



NEWSHOUNDS: Youngsters play the part of reporters in Stage by Stage

Show will feature 320 young performers

SWISH of the Curtain Drama School will stage its latest epic production, Stage by Stage, at the Winter Gardens on Sunday with no fewer than 320 children!

Featuring theatre, song and dance, the production will showcase the many talents of the pupils involved, some as young as two.

Director Tina Smith said she has "written or adapted plays that will appeal to each performing group's emotional and imaginative level and will include some exciting contemporary extracts as well as some better-known scripts which have been given a modern twist".

They have had only a few weeks to rehearse but if it is anything like their last big show, Fame, last April, audiences can be assured of a stunning evening of entertainment.

Stage by Stage is a one-off performance beginning at 7pm at the Winter Gardens.

The scene is set by a team of young reporters who are given the task of reviewing the show.

The series of showcases that follows includes everything from a Full Monty-style strip show to comical and serious fighting. There will be some winning festival pieces by Kelli Maybank, Bethany Connell and Catherine Smiles.

It concludes with every single performer on stage in a grand finale, Fame.