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YOUTH SUMMER PROGRAM

"WHERE THE ORDINARY CHILD
CAN DEVELOP EXTRAORDINARY POTENTIAL"

ARTIST DEVELOPMENT ♦ INDUSTRY PREPARATION ♦ EXPERIENCED INSTRUCTORS ♦ MENTORING THROUGH THE ARTS

MAMA'S BIRDS PERFORMING ARTS YOUTH ORGANIZATION

Dear Parents & Students,

Thank you so much for expressing an interest in the Mama's Birds Performing Arts Youth Summer Program. We are venturing into our 8th successful year and it means so much to us that you've decided to become a part of this organization. We are truly committed to the growth and success of our students, so we promise to do the best we can to make this the most enjoyable experience for your child, as well as the most convenient experience for you. We believe that with our efforts and your time, this will be one of the most memorable moments of your child's life. So if there is anything else that we can do to make our time together that much more fulfilling, please don't hesitate to let us know.

In the meantime, the Mama's Birds Performing Arts Youth Summer Program is specifically designed to help nurture the gifts that your child either has or would like to develop, while educating them on what to look forward to within the entertainment industry. So even though it's not designed to create superstars overnight, it was created to provide a solid foundation and platform for the youth to blossom as a performer, whether by hobby or by trade, while having a fun, interactive and healthy way of approaching it.

The summer classes also provide an all-inclusive format that is purposely constructed to bread multi-talented individuals. Our program creates an environment that allows our youth to challenge themselves beyond their own limits and to discover other untapped talents that they were otherwise unaware of. So all students enrolled in the program will receive the following services:

Singing Lessons	**Dance Lessons**	**Acting Lessons**
Songwriting Lessons	**Studio Recording**	**Photo Shoots**
Bio Development	**Celebrity Guest Speakers**	**Image Development**
Cash Earned	**Stage Presence Coaching**	**Big Finale Showcase**

Although we would love to give every child the opportunity to be a part of this program, we can only accommodate so many students. So space is strictly limited to 25 seats and will be provided on a **1ST COME 1ST SERVE** basis. Parents will be given every opportunity to reserve their child's seat at any time before classes begin as long as space is still available. **IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR A CHILD**, those options are available as well.

ONLY 3 EASY STEPS REQUIRED TO RESERVE YOUR CHILD'S SEAT:
STEP 1: Completed Application **(one for Mamas Birds & one for Park Forest)**
STEP 2: Signed Release Form
STEP 3: Registration Fee of $30 to be paid by cash, check or money order

PLEASE NOTE: The $30 registration fee is in addition to the tuition cost this year, is non-refundable. This will help assist in the cost of snacks and materials at the start of the program. **Pay to the Order Of: The Village of Park Forest if your location is Park Forest, or Payable to: Mama's Birds if your location is Ford Heights.** Any attendants whose checks are returned NSF will be required to cover the $35 NSF fee & will not be allowed to pay by check for the duration of the program.

We are so excited about the opportunities that this program provides to our youth and our community, and we certainly look forward to experiencing the growth and potential with you. So we thank you so much for your interest in the program, and truly look forward to a great summer.

Melinda ~SandyRedd~ Bussie
Founder / CEO / Program Director
Michelle ~MysMichelle~ Bussie
COO / Program Director
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MAMA'S BIRDS APPLICATION 2018

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Childs First Name _____ Childs Last Name _____ Age _____

Date of Birth _____ Email Address _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Parent or Guardian Name _____

SPONSOR INFORMATION (if applicable)

Sponsors Name _____ Sponsors Phone _____

Sponsor Email Address _____ Sponsors City & State _____

How many are you sponsoring _____ Choose a payment plan Bi-weekly ☐ Monthly ☐ In Full ☐

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Phone Number _____ Relationship to Child _____

SELECT YOUR LOCATION OF CLASSES

Park Forest Village Hall ☐
350 Victory Dr, Park Forest, IL. 60466
(lower level dance room)

Is this location convenient for you? Yes _____ No _____
If No, please explain _____
_____

Cottage Grove Upper Grade Center ☐
800 East 14th St, Ford Heights, IL. 60411

Is this location convenient for you? Yes _____ No _____
If No, please explain _____

