



NEWSLETTER No. 1 - 8th October 2011

WELCOME!

We are now well into the new term and so I'd like to welcome all the new students to the Centre as well as welcoming the previous students back. We have two more meetings, including today, before half term when we will be closed on Saturday 22nd and 29th October. We reopen on Saturday 5th November.

Some of you may have the 15th October in your diary as a Concert but, unfortunately, due to other commitments we have had to postpone this concert to a later date (to be advised).

Just a reminder for those of you who may have forgotten or for those who are new to the Centre, we have a notice board outside B block where you can find information about the Music Centre. We also issue these newsletters, usually once per half term. They can be found in the Snack Bar (which I hope you have all made use of) or in the Music Centre office. We also publish the newsletter on our website www.northleedsmusic.org where you can find the latest up-to-date information about the Centre. If the Centre has to close unexpectedly due to the weather or for any other reason, the website is the place to check.

Most of our tuition classes are now full, which is very encouraging. In fact, we have had to engage another brass teacher, Robert Webb and another keyboard teacher, Danny Gamble. I'd like to welcome both of them to the Centre.

EXAM RESULTS

We entered a number of students for exams in the summer and I am pleased to say that all passed.

Well done to them and also to their teachers, Shirley Wright (theory), Rosie Nicholl (brass) and Natalie Smith (flute).

Here are the detailed results:

Theory:

Lianne BowryGrade 5Pass
George Jewitt.....Grade 5Merit
William WillardGrade 2Distinction

Brass:

Thomas CarterGrade 4 EuphoniumMerit
Agustin Sleigh-Muñoz.....Grade 1 Trombone.....Pass
Hannah May WhiteingGrade 4 TrumpetMerit
Bronte Wilkinson.....Grade 3 CornetMerit

Flutes:

Barbara KirbyGrade 1Merit
Claudia TerheydenGrade 2Merit
Carmel SmickersgillGrade 3Merit
Ruth Tay.....Grade 1Pass
Holly HargreavesGrade 4Pass

And finally, not entered by the Music Centre, but nevertheless one of our students, George Jewitt got a Merit for Grade 7 Clarinet.

CONCERTS & EVENTS

Saturday 15th October Please note that this Concert has been cancelled. It will be re-scheduled later in the year.

Saturday 19th November A workshop of Schubert's Symphony no. 5 at Harehills Lane Baptist Church, 4.30pm - 6.30pm followed by a concert at 7pm.

The workshop is open to all, whether Music Centre members or not. The cost is £5.00 including tea/coffee. The concert will have the symphony as the major piece but the String Orchestra and Senior Orchestra will also be playing and there may even be some solos / duets etc. More details from Elaine Levene or Matt Tiffany or pick up a leaflet in the office or snack bar.

Saturday 3rd December Is our Autumn Term Concert here at Carr Manor in the evening. More details later.

Christmas Carols We will be playing, as usual, at Thorner, Millennium Green on Saturday 10th December and at Oakwood Clock on Sunday 11th December. Again, more details nearer the time.

OTHER NEWS

Come and Join an Orchestra or Ensemble!!!

We have vacancies for nearly everyone in our Orchestras and Ensembles. Even if you only play a few notes on your instrument we still have a place somewhere for you! If you only play in a tuition class why not speak to your teacher and they can suggest a group or groups for you to try out. If it's the cost putting you off, don't worry. Come and talk to the Music Centre office staff.

Pick up a leaflet from your teacher THIS WEEK!!

It's nearly Christmas! Buy your Christmas Cards now!

Or rather, on Saturday 15th October or Saturday 5th November. The local branch of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution will be selling cards and gifts in the Snack Bar during the morning. All proceeds will go to the RNLI.

Tabla Classes We now have a tabla group running at Bracken Edge Primary School on Monday evenings, 6.30pm - 8pm. The classes are full this term but we hope to expand the group in the future. Please contact the Music Centre Office if you would be interested in trying or joining the class.

Regards

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Tuesday 11th October Cheryl Frances-Hoad: Schumann Revisited

Complimentary tickets for NLMC students and staff for this Special Concert at 7.30pm at the Howard Assembly Room at Opera North.

Please RSVP to rsvp@howardassemblyroom.co.uk by Monday 10th October, stating that you are a student (or staff) at North Leeds Music Centre and whether you would like one or two complimentary tickets.

FOR SALE: Two tickets to see Peter Kay at M.E.N. Arena (Manchester) Tuesday 18th October 2011

Contact: Lois Manning 0113 293 6585 or email lois@nelb.org.uk

Dates for your diary:

Half term..... 22nd and 29th October
Christmas Term ends Saturday 10th December
Spring Term starts..... Saturday 7th January 2012

Orchestra Workshop.....Saturday 19th November
Autumn ConcertSaturday 3rd December
Carols at ThornerSaturday 10th December
Carols at OakwoodSunday 11th December