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APAC’S SUMMER STARS 2007
QUEENS’ YOUTH IN A NEW TYPE OF SHOW!

Each year it just gets better! *APAC’s Summer Stars 2007* have been hard at work preparing for their 40 minutes of fame in the musical “Whose Park Is It Anyway?” on **Saturday, August 25th**. After intensive rehearsals at the Broccoli Theater, hours of practicing at home, over the phone and running lines with Mom and Dad, these 8-13 year old stars of tomorrow will strut their stuff during two public performances.

This year the performance will change from the previous format of a musical revue to a full musical play. APAC’s Artistic Director Brian Swasey, who is choreographing the show, explains . “The change in format allows the Stars to experience a full show, with a beginning-middle-end plot. It’s the next step as they develop in the theater.”

During the 7 weeks with APAC’s professional teaching staff, kids often discover that their love of performing may indeed be a talent to pursue. John Cantos, a music producer with One Mind Music Studio in Astoria whose daughter Katira has been a participant for many years says, “APAC’s a safe place for kids to be...the environment is fun but regimented, kids get a realistic idea of life as a performer.” Katira agreed, “I look forward to it all year long – it’s my favorite part of summer!”

Teachers at PS 122 told Sean Church’s mother Mercedes that he had shown potential in a school play and encouraged her to give him more theatrical opportunities to grow, she found APAC’s website (www.apacny.org) and enrolled him. “I’m so glad she suggested developing his artistic talents more,” Mercedes said “he loves it, APAC’s staff is great, and he’s really good!”

“Summer Stars” is a free professional summer musical theatre training program, offered to Queens’ youth by the Astoria Performing Arts Center and sponsored by the Port Authority of NY & NJ, Con Edison, the NYC Department of Cultural Affairs, the NYS Office of Children’s & Family Services, Council Member Peter Vallone Jr., Assembly Member Margaret Markey, Senator George Onorato, and Assembly Member Michael Gianaris. Summer Stars Staff: Director:- Blair Trunzo; Musical Director – Jeffrey Campos; Choreographer – Brian Swasey; Costume/Prop Designer: – Severe Erase; Program Director – Nicole Bowman.

When: Saturday, August 25th. 4:00pm & 6:00pm

Where: The Boys & Girls Club of Astoria’s Broccoli Theater. @ 21-12 30th Rd (at 21st Street).

Admission: Adults \$15, Seniors \$12, Children Under 10 yrs. \$5

Reserve tickets online at www.apacny.org or call 212-352-3101

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