CHOOSE DESIRED PAYMENT PLAN

Weekly Payment _____ Bi-weekly Payment _____

Monthly Payment _____ 1 Payment In Full _____

****SEE ATTACHED PAYMENT SCHEDULE FOR MORE DETAILS****

CHOOSE DESIRED SCHEDULE

Ages 7 to 18 Park Forest Only — Tues/Wed/Fri 10am – 12:30pm _____

Ages 7 to 18 Ford Heights Only — Mon/Tues/Wed 12:30pm – 3:00pm _____

ONLY 1 SCHEDULE AVAILABLE PER LOCATION

BY SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT, I UNDERSTAND THE MISSION AND GOAL OF THE MAMA'S BIRDS ORGANIZATION AND AGREE TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS THEREIN. FURTHERMORE, I AGREE TO FOLLOW ALL OUTLINED RULES AND REGULATIONS ENCLOSED, TO ADHERE TO THE SELECTED PAYMENT SCHEDULE, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, TO APPLY MYSELF TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY WITHIN THE PROGRAM. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT FAILURE TO DO ANY OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED MAY RESULT IN IMMEDIATE TERMINATION FROM THE PROGRAM AND POSSIBLE FORFEITURE OF ALL OR PART OF MY INITIAL DEPOSIT TO BE DETERMINED BY THE MAMA'S BIRDS ORGANIZATION.

_____ _____ _____

Parent or Guardians Signature **Childs Signature** **Date** **(PF)**

MAMA'S BIRDS PERFORMING ARTS YOUTH ORGANIZATION RELEASE FORM

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RELEASE OF LIKENESS

I _____ hereby certify that I am the parent and /or legal guardian of _____ and give permission for my child's pictures and likeness to be taken and used by the Mama's Birds Performing Arts Youth Organization and their subsidiaries and partners for purposes including but not limited to any and all photo use, video use, and commercial promo's, as well as any marketing, advertisement and promotional purposes.

_____ _____

Parent or Guardian Signature **Date**

RELEASE OF LIABILITY

I _____ understand that my child is a student of the Mama's Birds Performing Arts Youth Organization and not a student of The Park Forest Village Hall, the Freedom Hall Nathan Manilow Theater, the Cottage Grove Upper Grade Center or School District 169. Therefore, I hereby release the Cottage Grove Upper Grade Center, Ford Heights School District 169, the Park Forest Village Hall, the Freedom Hall Nathan Manilow Theater and any of its partners and subsidiaries, of any and all liability in the event of any injuries that my child may experience during the course of the Mama's Birds Summer Program. Any and all complaints or action taken must be directed to the Mama's Birds Performing Arts Youth Organizations owners.

_____ _____

Parent or Guardian Signature **Date**

SPONSORSHIP COMMITMENT & RESPONSIBILITY CLAUSE

I _____ have chosen to sponsor the tuition for a child /children in the Mamas Birds Performing Arts Youth Summer Program. As a sponsor, I agree to adhere to the selected payment plan that I have chosen, and I'm committed to assisting in the positive growth and development of my sponsorship(s) with my continued monetary support. Additionally, I also understand that it is necessary for my contribution to remain consistent and on time to ensure that there is no lapse in attendance, services or termination of enrollment for the child /children that I sponsor.

_____ _____

Parent or Guardian Signature **Date**

MAMA'S BIRDS PERFORMING ARTS YOUTH ORGANIZATION
CLASS SCHEDULE & PAYMENT SCHEDULE 2018

CLASS LOCATION
Park Forest Village Hall
350 Victory Drive, Park Forest IL. 60466
(lower level dance room)

TIMES & AGES
Ages 7 to 18 – 10:00am to 12:30pm
7 week program

3 DAYS PER WEEK
Tuesdays / Wednesdays / Fridays

DATES
June 26, 2018 - August 10, 2018

Finale Showcase – Friday August 10, 2018
Freedom Hall Nathan Manilow Theater
410 Lakewood Blvd, Park Forest IL. 60466 @ 6:00pm to 7:30pm
(**PLEASE NOTE:** The scheduled practice times & location for the last week of the program will be slightly altered in preparation for the finale showcase)

SELECT A COMFORTABLE PAYMENT PLAN

7 weekly payments of $30.00
will be due on the following dates

June 26th
July 3rd
July 10th
July 17th
July 24th
July 31st
Aug 7th

2 monthly payments of $120.00
will be due on the following dates

June 26th
July 17th

4 bi-weekly payments of $60.00
will be due on the following dates

June 26th
July 3rd
July 17th
July 31st

1 payment in full of $240.00
will be due on the following date
June 19th

PLEASE READ
A **$30 registration fee** is in addition to the tuition cost this year **made payable to Mama's Birds**…Also, a **one-time fee of $10** applies to those choosing a payment plan outside of paying in full!

