

# GLOUCESTER ACADEMY OF MUSIC

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## Welcome Back to the SpringTerm - 2006

Congratulations to all Junior Department Students for the high standard of playing in the Christmas Concert. Caroline Lumsden our President and Founder came to the concert and was very impressed with what she saw. This term we welcome back the Carducci Quartet. Their recent performances in London have received great reviews in The National Newspapers. They will be performing on the evening of 4<sup>th</sup> February after a day of workshops with our students and the performance will include a joint piece with the Carducci Quartet and GAM as well as chamber music items from the students. The concert is here in Beauchamp House and is a fantastic opportunity to hear one of the finest young String Quartetes in Britain today. See Diary Dates for details.

Thank you to all those parents who helped to organise, cook and serve our very delicious Christmas Lunch. Approximately £300.00 was raised from the christmas lunches, raffles and coffee mornings.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT SINFONIA NOW TAKES PLACE ON MONDAYS 7.00 PM - 8.30 PM IN THE CHOIR ROOM**

## Carducci Quartet

Will be visiting GAM on Sat. 4 Feb to take workshops with both the Junior & Senior departments. Followed by a concert in the evening which will also feature GAM chamber groups. (See diary dates)

You can now visit the Carducci Quartet website at:

[www.carducciquartet.co.uk](http://www.carducciquartet.co.uk)

**ADULT CHAMBER WEEKEND - 17-19 FEBRUARY** - 3 day course for string, wind and brass players. £120 to include lunch on Saturday and Sunday.

**JUNIOR STRINGS APRIL 3-5 £95.00** - Excellent opportunity for young string players to develop key musical skills.

**BLOW-IT - JUNIOR WIND & BRASS APRIL 6-8 £95** - Exciting & creative course. All styles of music catered for, especially jazzy stuff, emphasis is on the fun of playing.

**Places are available on the above courses. Further information and application forms are available from Suzanne**

**GUITAR LESSONS** – Now available on Wednesday evenings with John Fisher.

**FLUTE LESSONS** – Now available on Saturdays with Rachel Gurney

**TRUMPET, TROMBONE & EUPHONIUM LESSONS** - Now available Tuesday evenings with Bob Green

Please speak to the office if you are interested

**WANTED - RECORDERS.** Rachel Hobby is visiting Africa during the Summer Holidays and will be involved in a music project for young children. If you have a recorder that is no longer wanted Rachel would be pleased to take them with her - recorders can be left with Suzanne in the office

**DIARY DATES:**

- Fri 27 Jan** Friday Night is Music Night - 6.30 pm start
- Sat 4 Feb** Carducci Quartet Workshop and evening concert which will include performances from both Senior and Junior Chamber Groups. Tickets for the concert available from the office Adults £5.00, Children £3.00
- Fri 17 Mar** Friday Night is Music Night - 6.30 pm start
- 17-19 Feb** Adult Chamber Weekend £120 - further information available from Suzanne
- W/o 17 Mar** GAM exams
- W/o 20 Mar** Associated Board Exams
- 3-5 April** Junior Strings Course £95.00 - further information available from Suzanne
- 6-8 April** BLOW-IT - Junior Wind & Brass Course £95 00 - further information available from Suzanne
- 9-15 April** Prima Corda Trip to Beaumont France - separate letter will be sent to Prima Corda players.

**ASSOCIATED BOARD & GUILDHALL- EXAM RESULTS**

Congratulations to all students on passing their examinations

**ASSOCIATED BOARD:**

Grade 8 Violin - Alice Earll (Distinction)  
Grade 7 Violin - Tom McLeod (Merit), Matthew Gordon (Pass)  
Grade 5 Violin - Nathan King (Merit)  
Grade 2 Violin - Zach Millar, Luke Ridal, Patricia Smith (Pass)  
Grade 1 Violin - Elsa Court (Pass)  
Grade 5 Flute - Rebecca Couchman (Pass)  
Theory Grade 5 - Rosemary Hawken (Merit)

**GUILDHALL**

Grade 7 Saxophone - Daniel Hawken Honours

**MONDAY STRING ENSEMBLE** - places available please contact the office for details - suitable for players of Grade 6-7 standard

**SINFONIA** - Places are available for Sinfonia which takes place on Mondays evenings 7.00-8.30 pm and is suitable for Grade 6+

As you know we are always trying to raise funds to enable us to buy new music, instruments etc, A few years ago we introduced the GAM 100 Club which involves families paying £2.00 per term. At the end of each term a cash prize is given out, the remainder of the money goes into our funds. Attached you will find a form to complete stating whether you would like to join the GAM 100 Club - we would be most grateful if you could complete this and return as soon as possible.