

# Gorse Hill Studios



## news

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**GRAB A FREE PANCAKE  
GET THE FACTS ABOUT KNIFE CRIME**

# 'LETS BE BLUNT'

**Information & Activity day**

**TUES 21ST FEBRUARY 2012  
3.30 - 6.30**

**FREE PANCAKES**  
**Knife crime awareness**  
**Dance Workshop**  
**Safety on the streets**  
**Intro music production**  
**Visual arts**  
**Digital ideas**  
**Video diary**  
**Gamalan**

## The greatest satisfaction is achieving what you previously thought impossible

### Don't Miss the Let's Be Blunt Film Project Pancake Day Special! Free workshops & pancakes

'Lets Be Blunt' is an innovative digital filmmaking project, that explores knife-crime. Young Filmmakers will learn hands on film making skills and gain new digital arts skills using state of the art production equipment at Gorse Hill Studios.

You will write scripts, direct and edit short films and produce online content. You will also compose and produce an original soundtrack to the film in the Gorse Hill Studios recording studio.

As part of our next phase of the project, we're hosting a Knife Crime information and awareness day.

Come down and take part in one of our workshops and find out the facts and myths about knife crime. It's also Pancake day, so

we'll be providing some delicious pancakes as well!

Workshops will include, Filmmaking, Drama, Dance & Visual Arts. The workshops are all FREE and will take place between 3.30 PM- 6.30 PM. If you are interested in becoming a budding film director and would like to take part in the 'Let's Be Blunt Film Project, give us a call on 0161 912 5251.

### Overnight Graffiti at Stretford Underpass!

The **Young Creatives** visual arts group is about to embark on an exciting Graffiti Project that will take place over two nights and will decorate the tunnels underneath Stretford with brand new pieces of street art. The project, which is a partnership between community organisations such as Union Street Arts, Trafford College, Trafford YOT,

Stretford High School and Gorse Hill Studios is due to take place on the 21st and 22nd of April.

The visual artist group 'Young Creatives' who meet every Wednesday evening, have already started planning the work and exploring the endless possibilities offered by graffiti.

If you are interested in getting involved have a chat to our visual artists Harry & Sarah.

### ACTORS WANTED

On Saturday 17th of March we are holding an open day and auditions for young actors, thespians and performers. Do you enjoy performing? Would you like to learn more about acting for film and theatre and take part in exciting dramas? We have several short film scripts ready for casting. To read about what the ACT IT OUT! youth theatre has in the pipeline turn to page 3!

Photograph by Oliver Fenton



## Artist in Focus: **Oliver Fenton** photographer

Oliver discovered Gorse Hill Studios at the Pandemonium Festival back in 2009. He had a strong interest in photography so he decided to take part in some photography workshops, before embarking on a Silver Arts Award in photography.

Oliver takes his inspiration for his photography from nature. He admires the fine details presented by nature: "It's not man made, so the colours are more vivid, the patterns and shapes truly show off the power of nature. Look at the details on a leaf, (below) true art created by mother nature"



"The photograph of the water drop (main) was quite a complicated process that took over 3 weeks. I tried several different set-ups before arriving at the desired effect. This process taught me about timing. It took me ages to get the mid air water drop and the ripples in the water just how I wanted them." Over the last year Oliver has really improved his skills and built up his confidence on the camera. He has been given the role of the official photographer at a number of events organised by Gorse Hill Studios, including Pandemonium festival ,

Pandemonium at The Fuse and Trafford Celebration Evening.

Oliver will be working towards a gold arts award and there is an exhibition in the pipeline. "At the moment I am looking at my options for pathways through photography. I am definitely considering it as it as a career.

His advice for other budding photographers is: "Use your inner eye to get better angles and don't go for the obvious boring shot. Look for the details"



*Blossom tree- the natural beauty of spring - photograph taken by Oliver Fenton*

### FUTURE ARTISTS IN FOCUS:

Here are the artists you can read about in the future editions of the GHS newsletter.