IMPORTANT NOTE:
All tuition payments must be made by cash, check, money order or credit card prior to the start of class on the scheduled due dates. **Make Tuition Payable to THE VILLAGE OF PARK FOREST**. There is also a $30 registration fee required in addition to the cost of tuition above and is a non-refundable cost to reserve your child's seat in the program. This registration fee helps to assist with the cost of snacks and materials at the start of the program. Check's returned NSF will have a $35 NSF fee applied to the owner, which will no longer be able to pay by check for the duration of the program. Payment plans can also be changed within a 48hour notice given prior to your due date. A one-time fee of $10 will be charged by the Village of Park Forest for those parents choosing a payment plan other than paying in full. If you have any further questions, call Ms. Redd @ (708) 439-6881.

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MAMAS BIRDS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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When does the program begin and how long will it run?
The summer program will run for 7 weeks which will begin on Tuesday June 26th and end on Friday August 10, 2018.

How many days and hours per week are the children required to attend and what is the time commitment per day?
Your child will attend classes 3 days per week for 2 ½ hours each day and will receive 7 week's worth of sessions (21 sessions) for a total of 60 hours of instruction all together. See page 5 for your child's exact class schedule.

Where will the program be located?
All classes will be held on Tues / Wed / Fri at Park Forest Village Hall 350 Victory Drive, Park Forest IL. 60466 (lower level dance room). The last week of the program as well as the finale showcase (week of Aug 7th thru 10th) will take place at Freedom Hall Nathan Manilow Theater 410 Lakewood Blvd in Park Forest.

Is there a reduction in tuition cost if my child does not attend all of the scheduled classes?
No, there will be no discounts or fee reductions for missed days. With the program being in such high demand with limited seating, your tuition cost not only pays for the services, mini press kit and gifts that we provide in our program, but it also couples as a reservation fee to keep your child's spot in the program secure whether they are able to attend all classes or not.

How much is the program?
The program is $4 per hour. At 2 ½ hours per day for 3 days per week, the cost is $30 per week per child. So the total cost is $210 plus the additional $30 registration fee & a one-time fee of $10 if you choose a payment plan…(ask for details).

Is there a discount given to family's who enroll multiple children from 1 household?
No, there are no discounts given for multiple children from 1 household. All funds collected are used to help keep the program running, and the Mama's Birds Organization provides quality services with experienced professional instructors in the business at a cost that is already too good to be true. So we wouldn't be able to accommodate any further discounts.

What is a sponsorship and how does it work?
When a child and his/her parent cannot afford to pay the tuition for the program, a sponsor is someone who can pay for that child to attend and is located by the parent. Sponsors are also allowed to contribute to the cost of tuition for more than 1 child.

At what point are refunds acceptable?
Refunds are only administered to those parents who are on the biweekly, monthly or full payment plan option and will be given based on the number of sessions your child has attended. Written notice to withdraw is required to receive a refund.

Is Mama's Birds only provided as a summer program?
The Mama's Birds Performing Arts Youth Organization is a year round full service program provided upon request to your local community. Please look forward to more information coming about future programs and expansions.

Are there any exceptions made if my child does not fit the age requirement?
The age requirements are 7to18 years old. Exceptions can be made for 6 year olds and 19 year olds who are turning 7 or just making 19 within 3 months prior to or following the programs start date. All applicants MUST be able to read & write.

Are private lessons available?
Yes, private lessons are available by request only and require an additional fee. However, private lessons are usually reserved for adults or children who don't meet the age requirements of the program. Also, please note that the perks that come along with the after school and summer programs are not included with private lessons.

As a parent, what am I required to commit to in order to help my child successfully complete the program?
Parents are not required to do anything accept to ensure that your child gets to and from their sessions on time. However, parental volunteers are extremely appreciated and highly encouraged to come forward.

