

May 2010

Dear Colourstrings parents,

Please read through our latest news! We celebrate our recent achievements and inform you about our upcoming events.

### **Colourstrings Successes:**



Richmond Festival's logo

On March 20<sup>th</sup>, the Colourstrings Orchestra gave an excellent performance at the Richmond Festival on Saturday and were awarded the Duncan Beat Trophy. In addition to this, they have been invited to perform at the Festival Showcase in Richmond on May 7<sup>th</sup>. This is a real honour and vote of confidence for the orchestra.

The Showcase will be held in the Queen Charlotte Hall, Richmond Adult & Community College, Parkshot, Richmond on May 7<sup>th</sup> and will begin at 7.00pm. It will be followed by the presentation of major awards by the Mayor of Richmond and the event should end by about 9.30pm. The general public is admitted to the concert and the cost is £4.50 for adults and £2.50 for children & concessions. Tickets are available at the door.

The Colourstrings Orchestra have also been invited to perform in the Young Talent of Kew concert in the Barn church, Kew on June 22<sup>nd</sup> as part of the Kew music festival ([www.kewmusicfestival.com](http://www.kewmusicfestival.com))

Outside of the school, our pupils have been enjoying musical success. Congratulations are due to Jason Arnold (guitar pupil of Michele Salvemini), who has been awarded a music scholarship to Emanuel School in Wandsworth for September this year. Isobel Mason (violin pupil of Cressida Wislocki) sang with her school choir, the St. Paul's Singers, in the Leith Hill Musical Festival Open Competition for Youth Choirs on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. They were awarded first prize with distinction and received the competition trophy. Nicholas Stansby (violin pupil of Blai Soler) has recently passed his ABRSM Grade 1 and Abena Sarpong (piano pupil of Petra Malik) completed her Prep Test for the piano on March 25<sup>th</sup> and the comments from the examiner indicated that "she shows a promising start to her piano playing".



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### **Exams taking place at Colourstrings Music School:**

Trinity Guildhall music examination board have confirmed our specialist string examiner visit for the 26<sup>th</sup> of June. We have 16 string pupils taking grades this session, ranging from grade 2 to grade 8. I will arrange a timetable for the day which will be published shortly.

## Workshop day on May 15<sup>th</sup>

Preparations for the workshop day are continuing and the following visiting experts are now confirmed:

The important points about the day I think are;

1) that everyone, students and parents alike, is welcome to go to observe any class or workshop.

2) the instrumental sessions are a great opportunity for students to hear their peers, share ideas and work with some wonderful practitioners in the presence of our own teachers, who will also be taking an active part in each session. All students taking instrumental lessons at Colourstrings should come to the sessions ready to play something alone, but individual contributions will be used as springboard for the workshop and students should come to the session ready to try out new ideas. I am keen that, coming soon after our individual assessments, everyone is clear this day is a chance to explore and experiment and is not a test! Kindergarten classes run as usual.

Violin: **Gerry Drought**

Cello: **Pal Banda**

Piano: **Christopher Poffley**

Flute: **Kia Bennett**

Baba the elephant /Chopin workshop  
: **Stephen Baron**

### Alexander Technique and Parents' Choir:

Alexander Technique sessions are available and Leslie Anne Lewis will be in the Brunyate room from 10.30am on Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, so do go along and speak to her if you are interested. Parents' choir continues in room 140 from 11.30-12.30 and is £5 for the session.

I hope you have found this letter useful. If you have any questions or concerns or just want to get in touch with any one of us then please do so using the details below.

With all best wishes,

Rachel Erdos

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From 9am to 1pm on Saturdays, Jean-Pierre can answer your questions at the reception. Alternatively, Maiko and Mary or Annetta are available in the parents' room.

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