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LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!

This April, the Youth Impact Centre is about to launch its biggest and most exciting program to date. The “YIC Multimedia Experience!” “I believe we have named this program correctly as it will be a total multimedia experience for all who are interested in making movies, animation, graphic arts, designing web pages, learning special effects, shooting and editing music videos, and even producing CDs” says program coordinator Ray Lyell. “We will be teaching kids to learn how to shoot and edit videos using Premiere, After Effects, and Photoshop, not to mention Dreamweaver (a web designing program) all under the Adobe format.”

This program is not only for those on the technical side, but also for those on the artistic side as well.

We are going to need kids who are interested in acting, script writing, entertaining, and drawing.

“This is huge”, explains Lyell, “the Youth Centre will have its own production house capable of doing professional productions, and it could actually create a few jobs down the road for some of these kids. I do know quite a few musicians who want a professionally produced music video or an artistically designed web page.”



are interested in being part of a production team whether you want to be on the “techy” side, learning cutting edge technology, or the talent side, come on down to the Youth Impact Centre and sign up.

The exact start date has not yet been set. The Youth Centre is looking towards the first part of April to get started, and will add more to the program as the interest in the community grows.

The Youth Centre is looking to start two production teams. One team for ages 8-13 and another team for ages 14-21. So if you



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wuz up???

WHY SING?

Why Sing?

People, all of us look for ways to express ourselves, one of the most common and beautiful is through song.

Singing has been a hidden passion for me since I was old enough to bounce up on stage and sing *down by the bay* with the rest of my kindergarten class. For a long time I have suppressed all my hopes and dreams of ever going far with it. I felt that I did not possess the talent; that is till I met my vocal instructor. On the first day, he taught me, that if I am passionate about something the only person that is stopping me from doing it, is myself.

On that day I was also asked a simple, yet so complicated question.

“Why do you want to sing?”

Why do I want to sing, well that’s easy I ...I...I DON’T KNOW!!!

I had come all that way to commit myself to learning how to better my singing, to unlock my God given talent and I didn’t even know the simplest of all questions, why I wanted to sing. How utterly embarrassing!

Determined to find an answer to the question that would satisfy my heart I did a search for why people sing and I found some very interesting results.

John Bell a Scottish composer and hymn writer, when asked the same question, answered, “We sing because we can.”

It is no lie that people, all over the world, of every culture every, tongue, every race sing. From grandma to child, from mother to son we sing, but why.....?

Physiologists state that singing helps us to learn, to retain information, singing helps us define who we are and understand experiences that happened to us. Another concluded that perhaps singing was something that was just built

into our biological roots, something we could not explain or control. Even these answers were dissatisfying to the definition I was looking for. It was really frustrating!

Well, I asked myself, why do you sing? Well, I sing because its fun! It makes me happy, makes my grandma happy, and I love music!

Heak !Everyone loves music-to my knowledge- it’s what gives that extra beat to our day, it’s what makes us happy when we are feeling down. As my teacher said to me, when you’re mad try singing your favorite song as loud as you can? Are you mad anymore? No.

The question that was troubling me all along wasn’t why do I want to sing? It was why do I want to make singing a big part of my life, why do I want to do it for a living?

The first and most obvious answer that none of us can deny, is the attention. We can not lie that part of the reason, actually most of the reason why stars are looked up to, idolized is most of the time not because they are good at what they’re doing, it’s that what they’re doing is getting lots of attention, lights and red carpet fame. That’s the reason so many people look to shows like *American Idol*, *So You Think You Can Dance*, and other hit shows that bring that unknown someone to unbelievable star. People have talent and they want recognition for it. That little, yet so very annoying voice inside of me said, well that’s not a very good reason. And it was right, as usual, if the only reason that I want to sing is glam and glitz then that’s not a very good reason at all.

In my searching I came across another article that certain kinds of music are actually increasing the suicide rates of people that are already at risk.

Katie Black

That’s awful! How can music, such a wonderful thing be encouraging people to take their lives! It really hurt me to read that article. When did music become bad for you?! I certainly must have missed that part. Honestly, who wants that! To listen to music that makes you feel awful about yourself, I didn’t even know it existed, they lie they lie!! But it’s true, not all music will make you feel **good**, but it will make you feel.

People all look for ways to express themselves... singing is merely one of them.

Knowing this I am able to answer the question why do I want to sing? Why do I want to make it a bigger part of my life? To create, that’s the reason.

