



Guernsey Music Centre

September
2017

Autumn Term 2017

Fridays 20th & 27th October

no Jazz or Electric Quartet rehearsals

Saturdays 21st & 28th October

no Music Centre around half term

Tuesday 7th November at 5:00pm

ABRSM theory examinations

Thursday 9th November

FGMC AGM 7:30pm at the Music Service offices. Please come and show your support.

Saturday 11th November

Eisteddfod entries to be handed in at Grammar School between 10am and 1:30pm.

Saturday 18th November

Music Centre groups that normally rehearse in the hall at Grammar transfer to the hall at Les Ozouets, the former St Peter Port School. **Other groups rehearse as normal.**

Saturday 18th November

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

Week beginning 20th November

Trinity practical examinations

Week beginning 27th November

ABRSM practical examinations

Thursday 7th December

Last day of instrumental lessons in State schools

****Saturday 9th December****

Christmas Open Morning - last Music Centre of term

Spring Term 2018

Thursday 4th January

Instrumental lessons in school & weekday choirs recommence.

Friday 5th January

Jazz and Electric Quartet rehearsals recommence.

Spring Term 2018

Saturday 6th January

Music Centre recommences

Saturdays 6th & 13th January

All Music Centre groups that normally rehearse in PRCPA hall transfer to the hall at Les Ozouets, the former St Peter Port School. **Other groups rehearse as normal.**

Tickets will be available later from St. James and online at guernseytickets.gg for the following concerts:

**** Saturday 13th January ****

Friends of Guernsey Music Centre Jazz Evening at St James - featuring Training and Youth Jazz Orchestras and Electric String Quartet 7:30pm. Ticket price will include a light supper.

****Friday 26th January****

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

7:30pm at St James

****Saturday 27th January****

Winter Concert - Youth Orchestra, Concert Wind Band & Youth Choir.

7:30pm at St James

Saturday 10th February

Youth Camerata concert

Sunday 11th February

Camerata Family concert

Fridays 16th & 23rd February

no Jazz or Electric Quartet rehearsals

Saturdays 17th & 24th February

no Music Centre around half term

Wednesday 28th March

Last day of instrumental lessons in State schools.

Summer Term 2018

****Friday 22nd June ****

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

7:30pm at St James

Summer Term 2018

****Saturday 23rd June ****

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

7:30pm at St James

****Saturday 30th June****

Open Morning - last Music Centre of term

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	Neill Hadden
Upper Strings	Azita Mehdinejad
Lower Strings	Chris Holland
Part Time Teaching Staff	
Brass & Woodwind	Neil Burton (Alderney)
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

Theory Classes

Music Centre is very fortunate to have the services of Claire Claxton teaching theory on Saturday mornings assisted by other Music Service staff. Whilst the early stages of notation etc. can be taught in instrumental and singing lessons, it is recommended that pupils go along for theory lessons at the stage at which they begin preparation towards their Grade 3 practical exams. Pupils who attend these classes have a better understanding of keys, rhythm, Italian terms etc. which helps a great deal in learning new pieces and encouraging better progress generally. For further information please contact the Music Service office.

For Saturday Music Centre, please telephone 01481 252953

Welcome back to the new term at Music Centre!

We hope that everyone had a great summer and is enjoying the start of the new term. There are lots of exciting things to look forward to this year, so please take note of all the dates given in this newsletter.

Next year Music Centre celebrates its 40th year and we have even more exciting things planned. If you have not already done so and you are on Facebook, please “like” the Friends of Guernsey Music Centre page for regular updates on developments online.

Band of the Royal Marines, Plymouth



On Saturday 23rd September Music Centre was pleased to welcome this prestigious military band. Working with members of Concert Wind Band and Youth Wind Bands, there was an opportunity to hear the band perform and for Youth Wind Band to rehearse alongside them. Two former Music Centre pupils have recently joined the Royal Marines, so it was particularly interesting for our students to learn about life as a musician in the Armed Forces as others are interested in the career path.

Service of Reconciliation

The day after Music Centre started this term, on Sunday 10th September, the Youth Choir was pleased to perform at “Celebrating Spiritual Friendship”, a service to mark the 75th anniversary of the wartime deportations and to celebrate 20 years of reconciliation and friendship with the people of Biberach. Under the direction of Rachel Wright, the choir sang “A Flower Remembered” by John Rutter. Taking part was a huge privilege, but was not without its challenges so early in the term. Fortunately the choir was augmented for the occasion by some Music Centre students from last year.

Writing to express his thanks, Jurat Peter Lane commented, “The Germans in particular expressed great delight that the young people were taking part in the service, as they, and we, hope that the links between our two communities will somehow flow and reach into the next generation, so that it continues. Would you kindly let the choir members know how deeply their moving rendition of the song and their whole participation in the Service was valued and appreciated.”

Diploma Successes

Huge congratulations go to three Music Centre students past and present, Orla, Lois and Maisie, all flute pupils of Dan Madden for passing their ATCL diplomas. It is a tremendous achievement to be able to put ATCL after your name before you leave school!



Pictured left to right: Lois, Maisie, Mr Madden and Orla

Many congratulations to former Music Centre pupil and LIPA graduate Toby Falla who has been selected to play the role of Peter Pan in *The Lost Boy* this Christmas at The Pleasance Theatre, Islington.