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Disney Stars Educate Las Vegas Kids



*(L): Camp students perform at the July 28th showcase at the Kahunaville Showroom in Treasure Island
(R): PAF founder Pilita Danesh (center, kneeling) with camp attendees at Show Creators Studios*

Positively Arts Foundation (PAF), a non-profit 501c3 organization that brings arts awareness to at-risk youths, in partnership with Broadway Dreamers, a constellation of Broadway and Cirque du Soleil stars, is preparing to host the final session of their summer camps for Las Vegas area youth ages 10-18.

The Broadway Dreamers Fantasy Camp, which has one two-week session remaining, gives students the opportunity to learn about a variety of performing arts from active professional artists. Students take a range of performance-based classes, and also create their own original dance, song, spoken word, or music piece.. The camp's capstone is an August 25th showcase at the Kahunaville Showroom in Treasure Island. All students receive free tickets to *Vegas! The Show* and *Island Heat*, and may receive a copy of the final performance for a small editing fee.

Broadway Dreamers' teaching lineup includes Tiffany Engen, who has screen credits in the 2007 film adaptation of *Hairspray* and *Drop Dead Gorgeous*. Engen, presently acting in *Rock of Ages* at the Venetian, also performed in the Broadway production of *Legally Blonde*. Cirque de Soleil Dance Master Katy Tate is currently working in Cirque's production of *Love*, and has choreographed events for clients such as Honda and *Cosmopolitan* magazine. Corwyn Hodge is a member of MO5AIC, MTV's *Top Pop Group* winners, and was an *America's Got Talent* finalist. Deidre Lang, currently playing "Justice" in *Rock of Ages* at the Venetian, was the head Fly Girl on the 1990s smash hit series *In Living Color*, and has appeared in Broadway productions *Ragtime*, *Tommy*, and *The Lion King*.

The Positively Arts Foundation was created by Pilita Danesh, who received her Ed.M. in Arts in Education from Harvard, and has Disney stage credits in *Pocahontas*, *Tarzan Rocks!*, and *Playhouse Disney*, among others. PAF, which raises funds for Clark County schools' art, drama, and music programs, was the first recipient of the Nevada Proud award. The foundation also educates at-risk youth in the arts, and assists in their personal growth and development through various programs such as Project Dance, which utilizes dance as a means of teaching math and science, and Project Re-Write, which uses script-writing and role-playing to help battered and abused children to envision positive changes and transformation in their lives.

See a clip of the pre-show rehearsal at the July 28th showcase:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZrHrySen58Q>

The Broadway Dreamers Fantasy Camp's last 2015 session will run from August 12th – August 25th, 12-5 pm daily on weekdays, with an afternoon rehearsal on the 23rd, and a pre-show rehearsal on the 25th. Weekday classes will be held at Show Creators Studios, which is located at 4465 W Sunset Rd, Las Vegas NV, 89118.

Camp sign-ups are still available. Contact Broadway Dreamers at (702) 931-2787 or by email at info@broadwaydreamers.com for more information.

The final performance will be at the Kahunaville Showroom in Treasure Island on Tuesday, August 25th, at 8 pm. Tickets are \$15 each, and can be purchased at the Positively Arts Foundation's website, www.pafgive.org. The PAF also accepts tax-deductible donations.

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