

GAM

Gloucester Academy of Music

...great teachers, great music, great fun...



Friends of GAM

Summer fete, Saturday 16th July: alongside the concerts there will be cakes, coffees, raffle, tombola, lucky dip, books and toys for sale as well as fresh produce.

24 hour Music Marathon, Saturday 16th July: will be done by GAM, and the Gloucestershire Youth Orchestra. It will start at 11A then move to St Michaels Tower. There will be an allocated slot for children and adults to play. We need financial and moral support from friends and family on the day to make it a success. Sponsorship forms & details attached.

Car parking: there will be parking opposite the police station to raise additional money. WE NEED PEOPLE TO 'MAN' IT DURING THE DAY PLEASE!

Advertising: if you know somebody at the local radio or the Citizen who can help with advertising, or you can write a small piece to send to the Citizen, this will be a great help.

****We can't succeed without YOUR help****

Running stalls, supervising the children during the marathon, baking cakes, bringing fresh produce, toys and books to sell, help with the car parking, and obtaining sponsorship

Please contact Flavia at dfmm@blueyonder.co.uk, or 07766657198 or speak to Glyn.

Get your GAM baseball cap NOW! with GAM's colours and logo. £5.50 for children and £6.50 for adult sizes (over 13)! A great item for the sunny summer days ahead of us!

Cello Masterclass, Saturday 2nd July, 1.30-5pm. Peter Adams is a fantastic cellist and a relaxed and engaging teacher to watch. A must for all players young and old! Participating cellists will pay £30 for a half hour one to one lesson. All other cellists attending will pay £5 to watch and have the opportunity of taking part in a cello orchestra at the end of the afternoon.

****Fees frozen for September****

GAM will be 30yrs old in 2012. As part of the celebration, and in recognition of the difficult financial climate, the board of directors will be holding all term time fees at 2011 prices. As GAM is a 'not for profit' charity, your fundraising activities will be even more appreciated!

New Sessions and New Orchestras for September

September will see the launch of a number of new ensembles. Rob Jones will be running a symphony orchestra for grade 4 -6 players at Sir Thomas Riches Grammer School in Gloucester starting on Thursday evenings. Our Guitar teacher Chris Nicholson will be starting a guitar orchestra at GAM (time tba).

The Senior Department on Monday evenings is changing too with an exciting menu of sessions including cello ensembles, chamber music and of course Prima Corda. There is now a proper pyramid of sessions that allows students to progress from beginner to post grade 8. If you are not sure of the next step, ask in the office or speak to Glyn. Full details on the website.

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Holiday Courses



Easter 'Bow It' and 'Blow It' courses were a sell out! It was great fun, ending in a concert at the Gambier Parry Hall in Highnam where everyone also per-

formed their chamber pieces. Glyn and Wes were ably supported by Hannah Green, Gill Hopkin and Kaat Van Bouwel and of course the fantastic welfare team. We hope those who came will also come along to the 'Mini' Junior Orchestra or full Junior Orchestra in the summer (31st July-6th August)

Every GAM student should come on the **Singing Weekend**. It is a fantastic course and if you haven't been on a summer course yet, it's a good introduction and a wonderful way to start your summer holidays. The Adult Chamber course was enjoyed by all those attending over the Easter holidays.

Contact Anne Ingram on: holidaycourses@gamusic.co.uk, information on the website www.gamusic.co.uk, where you can download application forms (also in the office).

Goodbyes and hello's

We are really sad to be saying goodbye to Dave Cliverd. Dave will continue to run our website, but will be putting his feet up and having another cup of tea on a Saturday morning for the first time in over 20 years! Departures mean arrivals, and we are delighted to welcome Hanna Green (violin and viola) back to the Junior Department team. Also Andy Prouse who will be teaching brass, taking a new brass ensemble and teaching theory.

Success for Freja

Cheltenham Festival of Performing Arts

this year saw Freja Madely take home two cups against stiff competition. 'Any Stringed Instrument- Grades 4 & 5' and 'Any Stringed Instrument - 9 years and under'. Well done Freja!



Congratulations

Associated Board

- Grade 1 trumpet, Rowan Allen, Merit
- Grade 1 violin, Ross Phipps-Coltman
- Grade 2 E flat horn, Josh McConnell
- Grade 2 violin, Corli More, Dist
- Grade 2 violin, Emily Wan, Dist
- Grade 3 piano, Laura Raab-Watts
- Grade 4 violin, Laura Raab-Watts, Dist
- Grade 5 Dble Bass, Korinna Barnard, Dist
- Grade 5 cello, Oriana Barnes, Merit
- Grade 5 cello, Esme Spry, Dist
- Grade 6 violin, Oliver Stanton
- Grade 8 violin, Bethany Godley, Merit

GAM Exams

- Prelim cello, Holly Wan, Merit
- Prelim cello, Rachel Hellier, Hons
- Prelim cello, William Webster, Dist

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