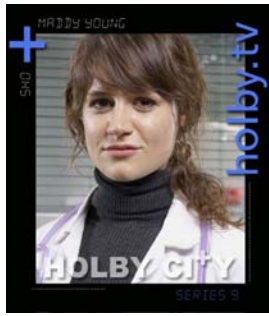


HOLBY CITY'S NADINE LEWINGTON OPENS STAGE 22'S 2008 VARIETY EVENT



The 2008 Stage 22 Essex variety show this year had a guest star to open it. Holby City's popular Doctor Maddy Young (played by the highly talented Nadine Lewington) was born and raised near Bentwood, Essex and was delighted to accept Stage 22's offer of opening their event!

The day began at 2pm with Nadine's opening and was followed by various events throughout the day, supported by stalls, a bar-b-queue and an inflatable fun run and bouncy castle! Then at 7pm began the variety productions that Stage 22 schools in Corringham and Canvey Island had been working on.

The event was produced and directed by Chris Thompson who gave the children various options of what songs, dances and other performance routines could be used and the children responded well by rehearsing in their own time as well as at lessons for their chosen pieces.

Nadine not only opened the event and stayed to chat with children; staff, parents and the public but she gave the Stage 22 children a Q&A session in the hall. The children found this highly useful as they sat and asked Nadine all about her pre-Holby days as well as her typical day on one of the UK's most popular medical dramas.

Chris said "We are all very grateful to Nadine for coming along and opening the event as well as supporting the children as she did

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