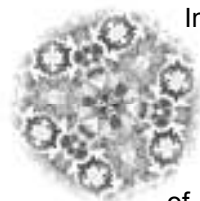


Summer Term 2011

Recent Activities – Spring Term

This has been a very busy term for all students, parents and staff from Newbury Music Centre and I would like to thank everyone for their continued support and commitment.



In February we held the first of our Kaleidoscope Concerts – ‘New Shoots’. It was lovely to see all the younger students have such a fantastic time up on stage and to watch them get so much enjoyment out of their performance. Special thanks to Donnington Band who played in both concerts and were such a good role model for the younger students. The Kaleidoscope ‘Showcase’ Concerts took place over two nights at the beginning of April at St Bartholomew’s School and the audience was treated to some excellent performances, not least the stunning performance of Coombe Gibbet, specially composed for the Newbury Music Centre by Chris de Souza. We were pleased to be able to welcome Chris to the concert and have him conduct the piece – well done to all involved. We look forward to our final Kaleidoscope Chamber Concert on 10 May 2011 at the Arlington Arts Centre. The Thatcham Rotary Club has kindly sponsored this event.

In March we had a series of taster sessions for budding young brass, percussion, string and woodwind players. This was a fantastic opportunity for the students to play in a large group and perform for their parents at the end of the session. Many of these students have now joined our beginner Saturday morning ensembles.

On 26 March we held our ‘Open Day and Have a Go’ session. Parents and children from across West Berkshire were invited to watch our Saturday morning ensembles rehearse and also to have a go on a variety of instruments.

On 27 March, Concert Band, Clarinet Choir, Northcroft Brass and Donnington Wind Band all took part in the regional heats for Music for Youth. Watch this space for details of how they got on.

Mini Maestros Carousel

The Mini Maestros Carousel is proving popular with the year 1 and 2 students that have already joined. These students get a chance to sing in our Junior Choir, attend a Mini Maestros session and have a group lesson in either Violin or Recorder – all at a packaged rate. For further information or to book a place please email: traceyoldman@berkshiremaestros.org.uk



Newbury Music Centre Tour

Concert Band, Newbury String Orchestra and Cantati Bei will be going on tour to Germany in July 2011.



Last December, members for the three groups had a very successful morning bag packing and playing Christmas carols at Sainsbury’s Newbury. I am delighted to say that we raised over £780 – thank you to all the staff, students and parents who helped. We have now arranged to do a similar event at Tesco Newbury (Pinchington Lane) on Saturday 14th May 2011. If you would like to be involved with fundraising or have any ideas for events please contact me by email: traceyoldman@berkshiremaestros.org.uk or on 0118 943 9610.

Greenham Common Trust has generously given us £4000 to help support students from low income families who want to send students on tour.

Please contact traceyoldman@berkshiremaestros.org.uk if you would like more information.

Forthcoming Events

7 – 8 May

Stoneham Court, Tilehurst RG30 4EZ
Junior Brass Course – Brass on the Box
Junior Woodwind Course –Strictly Woodwind

10 May 2011

Arlington Arts

Kaleidoscope Chamber Concert

14 May 2011

Corn Exchange, Newbury

Violin masterclass with Jennifer Pike

14 May 2011

Tesco, Pinchington Lane, Newbury

Tour fundraiser – Bag Packing

3 – 5 June

Streatley YHA

Sing for Pleasure residential singing weekend for children age 8-12

Contact rebeccaberkley@berkshiremaestros.org.uk for further information

10-11 June 2010

Trinity School

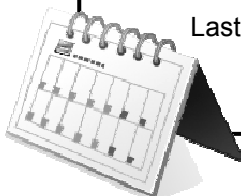
Junior String Course - Pirates

2 July 2010

Trinity School

Last Saturday of term and Garden Party

1-3 August and 29-31 August
Rock Band Course



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Beginner Ensembles

We are still able to offer the discounted rate of only £20 for the first term in all our beginner ensembles. This represents excellent value at only £2 per session.

Please contact Tracey Oldman for further details on traceyoldman@berkshiremaestros.org.uk or visit our website www.berkshiremaestros.org.uk

Volunteer work

We are very pleased to welcome Elizabeth Brown to Newbury Music Centre. Elizabeth has very kindly volunteered her help to Newbury Music Centre. She is currently approaching local companies to help with our fundraising.

If you would like to be a volunteer for Berkshire Maestros please contact us.

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Calendar 2011 and Music Centre Information

The Maestros 2011 calendar and term dates are available at

www.berkshiremaestros.org.uk/calendar

Local information, including ensemble details can be viewed on our website. Click on the Music Centre tab on the homepage and then select Newbury Music Centre

Ensemble opportunities for all at the Newbury Music Centre

Beginner	Mini Maestros carousel: Mini Maestros classes, Mini Recorder, Mini Violin and Sing It! (Junior Choir), Jigsaw Orchestra (Falkland School), Excel Partnership Orchestra (Winchcombe School), Reach Rock School (Burghfield School), Ridgeway Brass, Percussion All Stars (from April 2011), Shaw Strings, Appleby Woodwind, Appleby Recorders (from April 2011)
Junior	Banditos Guitars, Donnington Band, Northcroft Brass, Junior Percussion Ensemble, Chandos Strings, Sing It, Benham Woodwind, Flute Choir
Intermediate	Bandeleros Guitars, Rock School (St Barts), Clifton Band, Mr Snow's Musick, Craven Strings, Highly Strung, Sing Thing, Flute Choir, Double Reed Ensemble, Saxophone Ensemble
Senior	Concert Band, La Tromba, Senior Percussion Ensemble, Newbury String Orchestra, Cantati Bei, Voix Mixtes (adults), Clarinet Choir, Double Reed Ensemble, Saxophone Ensemble

Change to Berkshire Maestros' Annual Reporting Procedures

From summer 2011, Berkshire Maestros will be changing the way in which we report pupil progress to parents. There will be no formal written annual report this year. Instead, during the second half of the summer term, all teaching staff will write a short comment in the back of the pupil's practice diary - either in the teacher comment box or on the 'notes' page. This comment will refer to the pupil's progress and attainment and highlight expected targets for improvement in the usual manner. From September 2011, it is intended that teacher assessment comments will be completed termly in the student practice diary to help children become aware of their own strengths and weaknesses and to be involved in identifying, with their teacher, what they need to do to improve.

Parents are asked to contact Maestros by email at reports@berkshiremaestros.org.uk if they have not received teacher comments in their child's practice diary by the end of June or with any queries.

Did you know?



Many areas of our website are equipped with an auto-notify system to save you having to check for changes. Register with the website to use this system to ensure you receive an email when a section is updated. Check out the FAQ on this topic which can be found here: www.berkshiremaestros.org.uk/notifications

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