

THE PIPER

OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY MUSIC SERVICE



.....All that Jazz!



The Jazz Collective: Tim Smith, Jake Morter, Dave Hepworth, Olly Farley, Simon Warder, Andy Miller

Congratulations to The County Music Service senior Jazz Combo known as the 'Oxfordshire Jazz Collective' who took first prize at the youth jazz band competition Jazz Factor on 27 March at SAE Institute, Oxford. The prize is not only to perform in the Oxford Jazz festival but also to make a professional recording. The performance will be held at the Jacqueline du Pre Music Room in this year's four day festival which takes place over the Easter weekend; their performance will be one of 50 staged in a variety of venues around Oxford. The six-piece ensemble delighted the judges with 'their funky mix of jazz classics'.

Following their success they took part in an interview for BBC Radio 3 at the Big Bang, Walton Street, Oxford with a number of jazz celebrities including Soweto Kinch and the co-founders of the Oxford Jazz Festival.

There is still time to purchase tickets for the Oxfordshire Youth Music Theatre production of The Pirates of Penzance, (Broadway version) at The Oxford Playhouse.

Come along and watch some of the most talented young performers in Oxfordshire at this prestigious city venue in their annual show.



Headteachers entertained at their conference

Five schools were represented in Stratford Upon Avon in March when they delighted their audience of Oxfordshire Primary School headteachers with their stunning playing and singing. Chuck Lloyd, their Music Service teacher led the children in a demonstration of the successful work of the Vocal and Instrumental Programme that takes place in many primary schools up and down the country. The children played a short programme of tunes and songs together from their weekly lessons on a variety of wind and brass instruments. They were also asked to close the conference by performing 'You raise me up' and encouraging headteachers to join in the singing and signing. Schools who took part in this were Edward Feild, St Thomas More, Kidlington, Dr South's, Islip, Kirtlington and Wootton by Woodstock. The previous evening The Jazz Collective had given an extremely lively evening's entertainment in company with a solo singer from St Gregory the Great Catholic School.

Oxfordshire Youth Music Theatre

Wed 4 to Sat 7 May 2011
Wed/Thu/Sat 7:30pm
Fri 8pm Sat 2:30pm

Oxford Playhouse

Tickets from £11

The Pirates of Penzance
(Broadway Version)

A new version of Gilbert & Sullivan's
THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE
Book by Sir William Schwenck Gilbert
Music by Sir Arthur Sullivan
Musical adaptation by William Ellett
As presented on Broadway by
The New York Shakespeare Festival, Joseph Papp (Producer)
Directed by Willard Leach
Choreography by Graciela Dussler

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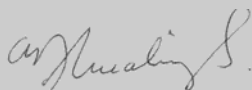
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Message from the Head of Service Tony Mealings

I am pleased to report that in February the Government confirmed a further twelve months 'interim funding' for Music Services. This will enable us to continue with both our programmes in primary schools and the extensive range of ensemble opportunities without major price changes this financial year.

We are currently working hard with our partners to ensure that Oxfordshire is in a strong position to continue to provide a high quality Music Service from April 2012, in relation to the as yet unpublished 'National Music Plan', with whatever national funding that will be made available to support this.

At the time of writing the Easter orchestral courses are just coming to a close, and all the signs are that standards and levels of enjoyment are even higher than ever; we are looking forward to an excellent programme of tours, residentials and concerts this summer.



As ever the standard was very high amongst the seven bands competing in the 8th Annual Music Service **Rock & Pop Festival Gig** on Friday 8th April. Winning band 'Twist' displayed superb musicianship and real originality to win the prize of a free professional recording session. *Look out for our new Battle Of The Bands competition next year!*

Congratulations to the **Oxfordshire Youth Flute Ensemble** who won their section and the Gwen Archer Ensemble Cup at the recent **Oxford Music Festival**. The **Rosetti Quartet** also won a cup for their fine performance.

South Oxford city schools and teachers were thrilled to have a special workshop led by **Douglas Coombes** (BBC) in preparation for their big annual concert at the Oxford Town Hall in April where they performed his music 'One together'.

Sixteen schools took part in this year's very successful **Banbury Festival** which was held over 2 nights and over 300 children performed. Both evenings were compered by **Katy Ashworth** who appears regularly on the CBeebies channel.



Join us for two special summer events... '**Bicester Schools Proms**', Garth Park, Bicester on **Saturday 18 June**, come

along and enjoy musicians from Bicester perform during the afternoon.

'**Summer festival of music**' on **Saturday 25 June** at the **Centre For Music**.

Music to suit all tastes and by all ages being performed on 3 separate stages throughout the afternoon.

Cream teas available!



The University Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Oxford was the venue for the **Future Talent showcase concert**. This event, in the presence of Katherine, Duchess of Kent was a fundraising concert for the charity and celebrated the outstanding abilities of some of Oxfordshire's finest musicians currently benefiting in some way by the charity. The Music Service group Oxybaroxy supported several of the solo items including Weronika Stepkowska (*pictured left*) who performed a movement from Albinoni's Oboe Concerto in D minor. Jack Ventress was supported by the Rosetti Quartet when he played a movement from Mozart's Quintet for clarinet and strings.

