



GIFT OF WONDERS

DYSLEXIA ASSOCIATION OF SINGAPORE
DAS STUDENT TALENT SHOWCASE

Our Mission

Empowering people with dyslexia and other struggling learners to achieve their true potential.

Our Goal

To establish a world-class organisation committed to empowering people with dyslexia and other struggling learners in Singapore.

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Dear Distinguished Guests, Donors & Sponsors,

Welcome to "Gift of Wonders," a showcase celebrating the remarkable talents of our students with dyslexia and other learning differences. We're honored to have Ms. Denise Phua Lay Peng, Mayor, Central Singapore District, Member of Parliament, Jalan Besar GRC (Kampong Glam), and our esteemed guests, donors, supporters, parents, caregivers, DAS Board Members, staff, and friends joining us. Your presence underscores our collective commitment to empowering individuals with dyslexia.

Tonight, through performances like "School of Hard Knocks" and "Gizmo's Christmas," we witness the profound impact of our Speech and Drama Arts programme, nurturing confident team players and innovative thinkers.

With 12 learning centres aiding 3,500 children, our focus remains steadfast on providing equal opportunities. Your incredible support, raising an astounding \$35,000, will aid our mission to bridge financial gaps for deserving students.

Gratitude extends to our sponsors, especially Micron Technologies and United Overseas Bank, for their substantial contributions to vital programmes like iStudySmart and Speech and Language Therapy Bursaries.

As we cherish the performances tonight, let's celebrate the unique abilities of individuals with dyslexia, shaping a more inclusive world.

To our sponsors, supporters, and everyone present—your dedication shapes a brighter future. Wishing you joy this season and a fantastic 2024!

