to learning theatrical stunts, and are given plenty of scope for solo work, which helps them to build confidence and develop their communication skills.

Performances give everyone the opportunity to showcase musical theatre repertoire, take to the stage in HMDT Music commissions, or work with writers and composers to create new work.

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HMDT Music, twice winner of the prestigious Royal Philharmonic Society Award for Education is a leader in developing inspiring arts projects, which have a transformative effect on other areas of learning.

HMDT increases access to high quality musical experiences by commissioning new performance works through an artistic fellowship between world class artists and the community, and is a pioneer in defining new music genres such as jazz opera. Its programmes engage and challenge new audiences, and enrich participants' experience by increasing their skills and raising aspirations.

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HMDT Music, a non-profit charity, offers a wealth of musical experiences to children, without the high fees charged by similar competitive programmes. Our commitment to high quality projects which are accessible to all, ensures that ICS! offers excellent value for money.

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