

# uplift



**INFORMATION PACK**



# **WHAT, WHY & WHO**

Uplift Performing Arts is fast becoming one of the most successful Performing Arts organisations in Northern Ireland. Since opening its doors in 2009, Uplift has seen a great deal of interest from the local community in the arts. To date we have 200+ members who come to participate in classes every week and this number steadily increases as word of mouth spreads.

This pack should give you all the information you wish to know about Uplift Performing Arts, including how to hire the staff for other organisations or after school projects.

You can find registration and medical forms on our website. These are highlighted in **Red** and can be found at the bottom of each page: [www.weareuplift.com](http://www.weareuplift.com).

## **Mission statement**

The purpose of Uplift Performing Arts is to encourage each student to pursue their dreams, increase self-confidence and self-esteem, and to explore their artistic talents through a creative outlet in a positive learning environment.

## **Founders and Directors**

Ryan and Amy Moffett both received their training at California Pacific College of the Performing Arts in Corona, California. They toured in over 20 countries teaching and performing with 'The Young Americans'. Since then the Moffetts have created countless productions with Uplift, including Northern Ireland's first ever Dinner Theatre. Over the years they have also help build relationships with the 'West T Hill Community Theatre' in Kentucky and 'Centerstage Performing Art Academy' in Tennessee, USA.

Ryan and Amy have been blessed over the years to have a number of teachers and volunteer members who help to put each show together.

## ***WEEKLY CLASSES***

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We cover the three main disciplines of performing arts such as, Voice, Dance, and Stagecraft, and use these to help all students increase in confidence and self-esteem.

We run specific hour-long classes on Saturdays from Holy Trinity Woodburn on the Prospect Road in Carrickfergus. We also have our own studio in the centre of Carrick with a dream to one day run a local theatre.

Check out classes on our website:

[www.weareuplift.com/classes](http://www.weareuplift.com/classes)

## ***WORKSHOPS & EXTRAS***

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We run a number of workshops for local schools. These can consist of school assemblies, P7 Leavers concerts, after school clubs, GSCE projects and many more. Workshops can be specifically designed around your needs.

We also offer dance classes for different organisations and our directors can help to put together fundraising activities for churches and charities.

If you would like to book a workshop or wish to discuss a project, please contact a member of our team.

### **Private Lessons**

At Uplift we are able to provide a number of instrument classes. We teach beginner classes in guitar, piano and drums. These sessions can be organised for a time during the week that suits the student and

teacher's schedules. Each of these lessons last a half hour. If you request to do grades, this can be organised with specific teachers.

### **Auditions**

We run a number of different projects and productions during the year and some of them require an audition. To stay connected with these opportunities please follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

### **Equipment & Performance Hire**

Over the years Uplift has expanded its stage equipment supply and this can be hired out. We have a range of sound and lighting gear, a curtain system and an array of costumes.

We can also organise a cast to perform for your event! For a price list please contact our office.

## ***BREAKDOWN OF COSTS***

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### **Registration Fee**

There is a £50.00 registration fee that is due when each member or immediate family starts classes at Uplift. This payment is due before or after the first week of attending classes. The membership fee cannot be refunded once paid.

### **Classes**

Each hour-long class at Uplift costs £7.00 per person.

### **Private Lessons**

Each private lesson is a 30-minute slot per person. If the teacher must travel there will be a travel expense added. Price is arranged between the teacher and students' parents.

## Rehearsals

During the year there are specific shows that require extra rehearsals outside of normal Uplift hours. These rehearsals will have a charge to cover venue hire expenses.

## Payment Options

Pay As You Go: You pay for each class as you take it  
(only for private lessons)

Pay Monthly: You agree for the student to take specific  
class/classes and then pay for the month on C4K

We accept card payments via SMS, invoice or contactless.

At Uplift we strive to provide a quality experience at a competitive price for all of our students.

## ***WHAT WE CAN DO FOR YOU!***

Over the past number of years, we have been able to offer our students amazing opportunities:

- A cast of students performed for Focusfest at the Waterfront in Belfast
- Casts do annual shows at the Belvoir Players Studio in Belfast
- There are a number of productions scheduled for the Theatre at the Mill
- Uplift has taken 2 casts over to participate in an England Tour
- Casts are invited to Danville, Kentucky USA to host Summer Camps

- Uplift has been asked to represent Northern Ireland at Dance Excellence in Los Angeles, California
- We put on Northern Ireland's 1<sup>st</sup> ever Dinner Theatre 2012 and continue to do so annually
- One of our oldest students is going to study with the Young Americans
- Uplift can help you expand your skill in technical aspects of the performing arts world
- We assist and encourage students to go on to teach and stage direct
- We have a number of alumni in the entertainment business who can help with advice.

We don't see ourselves as a company, we see ourselves as a family that supports each other and works together as a team. We encourage a positive learning atmosphere and this is shown by the energy you will experience during shows.

We look forward to seeing you at UPA soon!