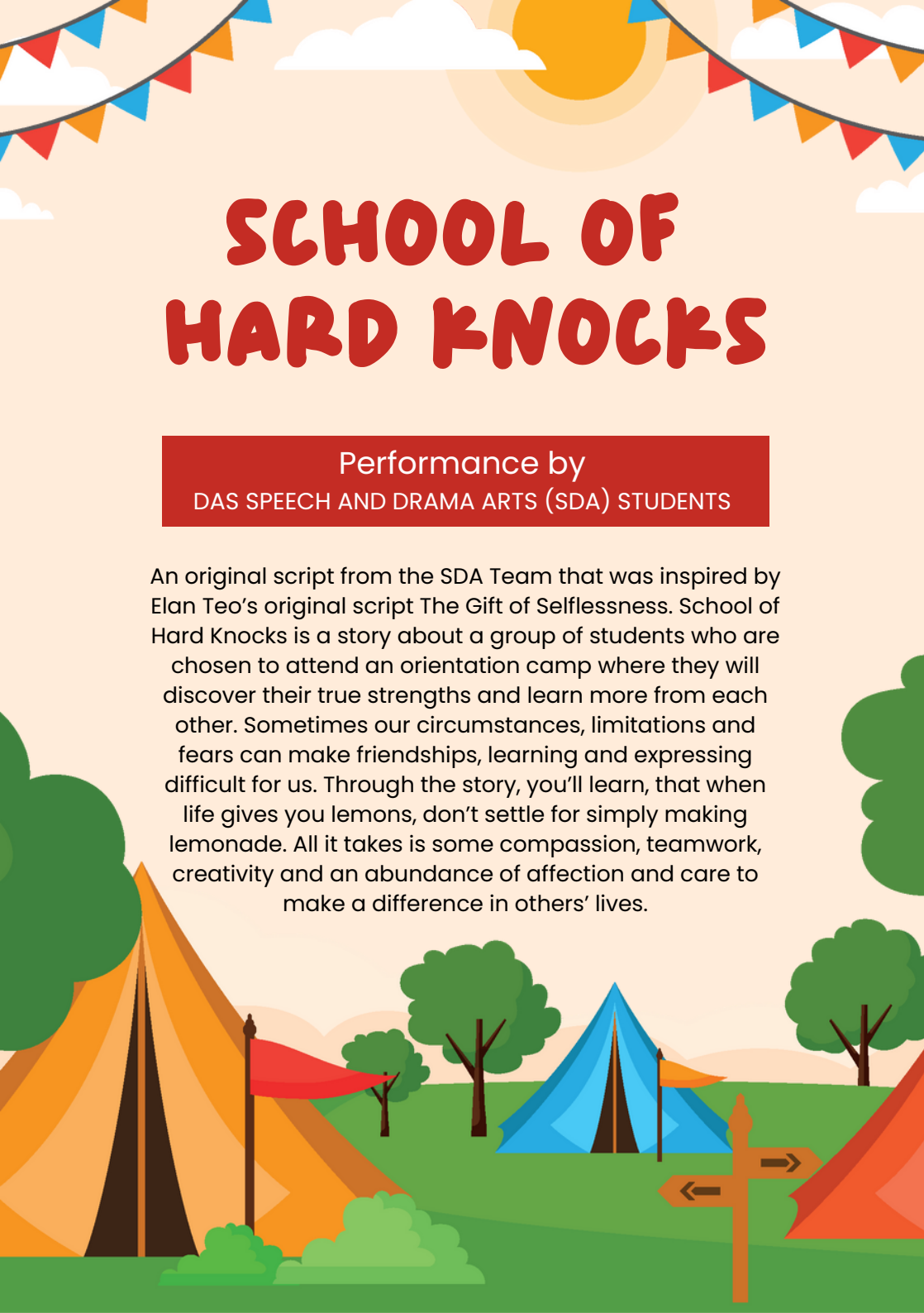
Mr Eric Lee

Chairman
Dyslexia Association of Singapore

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PROGRAMME FOR THE NIGHT


TIME	PROGRAMME
6:00 PM	Registration starts Live Art Painting by DAS ArtVenture Students
7:00 pm	Door opens (Guests to be seated by 7.20 PM)
7:20 PM	Arrival of Guest-of-Honour Ms Denise Phua Lay Peng Mayor, Central Singapore District Member of Parliament, Jalan Besar GRC (Kampong Glam)
7:25 PM	Welcome Address by Mr Eric Lee, DAS Chairman
7:30 PM	Address by Guest-of-Honour, Ms Denise Phua Lay Peng
7:35 PM	DAS Art Competition "Beautifully Different" 2023 Prize Presentation
7:45 PM	Token of Appreciation for Guest-of-Honour, Ms Denise Phua Lay Peng
7:50 PM	Show commences
8:50 PM	Closing Address by DAS Speech and Drama Arts Programme
9:00 PM	END



SCHOOL OF HARD KNOCKS

Performance by
DAS SPEECH AND DRAMA ARTS (SDA) STUDENTS

An original script from the SDA Team that was inspired by Elan Teo's original script *The Gift of Selflessness*. *School of Hard Knocks* is a story about a group of students who are chosen to attend an orientation camp where they will discover their true strengths and learn more from each other. Sometimes our circumstances, limitations and fears can make friendships, learning and expressing difficult for us. Through the story, you'll learn, that when life gives you lemons, don't settle for simply making lemonade. All it takes is some compassion, teamwork, creativity and an abundance of affection and care to make a difference in others' lives.



SCHOOL OF HARD KNOCKS

Cast of "School of Hard Knocks"

Muhammad Ziqry Bin Muhd Irfan, 14

"I can. I will. I must!"

Ziqry loves to be in the limelight! Be it acting, dancing, or in sports, he wants to be the best. He wants to be the greatest soccer player in Singapore.



MR BRUCE



MS TANIE

Taniecia Lau, 15

"You only live once!"

Taniecia is the President of the Student Council in her school. She enjoys organising school activities and plays netball as a CCA. In her free time, she reads. The Percy Jackson & the Olympians book series is her favorite work of fiction. Due to Percy Jackson's dyslexia, she is inspired to read all of his adventures.

Justin Kwan, 13

"Sometimes, there is no harm in putting off a piece of work until another day." – Antoine de Saint-Exupery (The Little Prince)

Justin wants to create video games when he grows up. His favorite game is Nintendo Switch Kirby and the Forgotten Land.



ALEX

Charlotte Kwan, 16

"The minute you think of giving up, think of the reason why you held on so long." – unknown

Charlotte's favourite food is steamed eggs. She sings in the shower for the acoustic effect.



ERIKA



TIARA

Siti Zaharah Bte Jonathan, 13

"If you can dream it, you can do it." – Walt Disney

Siti loves to edit videos by adding her voice. To Siti, her family means everything to you.

Hazel Low, 12

"You can't cross the sea merely by standing and staring at the water." – Rabindranath Tagore

Hazel likes to watch TikTok and play Roblox during her free time. She dreams of becoming an award-winning mixologist. The idea of experimenting and creating new cocktail recipes excites her.



TAMMY

Lee Guo Hong, 16

"Wake up determined, go to bed satisfied." – Dwayne Johnson

Guo Hong has chickens as pets and he dotes on them very much. Guo Hong wants to be a professional gamer when he grows up.



