

# GAM

## Gloucester Academy of Music

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



## Welcome to 2009/10

We hope you had a good summer break and were able to enjoy one of the Beauchamp House Holiday Courses. Thanks to Anne Ingram's hard work, these were a great success, and bookings are already being taken for next year. We had a busy first week, it was great to see our students again. There are lots of new faces - those of you who are 'regulars' please help new pupils and parents to settle in and explain how things work. Keep an eye on the website for the latest information, where you will also find the 2009/10 calendar. We are delighted to welcome Simon Chalk as guest Director of the Advanced String Course for this term. Simon is a well known soloist and orchestral violinist and is known to many of you.

## Congratulations

### GAM Exams

Preliminary Dbass, Noah Oxley, Dist  
 Grade 1 cello, Fridtjof Ryder, Dist  
 Grade 1 cello, Abigail Tyrrell, Dist  
 Grade 1 cello, William Grayling, Dist  
 Grade 2 cello, Oriana Barnes, Hon  
 Grade 2 cello, Esme Spry, Hon  
 Grade 4 cello, Laurence White, Merit  
 Grade 1 violin, Ellie Jones, Dist  
 Grade 2 violin, Emily Atkinson, Dist  
 Grade 2 violin, Elizabeth Young, Merit  
 Grade 2 violin, Charlotte Phelps, Dist  
 Grade 3 violin, Anoushka Oxley, Dist

### Associated Board

Grade 1 piano, Laura Raab-Watts, Merit  
 Grade 5 piano, Robyn Wynn, Merit  
 Grade 2 clarinet, Amy Hall, Merit  
 Grade 7 cello, Samuel King, Merit  
 Grade 8 cello, Chloe Foy, Merit  
 Grade 8 violin, Heather Hawken, Dist

### Cheltenham Festival Success

**The Norman Darke Memorial Challenge Cup** was won by a horn quartet from GAM, with Emily & Kate Docherty, Jim Neate and Tom Roles.

## Concerts & diary dates

**Friday 16th October 10-4pm:** Dean Close Junior String Day grades 1-4. Lunch included short performance at 3.45. This day is FREE and an opportunity to work with Robert Bishop former co principal of the BBC Symphony Orchestra. You will need permission from your school to attend. See Glyn for details.

**Saturday 5th December:** End of term Xmas concert and lunch for Junior Department.

**Sunday 13th December: 3pm** Prima Corda concert and some ensembles from the Junior Department. Venue to be arranged. Rehearsal from 2pm.

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

# Holiday Courses

A big thank you to Anne Ingram, for making the 2009 holiday courses a resounding success, with rave reviews from both 'old' and new attendees. New to the job, Anne has built on the sound foundations laid by Dilys Wynn who undertook the task the previous year. With plenty of ideas for next years courses to make them even better, now is the time to book up to ensure you don't miss out.

Some photos from the summer courses (courtesy of Facebook!)



Bookings now taking place for 2010, dates & booking forms on the website.

Why not pay in instalments for your holiday courses or set up a Standing Order? All you have to do is send your £50 deposit for each course together with your booking form and we will work out how much you need to pay per month. You will then get a form to pass onto your bank.

**The summer fete:** A big thank you to FROG, our parents committee, for organising the fete. Thanks to all who supported and helped to make it a special fun day. We raised £325 for GAM.

## GAM by the back door!

In the short term, as you have already discovered, we are unable to use our courtyard. Over the summer, the Regional Development Agency surveyed 11A and the Fleece Hotel. As a result they wish to clear out the courtyard because fragments of low grade building asbestos were discovered. GAM has been assured that the risk to health is negligible, but as a precaution the courtyard is out of bounds. The car park is in normal use. Whilst the door code is the same, you still need to ring the bell to be let in. Security is essential, as there is no one to 'watch' the comings and goings. Make sure if you are coming to an individual lesson that you have your teachers mobile number as the office is only manned during the group sessions.

Padraig ó Dubhlaoidh  
Dip WSVM • AMUKIC

*Maker and Restorer*

67 Somers Road • Malvern •  
Worcestershire • WR14 1JA  
Tel/fax 01684 562947  
www.hibernianviolins.co.uk

T: 01452 385162 E: [admin@gamusic.co.uk](mailto:admin@gamusic.co.uk)

Gloucester Academy of Music  
is proud to be affiliated with

**TRINITY**  
COLLEGE OF MUSIC