



FABULOUS: 'First' featured many winners from the Bournemouth Music Competitions Festival

# Children's Swish comes true

Swish of the Curtain Drama  
School - 'First',  
Pavilion Theatre

SEVEN hundred children over two nights on one stage..... now there's a first!

'First' could not have been a more appropriately chosen word for the theme of this year's Swish of the Curtain annual summer showcase in which every single child in this expanding drama school was able to perform.

We witnessed first class performances from children of all ages with some as young as three making their first appearance on a theatrical stage.

## REVIEW

With no fewer than 29 first place wins in the Bournemouth Festival to celebrate, the school demonstrated how it is dominating the region's young theatrical world by kicking off proceedings with a screening of last month's Meridian TV broadcast which spotlighted its rising stars.

Friday night's show featured the 350 pupils from the Southbourne branch of the school. It followed Thursday night's performance by 350 chil-

dren from the newer Christchurch, Winton and Poole branches.

We saw fabulous tap dancing, wonderful ballet, stage fighting, street dance and fabulously choreographed routines to a variety of songs.

The icing on the cake was 'First Places' - individual performances by outstanding festival winners Sophie Randal, Megan Pitt, Charlotte Talbot and Charlotte Kingston.

"You are all stars to me and to your parents," Tina told her triumphant pupils and so they were!

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