



PORT SUMMER SHOW
PRESENTS

**2020
CAN'T
STOP US
SERIES**

virtual workshops
mentored projects
senior showcase

June 29 – August 9, 2020

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CREW WORKSHOP

CONCEPT AND DESIGN

TOTALLY AWESOME 80'S MUSIC VIDEO PROJECT

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The Port Summer Show Presents



The Port Summer Show Pivots to Virtual “Can’t Stop Us Series” in 2020

The COVID-19 pandemic of 2020 surely wasn’t going to stop the Port Summer Show, the non-profit musical theater company that has been offering Port Washington teens in grades 7 through 12 a chance to produce high-quality musical theater productions in a safe and educational environment for the community to enjoy every year since 1972.

To ensure the health and safety of all PSS participants, this summer’s PSS board decided to take the show on the virtual road, and created a free virtual summer workshop series called, appropriately, the “2020 Can't Stop Us Series”!

The workshops in the series were free to join and were taught by the PSS creative team. They include everything from “Sight Singing” to “Great Dances of Broadway” to “Musicals That Changed the Shape of Broadway” to everything in between. There was also an audition workshop, a virtual performance workshop, and even a workshop for members of the crew. About 48 teens enrolled in the program, which ran the traditional weeks between June 29 and August 7.

The program also featured two mentored programs. “The Totally Awesome 80s Music Video Project” gave participants a chance to create their very own 80s music video. The “Senior Showcase” was designed to honor PSS’s graduating senior performers who sang in a virtual cabaret on PSS’s originally planned show weekend, August 7-9.

“This year, we’ve worked diligently with our incredible creative team to provide a theater and stagecraft series that captures the spirit of what we’ve been doing for the past 48 years,” said Sandy Woods, co-president of the PSS. “What’s more, since we understand many families have been hit hard by the COVID-19 crisis, we have decided to offer our ‘2020 Can’t Stop Us Series’ free of charge,” added Bonnie Young, co-president.

Simply put, for the Port Summer Show, the show must go on! And this year, thanks to the “2020 Can't Stop Us Series,” it did. And of course, the board plans to be back next year, the 49th year, with a live performance produced by Port Washington teens and created specifically for the enjoyment of our community.

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Virtual Workshops

Introduction to Sight Singing

Instructor: George Croom

Concept & Design

Instructor: Mike Mroch

Musicals That Changed The Shape of Broadway

Instructor: George Croom

Crew Workshop

Instructor: Brian Wedeking

Young Choreographers Workshop

Instructor: Jesse Pellegrino

Musical Theatre Audition Workshop

Instructors: George Croom and Jason Summers

Song Interpretation (Seniors only)

Instructor: George Croom

Virtual Performance Workshop

Instructor: Allison Friedman

Great Dances of Broadway

Instructor: Jesse Pellegrino

Musicals On Stage vs. Musicals On Screen

Instructor: Allison Friedman

You Got Questions? Jason's Got Answers!

Instructor: Jason Summer

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MENTORED PROJECTS

It's no secret that our production this summer was set to be *The Wedding Singer*, a rollicking celebration of the bad hairdos and tubular music of the 1980's! Even though we couldn't be together this year to create theatre, we still thought it would be awesome if we could create a different kind of performance: one that would pay tribute to the era of *The Wedding Singer* while also giving all of the Port Summer Show performers a chance to collaborate!

The Totally Awesome 80s Music Video Project

The 1980's ushered in a new art form for popular music - the music video. Early examples of this art form, with a few notable exceptions, were crudely filmed, poorly produced, and just plain weird. (If you don't believe that, search *Ridiculous 80's Music Videos* on YouTube!) As strange and bizarre as these videos were, they were also pretty fun to watch. This year, the **Port Summer Show gave our teens the chance to create their very own 80's music videos! Each group chose a 1980's pop song and then performed, shot, edited, and produced their very own music video. Jason guided them through the process, offering any mentorship requested along the way. On our planned show weekend in August, the completed music videos were compiled and premiered online. The participants' creativity came to life in this totally new way!**

SENIOR SHOWCASE

In an effort to honor our graduating senior performers, the Port Summer Show produced a Senior Showcase this summer.

Each senior was given the opportunity to prepare a solo song for a cabaret to be performed virtually on our originally planned show weekend. Each senior was given private coaching time with George Croom and/or Jason Summers throughout the process. In addition, they were encouraged to take the Song Interpretation workshop being offered by George to further the work on their material.

If a solo song wasn't their style, they could choose to perform a duet with another student, a monologue, or a scene with a partner of your choosing. The cabaret was meant to give seniors the chance to showcase their talents in whatever form they choose. The final showcase was filmed on the beautiful stage of the Jeanne Rimsky theater.

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During a crisis, you really learn something about your true supporters. You learn what it means to invest in a community. You learn that there are people who support you through thick and thin. Most of all, you learn how certain organizations (and their leaders) continue to show their love and support for a community and its people.

As we faced the 2020 challenges of a worldwide pandemic and contemplated how we would continue to provide a summer teen theater program worthy of our 48 year history, our major donors stood by us.

There are not enough "thanks" in the world to fully express our appreciation for these three community organizations.

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