MR DWAYNE



MR RILEY

Kane Chia, 13

"Think big, trust yourself and make it happen."

Kane likes to play basketball and watch anime and reality shows. He looks forward to school days as he always has.

Chantalle Lim, 14

"A dream without a plan is a wish."

Chantalle loves to draw during her free time. She wants to be a famous fashion designer when she grows up.

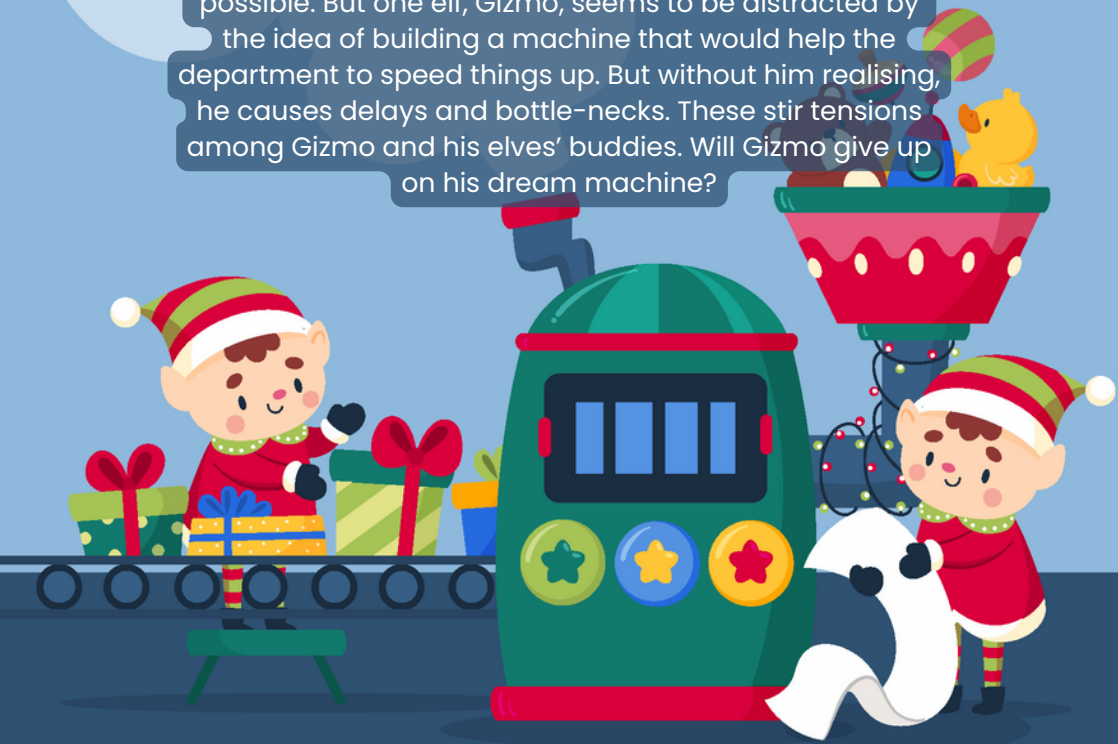


MS KELLY

GIZMO'S CHRISTMAS

Performance by
DAS SPEECH AND DRAMA ARTS (SDA) STUDENTS

An original script from the SDA Team that was inspired by Wan Nur Endriana Bte Wan Hisham's original script The Christmas Machine. In the magic and wonder of Santa's workshop, a group of cheerful and industrious elves are responsible for making toys, wrapping gifts, and helping Santa prepare for his annual Christmas Eve journey. In the Gift Wrapping Department, elves are working tirelessly to have toys wrapped as fast and as many as possible. But one elf, Gizmo, seems to be distracted by the idea of building a machine that would help the department to speed things up. But without him realising, he causes delays and bottle-necks. These stir tensions among Gizmo and his elves' buddies. Will Gizmo give up on his dream machine?



GIZMO'S CHRISTMAS

Cast of "Gizmo's Christmas"

Jayden Chan, 10

Jayden loves spicy tom yum noodles. He spends his free time playing his iPad and Nintendo games. In SDA class, Jayden is great at making character voices. He aspires to be a famous YouTuber.



GIZMO

Isaac Han, 11

Isaac was working on drawing cartoons before the PSLE exams. He hopes to complete it and share it with his friends one day. He aspires to be a cartoonist.



