

## Press Release – September 2018

Musical Theatre School brings West End Stars Patrons to the South! Lucky students at Theatre for Life Talent, located in Hampshire will soon be working with not one but two stars of the West End and the Co-Principal of Musical Theatre at top Drama School The Urdang Academy, as this new musical theatre school paves the way for elite industry led training for 6 – 18 years olds. The first West End star to become a patron of the school is Andrew Wright. Andrew is a two times Olivier nominated and What's Onstage two time award winning Choreographer for his choreography for Half a Sixpence for Cameron Mackintosh (Chichester Festival Theatre) and Singin' In The Rain (Chichester Festival Theatre). The second star of West End is Nigel Richards who has starred as The Phantom in The Phantom of the Opera (Her Majesty's Theatre) and Grantaire & Enjolras in Les Miserables (Palace Theatre). Both Andrew and Nigel will soon be sharing their knowledge and expertise with young aspiring performers in the South!

The students at this school will not only receive outstanding coaching each week from a team of highly experienced and qualified teachers, but will have the opportunity to be coached by Andrew and Nigel in this first term alone! Students who love musical theatre, who want to develop skills and confidence can join this outstanding school and gain a truly unique experience.

A key priority for Theatre for Life Talent, located in Southampton and set up by Performing Arts teachers Lisa Fernandez Adams (Head of Dance) and Michelle Smith (Head of Acting) and working alongside International Vocal Coach Stephen King (Head of Singing), is to offer affordable training for all ages, and for students to not just see the names of their patrons on paper, but to have the

outstanding opportunity to work with them directly, and this is exactly what Theatre for Talent will be doing!

Having the privilege to work with such aspirational artists within the industry is one of the features that set apart Theatre for Life Talent from the rest! Workshops have already been planned for this term and students will be working on Acting Through Song with Nigel as well as repertoire from works choreographed by Andrew himself.

The school is delighted that the patronage from Andrew, Nigel and Rob will strengthen not only the skills that their students will be striving to develop, but will also allow students an incredible insight into the life of artists working to the very highest levels in the Performing Arts Industry.

Speaking of their decision to become patrons for Theatre for Life Talent, Andrew Wright has said he is "honoured to be a patron of the inspiring company Theatre For Life. It is a thrill to help young people in the south west follow their dreams in the performing arts. I am 100% supportive of making the arts accessible for all and not just the fortunate few. I look forward to passing on my knowledge and advice with their students and helping them on the way to a long and successful career in the arts." Andrew Wright -  
Choreographer/Director

Nigel Richards says "I would be deeply honoured to be a patron for Theatre for Life. Art should be open to all, irrespective of wealth or status. The ability to create art, to song, to dance, to act should not be for the privileged. No one should be denied the chance to be their truest self. That is why Theatre for Life is a wonderful endeavour."

So with such outstanding opportunities on offer for young and aspiring performers, find out more about Theatre for Life Talent by visiting their website [www.theatreforlife/talent.com.uk](http://www.theatreforlife/talent.com.uk) and sign up asap to be sure not to miss out on this incredible training!

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