



Guernsey Music Centre

May
2017

Summer Term 2017

Fridays 26th May & 2nd June

no Jazz or Electric Quartet rehearsals

Saturdays 27th May & 3rd June

no Music Centre around half term

****Friday 9th June****

Clarinet Choir perform at Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development Dinner. Details to follow.

****Friday 16th June****

Summer Concert - Youth Wind Band, Youth Training Orchestra. Intermediate & Girls' Choir.

7:30pm at St James

Saturday 17th June at 10:00am

ABRSM theory examinations

****Saturday 17th June ****

Her Majesty's Official Birthday Reception at Government House – Youth Wind Band and Training Jazz to perform. Details to be confirmed

****Saturday 17th June ****

Leavers' Concert - Youth Orchestra, Concert Wind Band & Youth Choir.

7:30pm at St James

Southbank Sinfonia and Kodaly Choral Weekend

On Saturday 20th May Music Centre was pleased to welcome three players from the Southbank Sinfonia to work with selected pupils. The Youth Choir was also pleased to participate in the Kodaly Choral Weekend organised by Elizabeth College.

Summer Term 2017

Week beginning 19th June

Trinity practical examinations

****Saturday 24th June****

Open Morning - last Music Centre of term

Saturday 24th June

Guernsey Symphony Orchestra concert with open rehearsal for accompanied Music Centre students from 3pm to 6pm at St James.

Week beginning 26th June

ABRSM practical examinations

Friday 30th June & Saturday 1st July

Visit by Cardiff Violins. Details to be confirmed.

Saturday 1st July

Chamber Music, Conducting workshops and Brass Bootcamp

Details to follow.

****Sunday 9th July****

Jazz on the Lawn, Les Cotils featuring Training Jazz (12:30 – 1:15pm) and Youth Jazz (1:15 – 2:00pm). Details to follow.

Wednesday 12th July

Last day of instrumental lessons in State schools.

Auditions

Many thanks go to all the young musicians who auditioned for the Music Centre senior ensembles. Arrangements are being made for those who were away, so we hope that results will be released soon after the half term break.

Autumn Term 2017

****Sunday 10th September****

Youth Choir perform at Town Church at 3pm at the Service to Celebrate 20 Years of Reconciliation with Biberach. Details to follow.

****Thursday 21st September****

Guernsey Girls' Choir perform at Town Church at 7pm at Festiva's Peace for the World – One Choir event. Details to follow.

Head of Service	Mervyn Grand
Heads of Department	
Woodwind	Elizabeth Green
Brass & Percussion	Tim Wright
Strings	Carmen Craven-Grew
Vocal Studies	Rachel Wright
Teaching Staff	
Woodwind	Daniel Madden
Woodwind	Polly Fenn
Brass	James Hatton
Upper Strings	Azita Mehdinejad
Lower Strings	Chris Holland
Part Time Teaching Staff	
Woodwind	Vacancy
Upper Strings	Paula Cross
Upper Strings	Vacancy
Strings	Mary Cordall
Theory	Claire Claxton
Aural	Danny Furness
Office Staff	
Executive Officer	Sue Tostevin-Hall
Admin Assistant	Vicky Cole
Music Centre Staff	
Accessories Shop	Wendy-Anne Dimelow
Shop	Grace Sarre

For Saturday Music Centre, please telephone 01481 252953

The Bailiwick of Guernsey Curriculum

Parents of Music Centre students who attend States schools may well be aware of the development of a new Bailiwick of Guernsey Curriculum. The Music Service has thoroughly reviewed its teaching schemes in the light of this development.

The subject of music, providing it is properly taught, provides excellent opportunities for pupils to develop as confident individuals, successful learners, responsible citizens and effective communicators: for example, pupils learn the importance of teamwork through their group music-making and develop communication skills through a carefully planned series of performances. There are some areas that we would like to develop further. Pupils will have more opportunities to enjoy expressing themselves through creative improvisation and composing activities. There will be more opportunities for self-directed chamber music as this is a very effective medium for pupils to take more responsibility for their own learning. Several older, more experienced pupils now help with younger ensembles and this is a good way in which they can develop as responsible citizens. Some opt to do this as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Award. We encourage others to come forward as their contribution would be very much welcomed.

Our young musicians should also recognise the responsibility that they have towards others through their availability for rehearsals and important performances. The conditions of registration include that the Service should be notified in writing, by email or telephone if a student is unable to attend Music Centre rehearsals and to take note of concert and Open Morning dates. Parents are required to excuse pupils from rehearsals and in writing at least six weeks in advance of performances. Please find overleaf details of forthcoming performances and dates, most of which have already been included in previous newsletters.

Staff changes

Staff and pupils will be sorry to say goodbye to James Hatton who is leaving his position as Brass Teacher with the Music Service at the end of this term to take up a new position at the Jerudong International School in Brunei where he will meet up again with Mr Ellul who moved from Guernsey to the same school. We all offer Mr Hatton our best wishes and thanks for everything that he has done, including establishing the Brass Band and directing various Music Centre groups, including the Guernsey Youth Jazz Orchestra and Youth Wind Band at Music Centre.

Our new brass teacher has a very similar surname. Neill Hadden will be joining us from London in September.

We also said goodbye to Lorraine Bonnel, our Administrative Assistant, a few weeks ago who worked very successfully alongside Sue Tostevin-Hall in the Music Centre office for three years. We are pleased to welcome Vicky Cole to this position.

Cock & Bull Performance



Staff were recently involved in a fund-raising evening at this popular St Peter Port pub which each month raises funds for the Friends of Guernsey Music Centre. Each month the pub hosts groups of different groups of local musicians and has a collection which has helped to fund various musical instruments. Many thanks go to all of these and the landlords, Steve and Michelle Taylor.



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