My child is only interested in dance. Can I pick out which components of the program that I want my child to receive?
This is not a concentrated program. So if you decide to enroll your child with us, they will receive all of the components of the program listed on the flyer and participation in all activities is required to remain a student of the organization.

What can my child expect to gain from this program?
Mamas Birds is a program designed to help nurture the gifts that your child either has or would like to develop, while educating them on what to look forward to within the entertainment industry. So even though it's not designed to create superstars overnight, it was created to provide a solid foundation and platform for the youth to blossom as a performer, whether by hobby or by trade, while having a fun, interactive and healthy way of approaching it.

If there are any questions that I may have missed, please don't hesitate to let me know…all questions are welcome @ 708-439-6881

MAMAS BIRDS PERFORMING ARTS
FACULTY & STAFF

SandyRedd, a powerhouse singer, songwriter, actress, entrepreneur and winner of the 2017 WGCI "Kick Start Your Dreams - Next to Blow Out of Chicago" contest, is a Chicago native performer that you would have to see to believe. Her talents have taken her all over the world, from her hometown of Chicago to Atlanta, New York, L.A, France and beyond. Opening for rap icons such as 50 Cent, MC Lyte, Souljah Boy and Twista, as well as R&B Legends like Miguel, R. Kelly, Monica, Syleena Johnson, Chaka Khan, Kem, Angie Stone, Musiq Soulchild and more, have allowed her to win over audiences of many genres with ease. So, there is no secret as to why she was dubbed a "Leading Lady of Success" at the 2017 Ford Motor Company "Born to Roll" brunch by Chicago's biggest radio station 107.5 WGCI & IHeart Radio, where she received an honorary award for her hard work and dedication in the field of music. Her credits include writing placements on Syleena Johnson's "Chapter V UnderRated" album, and Avants "The VIII" album. Her television debut in the 2011 Movie "The Ideal Husband" put her alongside Jackee Harry of "Everybody Hates Chris", Clifton Powell of "Friday", Erica Hubbard of "Akeelah and the Bee", Darrin Henson of "Stomp the Yard" and national recording artist Ginuwine. Her additional appearances include Fox News, WCIU, BET, GMC TV, TVOne, 107.5 WGCI radio, Power 92.3 radio, ATL Love 860 radio, Bishop TD Jakes Mind Body & Soul show and R&B Divas. Her E.P dubbed "Redd Fever" is a collaboration of Grammy Award-winning producers and lyrical genius as well. Her passion for the arts was taken to another level in 2011 with the start of her non-for-profit performing arts youth organization called "Mama's Birds". The program, in honor of her late mother's memory, is on it's successful 8th year run, is extended to the youth of her city and provides a safe haven of growth and creativity. So with her career on the rise and being the Founder & driving force behind the Mama's Birds Organization, she is certainly excited about the opportunities that this program will provide to the youth and her community.

Founder / CEO
Program Director

Liberty Bussie is a force to be reckoned with in Chicago and abroad. She has studied the styles of modern, hip hop, latin inspired, jazz, and alternative dance at her home town school of Chicago State University where she was a part of many productions. Not only is she an accomplished dancer traveling the globe with her talents, but she is also the principal dancer for Andrea Kelly Dance Company and has starred with her in the popular VHI reality show "Hollywood Exes". So she is certainly a prime asset to the Mamas Birds team and we are so excited to have her on board this year.

Dance Instructor

Acting Instructor

Alonzo "Comedian PK" Ruffin is certainly a seasoned actor creating his stamp on Chicago, with 2 nationally televised movies breaking network records entitled " Love Me or Leave Me" starring Terri J. Vaughn of the Steve Harvey Show and "The Ideal Husband" starring Ginuwine, Darrin Henson of Stomp the Yard, Jackee Harry of 227 and Clifton Powell of Friday. Both movies are currently available at Walmart, Target, Netflix, Redbox, etc. Alonzo is also no stranger to the stage, starring in over 30 + musical stage plays with some of the industries greatest artists and actors including Bobby Brown, and Carl Payne of Martin, he is truly an expert in his field, trail blazing with some of the industry's top directors. So with a long resume of successful comedy shows adding to his experience, Alonzo "Comedian PK" Ruffin is certainly a great addition to the Mamas Birds team.

