

# GAM

Gloucester Academy of Music

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## Happy New Year 2011

Welcome back and thank you to all who supported our very successful pre-Christmas concerts and events. There's lots happening this year, so make sure you get the dates in your diary now.

**New Guitar Group:** If you would be interested in the new beginners guitar group we are starting after Easter, please let the office know asap. It will run on Saturday afternoons.

**Cathedral Junior Choir change to rehearsal times:** which means that GAM students wishing to attend Choir can do so without missing their GAM sessions. As from Easter, the Choir will be rehearsing from 9.30 - 11am in the Chapter House of the Cathedral.

Vicki Barnes-Moffatt who conducts the choir, also teaches singing at GAM. The Cathedral Junior Choir is financially supported by the Cathedral so fees are only around £60 per year.

## Friends of GAM



**FrOG Christmas concert 2010:** despite the snow there was a fantastic turnout and the beautiful voices of the County Choir joined the young string players of GAM.

**Bursary Fund:** the concert raised over £250. This will be added to the bursary fund GAM is building up to help talented players in their journey towards becoming proficient musicians.

**Ecclesiastical parking:** this December we have been very lucky as Ecclesiastical has opened its car park to raise further funds. Special thanks to Helen Miller, Sally Wild and Clodna & Rhys Watkins, who encouraged shoppers to park there. Despite the heavy snow we raised a further £144 which has been matched by Ecclesiastical.

**Can you help in May?** Ecclesiastical is willing to offer more dates so if your child is old enough to spare a couple of hours on a Saturday in May please can you encourage them to put their name forward when we publish the next dates.

**Thanks to all** who made the GAM Junior & Senior Christmas concert such a success. Special Thanks to Clodna & Rhys Watkins for cooking the Christmas lunch. Thanks also to Allison Hyman and all those who helped with the lunch and the clearing up afterwards. Thanks to the Miller family for providing the morning Refreshments.



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# Holiday Courses

\*\*\*\*\*Early booking discount\*\*\*\*\*

Book your GAM holiday courses BEFORE 18th February in order not to miss the 10% early booking discount. Go to our website for further information including a range of available discounts. Ask in the office for a leaflet, take a few and pass them on to interested others.

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## New Venture

**GAM concert: Saturday 5th February at 7.30pm in the Cathedral Chapter House.**

Mendelssohn Violin Concerto and Mozart Symphony No. 35, the 'Haffner'. Former GAM & GYO student Elin White (now studying at the Royal College of Music in London) will be the soloist and Glyn Oxley the conductor. This is a new initiative designed to give Gloucestershire students now studying at university or music college an opportunity to perform with an orchestra in a workshop concert with classical repertoire. This is a free event open to adults and students (string players of Grade 7 plus and wind players of Grade 8 plus) but places will be limited, so sign up as quickly as you can by contacting Glyn on 07913 036372. Rehearsal starts at 4pm.

**Entry to the concert is free but there will be a retiring collection.**

## Congratulations

### GAM Exams

Preliminary, violin, Ben Webster, Dist  
Preliminary, cello, William Webster, Dist  
Grade 1 violin, Toby Widdows, Merit  
Grade 1 violin, Alex Price, Dist  
Grade 1, cello, Alice Candish, Dist  
Grade 1 cello, Jason Perry, Hons  
Grade 2, dble bass, Noah Oxley, Hons  
Grade 3, violin, Ellie Jones, Dist  
Grade 3, cello, Fridtjof Ryder, Merit  
Grade 3, cello, Benedict Young

### Associated Board

Grade 1, piano, Hannah Brooks-Hughes, Dist  
Grade 2, piano, Cameron Elliott, Merit  
Grade 3 violin, Freja Madeley, Dist  
Grade 4, clarinet, Cameron Elliott  
Grade 4, bassoon, Emily King, Dist  
Grade 5, violin, Lydia Kenny, Merit

### Trinity-Guildhall

Grade 6, cello, Caitlin Wild, Dist

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### News of past pupils

Kat Beard is enjoying her Royal Marine Band training which she is now combining with a Music Degree at Portsmouth University.



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