Omena & Aaliyah - Dancers going for Gold  
Natalie Harold- Creative Writer  
Ezekiel Taylor - Music Producer  
Holly - Photographer  
Luke Roberts - Guitarist  
Roy Millwards - musician  
+ more to be confirmed

If you are working on an arts award project and would like to be featured in this section contact Ottilia at GHS

## The Arts Award

### Want to explore your creativity and get a nationally recognised qualification?

Whatever art form you're interested in, whatever your ability, Arts Award fits you.

You can do an Arts Award in any area of the arts from music to poetry, acting to dancing, photography to film. You can be the creator or performer of your own work, or develop your skills in essential roles like marketing or stage management.

Creative, flexible and valuable

The Arts Award can easily fit around your other commitments. You work at your own pace and develop your own portfolio of work which shows off your creativity. Gorse Hill Studios offers the Arts Award at Bronze, Silver and Gold levels. Each level allows you to focus on a single art form or a range of different ones.

To achieve the award, you will get to:

- take part in different arts activities
- be inspired by artists and arts organisations
- experience arts events
- share your arts skills with others
- put together a portfolio or log in your own choice of format.

And for Silver and Gold you'll also get to:

- set yourself arts challenges
- organise your own projects
- research arts careers and the arts sector

The possibilities are endless at Gorse Hill Studios

All youth art and music workers at Gorse Hill Studios are also Arts Award advisers who can support you on your journey through the Arts Award. There are countless opportunities to take part in events, festivals, meet other artists and use state of the art equipment.

### Quote of the month

Heard melodies are sweet, but those unheard are sweeter. ~ John Keats ~

## PAN FRI MONTHLY

### Dates for your diary

| PAN FRI<br>FILM &<br>GAMES | PAN FRI<br>MUSIC     | PAN FRI<br>THEATRE    | PAN FRI<br>DANCE    |
|----------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| FRI 24th<br>FEBRUARY       | FRI 23rd<br>MARCH    | FRI 21st<br>APRIL     | FRI 22nd<br>JUNE    |
| FRI 20th<br>JULY           | FRI 24th<br>AUGUST   | FRI 21st<br>SEPTEMBER | FRI 26th<br>OCTOBER |
|                            | FRI 23rd<br>NOVEMBER |                       |                     |

### PAN FRI MUSIC NIGHT LINE UP

FRI 23rd March

The first music event will feature

**MISSING JUNE**

**THE NEWTONS**

**ROBERT RAE** (photo to the right)

**THE MORNING AFTER PLAN**

## LIVE! FOR AFRICA

Matthew Taylor, our hardworking volunteer and budding young musician is organising a live music charity fundraiser on **FRIDAY the 13th APRIL**.

Bands on the night will include:

**TOM BYRNE & FRIENDS**

**WORST CASE SCENARIO**

**MORE TBC**

## EUROSKANKIN/ EUROGROOVIN

European Culture & Arts Project Coming Soon! We would like to showcase music dance and theatre from different cultures in Europe. Can you help us out?

Singer Songwriter Rob Rae will be performing at PAN FRI on Friday 23rd March



**PANFRI** is a quick delicious way to cook up a monthly dish of tasty music, tantalising theatre, organic dance, filling films and appetizing games

Gorse Hill Studios will be serving a yummy **PAN FRI** event on the 4th Friday of every month, starting on the 24th February with a film & games night. **PAN FRI** will feature inspiring original work from young artists from around Trafford, Greater Manchester and beyond.

Expect to hear brand new music from up and coming musicians, cutting edge drama from the Act It Out! Youth Theatre, energizing dance shows from our champion street dance crews plus much much more.

**PAN FRI** will wet your appetite for quality entertainment and culture, bringing a varied mix of tasty treats to the stage. In the pipeline we have visiting artists and inspiring guest performances.

The most successful performers will be guaranteed a slot at **PANdemonium** Festival in the summer. If you would like to perform at **PAN FRI** make sure you get in touch.

Could **YOU** cook up a delicious **PAN FRI**? Are you a **PAN FRI** chef in the making? We are also looking for budding promoters and event organisers, who would like to get involved with **PAN FRI**. Come & learn how to promote gigs, organise shows and pick up a Silver or Gold Arts Award in the process. Check out the dates on the left and make sure you are there! Artists selected to perform will benefit from quality promo material such as videos, photographs and promotion.

