



NOTICES

Supporting Friends of Kampala Music School

It has been a while since I last published a paper copy of my newsletter. All news updates are now published on either the blog or the facebook page (fb.whay.me) or more often than not, both! If I mention something in a student's planner then it is worth putting it in the search box on the blog as many issues that arise have an associated reference on the blog.

Spring Concert



The next piano concert is planned for **Saturday 13th March 2010** starting at 2pm, and will last for no more than an hour. It will take place at the usual venue, All Saint's Church, Hoole and will be in aid of the recently launched Friends of Kampala Music School.

As you may be aware, two of the concerts last year raised money for a piano bursary for the Kampala Music School. £300 was raised altogether which provided a year of hour long lessons for a student at the

school in Africa who otherwise wouldn't be able to afford them.

Since then the 'Friends of Kampala Music School' is about to launch as a registered charity in the UK dedicated to the development and securing the future of the school.

Through funds raised at this concert and the next I intend to further sponsor a piano student in Africa. I ask for a donation of £3 per audience member and am inviting all my students to attend the concert whether they are playing or not, though all are encouraged to perform when they are ready.

Wirral Festival

Entries are due by the end of January for this year's Wirral Music Festival, a competitive music competition which takes place annually at Birkenhead School towards the end of March. Last year a number of my student entered both the set piece and own choice piano classes for their relevant age groups and got some valuable feedback about their playing from the adjudicators. More information about the classes and the music involved can be found on my website, just type "wirral festival" into the search box.

Piano Points

The piano points reward system has been running for over a year now and the current holder of the cup, Alice from Tattenhall Park will be relinquishing it in time for

the next concert where it will be presented once again to the first and previous holder, Mollie from St. Oswald's!

Piano Points Certificates for last term are long overdue but do not fear as I will get them out to students by half term. A colour laser I invested in a few months ago has proved not to be quite as reliable as it could be!

Christmas TV appearance

Some of you may have seen me performing with Chester Cathedral Choir on the live BBC1 Eucharist broadcast. If you missed it then excerpts from the broadcast have been posted on youtube!

Fauré Requiem

Neston Ecumenical Singers will be performing Mozart's Missa Brevis in B flat and Fauré Requiem on Saturday 20th March at 7:30 in Neston Parish Church, the week following the piano concert.

Soloists include Becky Hay - Soprano, Helena Thomas - Alto, Bryan Dadson—Tenor, and James Goddard—Bass.

Handel Messiah

Whilst on the subject of well-known choral works, the Nave Choir will be performing the Messiah in Chester Cathedral on 22nd May at 19:30.

EXAM DATES 2010:

- *Period A: 1st Mar-1st Apr*
- *Period B: 14th Jun-17th Jul*
- *Period C: 8th Nov - 11th Dec*

Well done to all the pupils who passed their exams last term and good luck to those taking them this term.

A special mention goes to Mattea who got a distinction in her Grade 4 Piano exam!



Enrich your special day with live

piano music!

I can set the tone of your event with a blend of classical and smooth jazz tunes. No piano available at the venue, no problem!

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