



# Gloucester Academy of Music

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## JOINING INSTRUCTIONS JUNIOR ORCHESTRA

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July - Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2011

### The Daily Programme

There is an outline daily programme on our website for you to look at ([www.gamusic.co.uk](http://www.gamusic.co.uk)). There are a number of music sessions (technique, chamber, orchestra, etc.) each day with the course tutors, interspersed with opportunities for relaxation and fun to suit all students organised by the Welfare team, including possible excursions to local places of interest/activity. At the end of each day – and considered one of the highlights of the courses – is the popular 'after cocoa session' where students and staff put on impromptu performances (optional)!

### Where to come to

Beauchamp House, Churcham, Glos. GL2 8AA. Beauchamp House is approximately 3 miles west of Gloucester on the A40. Coming from Gloucester, west on the A40, follow the dual carriageway until you get to a roundabout where the A48 splits off to the left for Chepstow. Continue on the A40 for about another half a mile; when you get to woods both sides of the road, start looking out for Beauchamp House (also signed 'School of the Lion') on the left hand side. If you get to Churcham Garage you have gone too far! When you turn into the drive, please be aware of other students and their families as you find a parking space.

### What time to come

Please arrive between 3.30 and 4.30 p.m. on 31<sup>st</sup> July to register with the Welfare staff and find out where to pitch your tent. The Welfare staff will normally suggest that young students, particularly those not sharing a tent, pitch theirs close together – and close to one of the Welfare tents. If anyone wants to share a tent, please discuss this on arrival with the Welfare team who should be able to team you up with someone or contact Anne Ingram in advance. At 5.00 p.m. there is a welcome / introductory talk by the course Director and the Welfare team. Refreshments are available on arrival. *Please inform us if you are arriving late.*

### Welfare Team

The Welfare Team look after students when they are not in rehearsals. The team members for this week are Will Howick, Alex Hale, Hannah Brooke and Elsie Kenny.

### Dietary Needs

The Health Form asks for details of any special dietary requirements. Our catering team try hard to accommodate all our students' needs but need a minimum of two weeks notice to do this. If your child has a very strict dietary need, like a gluten free diet, we would find it helpful if you could provide some of the basic ingredients you use, eg. flour and pasta.

### Medicines

Please give any medicines (clearly labelled and with full instructions) to a member of the Welfare Team on arrival. If you are handing in medication to be administered, the Welfare Team will ask you to complete a Medication Consent Form.

## What to bring

- 🎵 A cake that keeps well – an essential ingredient for 'after cocoa sessions'!
  - 🎵 A tent, sleeping bag, lilo/camp bed, torch and any other items necessary for a week under canvas. No penknives please!
  - 🎵 Towels and toiletries
  - 🎵 Casual clothes, nightclothes, underwear, etc. (NB: Sometimes there is 'messy play' so please include some 'old' clothing!)
  - 🎵 Waterproof outdoor wear, swimming kit for possible swimming trip, water games, etc. Flip-flops, wellies etc. are always useful in the unfortunate event of rain!
  - 🎵 Sun protection (hopefully sunny weather), including a hat.
  - 🎵 We don't ask anyone to bring formal clothes although some of our students (not all by any means) like to have something smarter to wear for the concert.
  - 🎵 Pencil, sharpener and rubber
  - 🎵 Instrument!
  - 🎵 Anything needed, eg. music, for performing at 'after-cocoa session' - optional
- Please label everything clearly! We do not accept liability for losses or breakages.*

## Insurance

The Gloucester Academy of Music's insurance does not cover instruments and valuables brought to the courses – these need to be covered on your own insurance. Instruments are locked up overnight.

## Pocket money

It is suggested that children bring about £30 of pocket money. The Welfare staff collect £20 at the beginning of the week to cover entrance charge/s for trips out (coach travel for one trip is included in the course fee) and 'entertainment' brought in (eg. bouncy castle); the rest is then available for students to spend on tuck should they wish to. Tuck is sold by the catering staff at morning break-time.) We recommend that students deposit their money with the Welfare staff who keep a running tab. Any remaining pocket money is returned prior to departure.

## Mobile phones

We know that our students often want to bring a mobile phone with them so that they have the reassurance of phoning home. In our experience, particularly with younger children, phoning home can be counter-productive as it can bring on a wave of homesickness. We obviously do not want to be too heavy-handed over this sensitive issue. If you would like your child to phone you, we would like to suggest that this happens at dinner-time rather than at bedtime. We ask that all mobile phones are handed in to the Welfare Team on arrival. This way we avoid disruption at rehearsals and inter-tent texting at night. The Welfare team will give the mobiles out to children who want to phone home around dinner-time (6.00-7.00 pm). We hope you will consider this acceptable and will support us in it. If you feel it is inappropriate for your child, please discuss it with the Welfare team or Anne Ingram (Courses Administrator) on arrival. *If your child is bringing a mobile phone, please make sure they bring their own charger.*

## Emergency contact

The course mobile phone number for use in emergency is 07804 915549. This phone will be monitored by a member of the Welfare Team. If for some reason this fails, please phone Anne Ingram on 01452 522170 (home number).

## Concerts

**Chamber Concert - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August, 7.30 p.m.**

**Orchestral Concert – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2.30 p.m.**

All family and friends very welcome.

*Saturday concert followed by afternoon tea!*