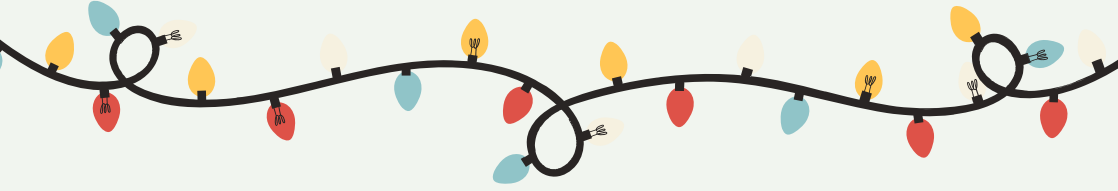
ELVIN

Yong Seow Zhen, 11

Seow Zhen enjoys eating honeydew and mangoes. She creates her own comics and draws the characters in her sketchbook.



SNOWFLAKE



Tieara d/o Thevasagayam, 12

Tieara loves to play badminton with her friends in school. She enjoys eating cupcakes. She dreams of being a great pastry chef one day!



TWINKLE



HOLLY

Lim Enru, 12

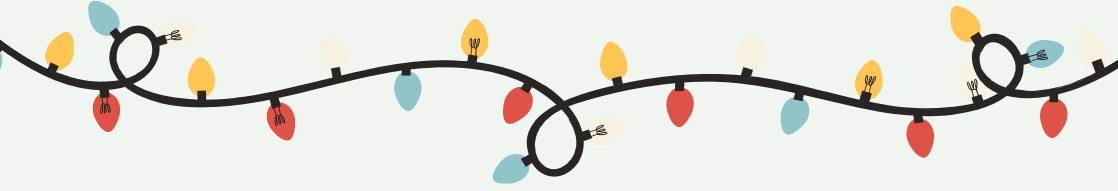
Enru's favourite food depends on her mood but she will not refuse chocolates. She reads during her free time.

Reanne Gan, 12

She loves dorayaki, sushi, and potato chips. She helps to tend to the plants at home – watering them and talking to them. Watching them grow well makes her happy. She wants to be an artist when she grows up.



SUGARPLUM



Raphael Lim, 11

Raphael loves to play PS4 games and spend time with his brother and his cats. He enjoys eating duck rice and chicken nuggets. He aspires to be a veterinarian when he grows up.



DASH



**CHIEF ELF
OLIVIA (CEO)**

Bayli Pandora Paris Gabriel, 10

Bayli likes to read and play the piano during her free time. Bayli would not say no to pasta! She wishes to be a piano teacher when she grows up.

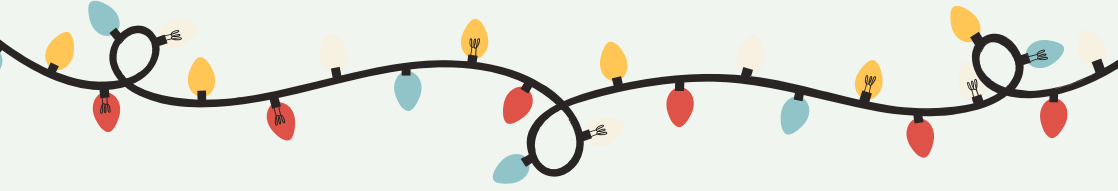


**STUDENT
CREW**

Livia Sim, 11

This time, Livia will not be performing with her peers because she will be travelling with her family. That did not stop her from being involved in the play. During rehearsals, she assists her classmates with their lines and costumes or fills in for a cast member who isn't present. Her commitment is truly praiseworthy!

Livia loves ramen and aspires to be a scientist when she grows up.



Charlotte Chew, 7

Charlotte enjoys dancing and singing. She would like to be a hip-hop dancer when she grows up.



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Lam Zhi Shan, 9

Zhi Shan is good at drawing and dancing. She wants to be a doctor when she grows up.

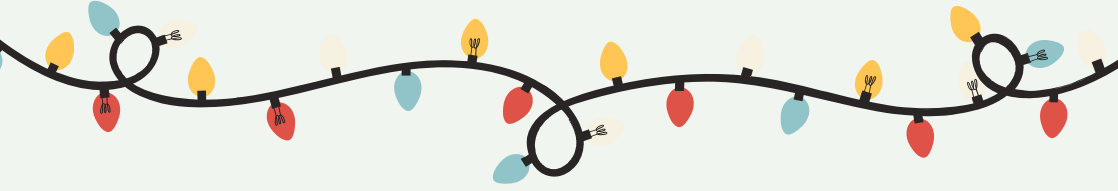
Kayleen Keong, 10

She wants to be a make-up artist when she grows up. She enjoys setting up other people's hair and face.