DISTINGUISHED COMPANY

Congratulations to the following pupils, who have achieved a **DISTINCTION in the February 2011 Trinity and Oxfordshire County Music Service examinations.**

Violin *Initial Grade:* Megan Brien, Sophie Burkey, Rebecca Cannon, Syke Cooper, Alasdair Czaplewski, Joelle Fenner, Alice Green, James O'Brien, Daisy Robertson, Charlotte Simmons, Will Thomas, Elspeth Wilks, Summer Wyatt-Buchan. *Grade 1:* Eddie Conroy, Benjamin Gee, Ava Janes, Olivia Jones, Sam Kirwin-Jones, Jessica Li, Edward Neve, Lauren Reed. *Grade 2:* Marti Ma, Emma Wallis. *Grade 3:* Mark Cabia-An, Erin Gilchrist, Rose Kent, Weiyi Tan. *Grade 7:* Pilsun Eu. *Grade 8:* Charlie Baigent, Timothy Pointer.

Viola *Grade 1:* Georgia Mifsud. *Grade 3:* Aeneas Chapman. *Grade 7:* Robert Pearce Higgins.

Cello *Initial Grade:* Emilie Messenger, Samuel Poyton, Matilda Whitehead. *Grade 1:* Alyssa Belcher, Eleanor Daft, Sam Robinson, Grace Ryan, Rebecca Wraith. *Grade 2:* Thomas Lunt, Joseph Steane. *Grade 4:* Thomas Conroy, Freddie Duffen, Felix Jones, Guy Walker.

Double Bass *Grade 8:* Ghislaine McMullin

Flute *Grade 1:* Elizabeth Bonsell, Mollie Boyce, Sian Faulkner, Vicky Grimshaw, Csenge Maro, Rachel Nichols, Sophie Purbrick, Rebecca Riley, Maddie Whitwell. *Grade 2:* Jennifer Digman, Marysia Popa. *Grade 3:* Isobel Cheshire. *Grade 5:* Amanda Gatward, Alice Meigh

Clarinet *Grade 1:* Edward Bowles, Emily Garbutt, Gemma Puleston, William Sheel. *Grade 2:* Laura Capstick, Cameron Fishburn, Lesley Gover. *Grade 4:* Noah Procelli.

Bassoon *Grade 1:* Sam Mabbett.

Tenoroon *Grade 1:* Clara Graham, Rose Wanstall.

Saxophone *Grade 1:* Zoe Brown, Grace Henstone, Benja Townsend. *Grade 7:* Edward Baldwin. *Grade 8:*

Jazz Saxophone *Grade 8:* Simon Warder

Alto Sax *Grade 2:* Jack Clarke

Trumpet *Grade 1:* Niamh Robinson, Kitty Vaughn-Fowler. *Grade 3:* Harriet Purbrick.

Cornet *Grade 1:* Jude Holloway

Tenor Horn *Grade 3:* Philip Methley.

Trombone *Grade 4:* Dexter Drown. *Grade 8:* Simon Ward.

Classical Guitar *Initial Grade:* Ella Douglas, Elizabeth Perry. *Grade 1:* Joshua Mullin, Gracy Singh. *Grade 2:* Ashwin Haynes, Charlie Stevenson. *Grade 3:* Timothy Spankie. *Grade 5:* Joanne Bailey.

Electric Guitar *Grade 1:* William Andrews, Daniel Croft, Cameron Elphick, Matthew Floyd, Dan O'Donnell, Dominic Saunders, Corin Scott. *Grade 2:* Jordan Gerrad, Bonnie Harvey. *Grade 5:* Ian Souch.

Bass Guitar *Grade 1:* Caitlin Cuddy, Ryden Stackhouse.

Keyboard *Initial Grade:* Isobel Anderson-Beasant, Leah Merryweather. *Grade 1:* Rosie Darby. *Grade 3:* Fraser Browne, Geniya Jery, Sean Ralphs.

Orchestral Percussion *Grade 8:* Olivia Paton.

Drum Kit *Grade 1:* Dylan Bates-Brownsword, Sam Brown, Callum Bunce, Elias Djaoui, Nicholas Edgington, Daniel Jenkins, Kes Lambert-Russell, Farkas Maro, Charlie Smith, Lewis Wells. *Grade 2:* Max Grainger, Angus Mackay, Sam Ward. *Grade 3:* Robin Kendall, Michail Schiastney, Michael Young.

Celebration of Sing Up awards at Oxfordshire Schools

Congratulations to St Nicolas, Abingdon and St John Fisher, Littlemore who achieved their gold Sing up awards and to Bure Park, Bicester and Cumnor schools who achieved their silver Sing Up awards. Simon Gray has finished his official Sing Up Area Leader role but is now available to work in Primary Schools to develop excellent singing and Beat Boxing.

Pictured right is headteacher Richard Furniss; music co-ordinator, Jeanie Harrison; children from St Nicholas school with Simon Gray.



Beat Boxing Workshop a major success!

Children from six schools and their teachers took part in the final Sing Up funded training event held at the Centre for Music. It was led by nationally renowned beat boxing expert Jason Singh from Manchester, who demonstrated his expertise and talents. The children with their accompanying adults took part by composing their own beat boxing presentations which they shared with one another. They were all given different coloured sing up caps which enabled them to enter the mood and spirit of Beat Boxing.

Pictured left is Benson School with their teacher Rebecca Carpenter who joined in the training.