## Act It Out! Youth Theatre group travels back in time



Following their debut performance in December 2011 the **Act it out!** youth theatre group is working on an exciting new performance project that they are going to perform at the Longford Park Centenary celebration event - 1912 Day - on Sunday the 13th of May. The exciting project involves researching the past of the park by travelling back 100 years. They group are exploring the history of the park and will devise a piece of theatre from scratch, inventing stories and characters based on real historical

facts. The piece will be performed outside in Longford park, which provides an ideal location for a mysterious period drama. If you are interested in getting involved and would like to have a go at acting, scriptwriting or directing come along to Gorse Hill Studios on a Monday from 6PM or give us a call.

**DON'T FORGET WE ALSO HAVE AN AUDITION DAY ON SATURDAY 17th MARCH**

## LONGFORD PARK CENTENERY

To celebrate 100 years of being the coolest park in Trafford, Longford Park have a jam packed year ahead with an exciting programme of activities throughout 2012. Gorse Hill Studios is looking forward to being involved with two huge events. The Centenary celebration taking place on 11-13 May and Young People Live on the 17th of June.



## STREET DANCE CREWS RETURN WITH SEVERAL TROPHIES FROM THE BRITISH UDO CHAMPIONSHIPS



From the third until the fifth of February, street dance crews Supakids, Supafly and Eterno took part in the British Street Dance Championships, organised by the United Dance Organisation. The nationwide competition was held at Pontin's in Somerset and provided a fun

filled weekend, with competitions parties, demos and workshops!

The three teams have been trained by Christina Taylor, who is one of the most skillful and inspiring young leaders in the North West. The teams are now preparing to compete in the



European Street Dance Championships which will take place in Paris in April.

Our Street Dance Classes take place on Tuesday evenings  
From 5.00-6.30 (5-11 year olds)  
From 6.30-8.30 (12-19 year olds)

## Trafford Youth Service held it's 8th Annual Celebration Evening.



The event took place on Thursday 2nd February at the Robert Bolt Theatre, Waterside Arts Centre Sale and was a great success.

Trafford Youth Service offers a range of national accreditation and local awards to 13 - 19 year olds across the borough and it celebrates young people's achievements through it's Annual Celebration Evening. This year's nationally accredited awards included: Open College Network, Duke of Edinburgh Award and the Youth Achievement awards. All presentations were made by Charlotte Ramsden (Joint Director, CYPS) and Deborah Brownlee.



The Celebration Evening featured live entertainment from Gorse Hill Studios pool of emerging new talent. Performers included Prose, a singer/songwriter and lyricist trio who are causing a stir around Manchester with their unique style.

Amy Faulkner also appeared on the night as well as the champion street dance groups: Eterno, Supakids and Supafly. The Harmonix Flash Mob Youth Choir,



led by Audrey Mattis surprised the audience with a fantastic performance and the fabulous Tom Byrne and Friends provided a perfect finale to the event with their mind blowing musical style.



## Youth Cabinet Local Democracy Day 2012

On the 9th of February the Trafford Youth Cabinet organised a local democracy day at Gorse Hill Studios. The event was attended by local school groups, teachers, and councillors. Over 80 young people took part in the event which was a great success.

The youth cabinet took over the whole Gorse Hill Studios building and organised a fantastic programme that involved lots of exciting activities such as podcasting, filming, art, recording, as well as a gamelan workshop. The Democracy day also included topical debates with local councillors about important issues that affect young people.



## Things to do

### Get JAMMIN & Learn An Instrument!

We have a regular jammin' group on Wednesdays from 6PM where you can learn guitar, drums and devise songs from scratch. We also offer piano lessons, drumming lessons and guitar lessons. Places are limited!

### Origami

is the traditional Japanese art of paper folding, which started in the 17th century AD at the latest and was popularized outside of Japan in the mid-1900s. It has since then evolved into a modern art form. The goal of this art is to transform a flat sheet of material into a finished sculpture through folding and sculpting techniques. Our own origami expert Harry can teach you how to master this beautiful artform. Sessions take place every Thursday from 6-8PM.

## GET IN TOUCH!

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