She is good at styling people's hair.



**CHORAL
READER**



Ashley Buratner Darika, 11

Ashley enjoys drawing Pokémon characters. She usually shows her appreciation and love for the people around her through her drawings.
Fun fact: Her favourite food is chicken rice.



**CHORAL
READER**



**CHORAL
READER**

Chloe Cheng Nisita, 11

Chloe enjoys singing pop songs. She usually sings to her family members at home.

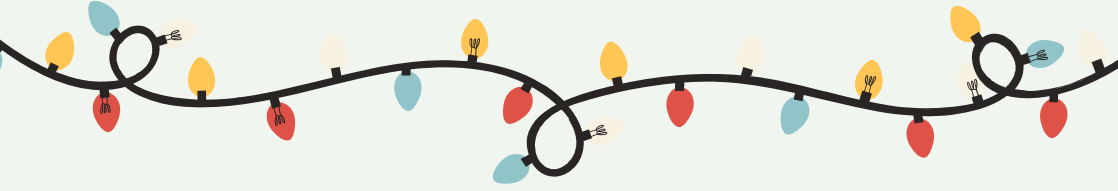
Fun fact: Her favourite colour is pink.

Yeo Jun Kai, 13

Jun Kai is an avid gamer. He aspires to join the Singapore Armed Forces when he grows up.



**CHORAL
READER**



Jeston Tay, 12

Jeston enjoys watching action movies. He hopes to work in the finance industry when he grows up.



**CHORAL
READER**



**CHORAL
READER**

Benson Tan, 12

Benson enjoys drawing during his free time. He also loves taking care of his pet hamsters at home. His favourite food is roti prata with cheese and egg.

GUEST PERFORMERS

Sofia Nurkeisha Sudirman Nawekamsoh, 11

"My ability is stronger than my disability"

I used to cry whenever Mama asked me to read. She knew I needed help and loved singing, hence I was enrolled at DAS and Aureus Academy. Singing not only boosts my confidence, it gives me joy and a reminder that I am unique. Besides singing, I am learning to play the piano too. My passion is to be a music teacher. I want to help Dyslexic children find music as their therapy and hope.

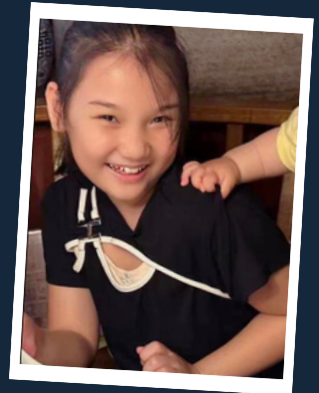


Tara Adele Fernandez, 11

I enjoy being active and have many hobbies! And I love singing – I have been singing all my life as a way to express my feelings! I am normally a shy girl but when I sing, I feel amazing and great, like I am on top of the world and the world listens!

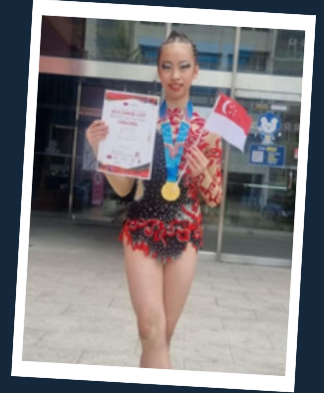
Rainie, 10

Hello everyone! I'm Rainie, and I'm a 10-year-old girl who adores singing and dancing. Music is like magic to me, and when I dance, it feels like I'm flying. My heart sings when I sing, and my feet dance to the beat of happiness. I can't wait to share my love for music and dance with all of you!



Renise Wong, 14

I first started dancing when I was 4 years old, as I was inspired by my older sister, and hence led me to become the dancer that I am. I have been dancing for about 10 years and have competed in numerous dance competitions. In 2022, I was part of the Singapore Ballet company production – Nutcracker. Besides dancing, I am also trained in Aesthetic Group Gymnastics (AGG) and have represented Singapore in AGG competitions in DuCup, Dubai 2019 and Shine Cup, Korea 2023.



Kate Loh Xin Ci, 12

Hi, I'm Kate, I love to play the violin and draw, especially dragons! I like to watch TV during my free time, and swim! I like to explore different places and their cultures.

**Nur Deanna Binte Mohammad Ismael (right)
& Angie Goh Jing Ting (left), 20**

We have known each other for 7 years and share a love for dance



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