

Young stage stars

THE Swish of the Curtain Drama School was established in 1991 by Tina Smith. It encourages pupils to develop their personal talents at their own pace in a disciplined and creative way.

The school caters for all types of pupils, from the awkward and shy child who wishes to gain self-confidence to the budding actor who wants to make drama their career.

Acting, Dance and Singing can all be studied by children between the ages of two and 18 years. Classes are held every day of the week after school in Southbourne, Christchurch, Poole and Winton. Many students continue their studies after leaving Swish of the Curtain and 100 per cent of its pupils who apply to full time theatre schools are offered a place.

The training offered at the school is considered to be the best in the area and this is realised through the school's ongoing success with major credits both in the UK and abroad. Being linked with one of the country's top childrens' casting agencies allows pupils the opportunity to audition for professional work in TV, film, radio and theatre.



■ Swish of the Curtain drama school youngsters

Children from Swish of the Curtain have appeared in major 'big screen' films such as *Evita* with Madonna, *Fairytale - A True Story*, *Thunderpants*, *Wonderous Oblivion*, *Second Nature*, *American Girl* and *Harry Potter* and

The Philosopher's Stone. Top TV credits include ITV's *The Bill*, *Sharpe's Regiment*, *Casualty*, *The League of Gentlemen*, *Nicolas Nickleby*, *Five children and IT*, *Auf Wiedersehn Pet*, *Noel and Saskia* and *Vanity Fair*.

Adam Jessop has just landed himself the main role in a new BBC TV series *Jason 4*. Commercials that children have been in are *Wash and Go*, *Nestle*, *Boots* and *Nectar Card*, and theatre credits include Disney's *Beauty and the Beast* at *The Mayflower* and *Tommy and Oliver* in the *West End*.

Swish's success not only stems from successful filming, but also from the unrivalled festival and exam results it achieves each year. This year alone, a total of 29 first places were achieved in the Bournemouth Music Competitions Festival in the drama section alone. On top of this the LAMDA examination results remain consistently high with the majority of students gaining high Distinction or Honours.

The upcoming show in February 2004 will be *Fame The Musical* at the Pavilion Theatre. For the first time ever, there will be an open audition for the lead role of Tyrone Jackson (male dancer/singer 16-20yrs approx). Auditions take place on September 28. Should you wish to audition for this part, please telephone the office on 01202 433897 to book a slot. The successful candidate will be offered a full scholarship to attend dance and drama for one year at Swish of the Curtain.