

I first joined The Drama Studios as a member of the Singing and Dancing class when I was around 7 years old, where we would all meet in the church on Dreghorn Loan at 4.30 every Wednesday. It was easily my favourite day of the week, I adored it and I joined the drama class shortly after. The first drama show I was in was a western version of Cinderella, complete with a 'saloon bar' made up of stacked chairs. Five years on, I joined the drama club at Viewforth, in which embarrassingly me and my friends would discuss which outfits we would wear there every Friday. I remember that performing at the Adam House theatre made us feel so professional, along with being 'employed by Disney' to promote High School Musical 2 on DVD on Princes Street. One of my favourite shows were our first Singing and Dancing performances from the Viewforth classes, such as 'Send-Up from Stage and Screen' where we used yoga balls and skipping ropes on stage to dance to 'Fame', and 'Divas, Dames and Dudes' where Scott and Alex dolled up in curly wigs and sang a rendition of 'Mambo Number 5'. I sadly left the Drama Studios when I began my higher exams in S5, and have now graduated from high school. However, I have kept my creative roots in attending Edinburgh College of Art, where I am about to begin my 2nd year studying Painting. I really appreciate and value all of what The Drama Studios taught me. It played a large part in my childhood and I am still in touch with many of my Drama friends.xx

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