Mys Michelle has been making her marks in history for almost 20 years now. It started back in 1997 when she was awarded the NAACP ACT-SO award for their talent competition. From there she went on to win Chicago's WGCI annual musical seminar competition where she was presented by Clive Davis himself and shared the stage with Mary J. Blige, Joe, and Mary. Although she is a native of Chicago, her talents have taken her all over the world with some of the most respected gospel artists in the music industry, such as Karen Clark-Sheard, Bee & Cee Cee Winans, Tremaine Hawkins, Smokey Norful, Tye Tribett Dion Warwick, Kelvin Lenox, Trinitee 5:7, Sherrie Addison, Ray Bady and Percy Bady just to name a few. Her musical talents have also broadened her travels overseas performing for 10,000 plus audiences. But it doesn't stop there. Mys Michelle also has 2 albums under her belt as well. Her first debut album entitled "Whateva" was released in 2008 and a true testimony of her heart. Her second album was a mix tape entitled "Switch" released in 2011 which allowed her to explore new sounds. She is currently working on her third project entitled "Change" which is set to release in the summer of 2016 and her most recent accomplishment includes being featured on the Seth Meyers show on NBC in May 2016. So as a prominent figure in the music industry and a noted vocal coach, we are excited to welcome Mys Michelle to the team.

Vocal Instructor
Program Director

Jalen Causey, an 8 year alumni student of the Mama's Birds Summer Program, is a rising star in the field of performing arts. Aside from his accomplished acting resume and a State Championship winner with the Southland College Preparatory High School Speech team, he has also successfully transitioned from a student of the Mama's Birds program to an Assistant Instructor Intern with the Organization. We are so proud and excited to welcome him to our team.

Assistant Instructor

MAMA'S BIRDS YOUTH ORGANIZATION
FOUNDATION ♦ VISION ♦ MISSION

The idea of the Mama's Birds Youth Organization was first created by the late **Evangelist Margaret Owens-Bussie**. As the mother of 8 children, she dedicated her life to instilling her gifts as a singer and songwriter into her little ones, whom she lovingly called her "Mama's Little Bird Babies". Founded under the teachings of the Bible and influenced by the movement of gospel music, Evangelist Margaret Owens-Bussie imprinted the love of music into her children's hearts very early on, and quickly became a force to be reckoned with. Performing at multiple venues across the Chicago land area and abroad was routine to her and her children. But she knew that she had so much more to give. Therefore, the idea of teaching other children how to sing and develop their musical talents was born.

Although she fulfilled her purpose regarding her children and dedicated her life to teaching other children as well, she was never able to complete her dream of opening up a school for the arts. In 2006, Evangelist Margaret Owens-Bussie passed away from cancer. Refusing to allow the dream to be deferred, Melinda ~SandyRedd~ Bussie felt that she, along with her family could be the solution to this problem. So with the love and support of family and friends, the new leg of her mother's journey began. This endeavor has led SandyRedd to opening for major recording artist, writing for Grammy Award Winning Producers, and acting alongside some of the industry greats. She's certainly no stranger to the stage, the studio or the television screen which has allowed her the flexibility of helping newer artist develop their skills, while acquiring an amazing staff with the same knowledge, experience and professional background to help further advance her moms legacy into a reality.

While well on her way to becoming a National Recording Artist, SandyRedd believed that the year 2011 was the perfect time to take her knowledge of the industry and what's been engraved from her mother to create a program that will help other young aspiring artist. With the industry often being unkind to the unprepared artist, classes provided by Mama's Birds will certainly help alleviate some of the surprises and disappointments that may present themselves. Additionally, classes provided are constructed with an exacting focus on the foundation of artist development with experienced instructions currently active in the industry today.

So as Evangelist Margaret Owens-Bussie's vision for the younger generation continues to live on through her children, it will also be broadened to help educate the youth on what it takes to become a well rounded artist as well as a positive role model. This will not only be accomplished by practicing on different techniques, but this goal will also be achieved by exposing the students to celebrity role models, taking them on fieldtrips to participate in actual studio sessions, industry education and much much more. So united by experience, family & friends, and her guardian angel leading the way, SandyRedd only hopes to make her mother proud!!!

In Loving Memory of Evangelist Margaret Owens Bussie
Sept 16th 1950 – Aug 31st 2006
A Loving Mother…A Selfless Individual…An Amazing Teacher & Performer…An Inspiring Women of God