To create a kind of music that makes people happy, I want to make people joyful and express those feelings to others. I want to make this a big part of my life not only for myself but so that when people listen to my music they will feel happy and I know that I’m making a difference in people’s day to day lives. That maybe one day the songs I sing will be the one people listen to when they didn’t do well on a test or when they didn’t get the job they wanted and it will make them feel better. Maybe it will be the music that they listen to when they did get a job promotion, when they did say ‘I do’ to the person they love, when they did help that woman carry her groceries and felt good about themselves! I want to create cheerful music that leaves one with a blissful feeling inside. Knowing that, I am now at ease in my decision to pursue singing, in my step towards my dreams.

So I ask you the same question that was asked to me?

Why do you sing?

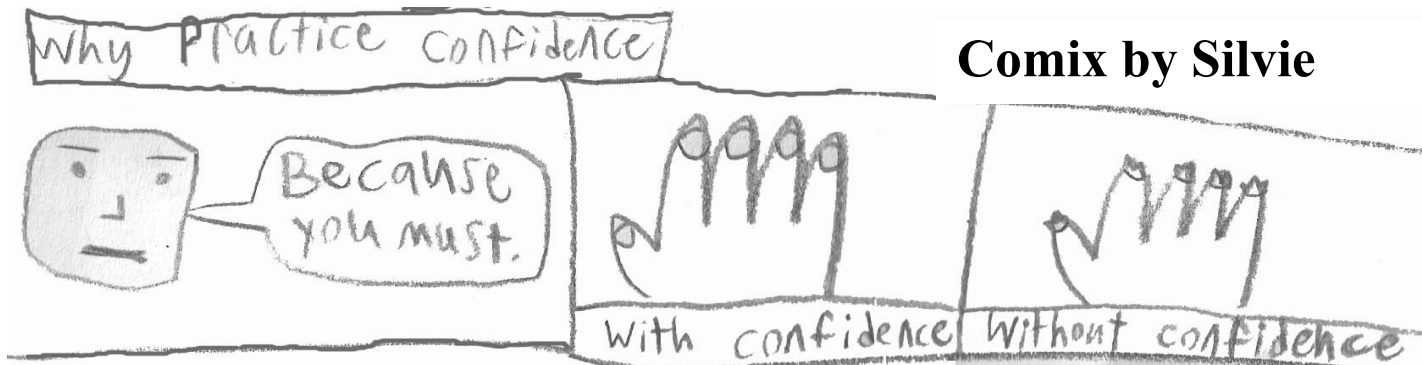
Think about it.

BETTERING YOURSELF!!! “My

Hi, my name is Julie Telfer and I'm twelve years old. When I was little I had a rough time in school. I hated going to school! Now that I'm older school is even harder. I've

been coming to the Youth impact Center every Tuesday and Thursday. My tutors, Sarah and Mrs. Brough have helped me so much they've helped me learn tech-

niques to study for tests and helped me in different ways, like organizing my binders, understanding math and so much more! So now I do an awesome job in school!!!



Comix by Silvie

THE WORLD ACCORDING TO GAVIN...

SUSHI

Sushi is a type of food made of raw fish and vegetables.

Sushi is a Japanese food and around here most people won't even touch it but, over there they love it just like me. It looked gross at first but, I tried it and loved it.

There are many types of sushi. It comes in many different shapes and sizes. There is vegetarian, meat, California rolls, seaweed and just plain old fish and sometimes even fish eggs. There is this stuff called wasabi on the side of every sushi meal and it's just this little blob of green stuff. Whatever you do, don't eat it because it's really, really spicy and it tastes horrible. Don't let it get on any of the sushi because it will ruin the taste big time. I don't even

know why they make it; it's hard to believe some people actually like the stuff, because I don't.

Wasabi has a weird sensation in your mouth and it's gross. So watch out and never eat the little blob of green stuff under any circumstances at all! After reading this, you better try eating sushi but don't eat the little blob of green stuff at all. The sushi bars are really nice and so are the people who serve at them. They always have really nice artwork hanging up on the walls and sometimes even daggers or samurai swords. They sometimes have a weird ice cream selection; they even have wasabi flavoured ice cream which I haven't personally tasted, but knowing wasabi I wouldn't recommend it. After

it's just common sense that you don't eat it. Like I said, not that I have ever eaten it before because it's probably gross like I mean c'mon dude. Well, anyway for drinks I highly recommend my personal favorite green tea trust me you'll see. Sometimes they serve sake. That's alcohol. I don't know what that tastes like due to the fact that I'm a kid but, anyway that's my explanation on sushi. I hope you enjoyed it.

By Gavin O'Neill



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