

SUNDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2010

THE 10TH AND FINAL PRINT NEWSLETTER

It struck me at about 8am (sadly not at 10 past 10) that I should probably publish the tenth issue of my piano tuition newsletter right about now. Finding time to put together the newsletter has since taken another week!

This will probably be the last print newsletter as I have now installed a newsletter plugin on my website and as almost all my students are now on the online lesson diary system with associated email contact it seems that an email only newsletter is the next logical step as it is much more instantaneous and up to date and much better for the environment!

Christmas Concert



The next piano concert is planned for **Saturday 4th December 2010** starting at 2pm, and will last for no more than an our. It will take place at the new venue, The Music School at The King's School, on Wrexham Road Chester.

As you may be aware, the last few concerts have raised money for a bursary student at Kampala Music School. £300 was raised altogether last year which provided a year of hour long violin lessons for Betina who otherwise would not have been able to afford them. So far this year, another £250 has been raised through donations at my concerts which is destined to continue to support Betina's lessons.

For the next concert I have decided to have a ticketing system rather than the previous system of donations so tickets for parents and audience members will be £3 for adults and £1.50 for children and £1 for performers. Performers will receive an invitation after half term. Tickets can be requested at your lessons or via the lesson planner and billed through my online system or purchased on my website via paypal.

Online lesson diary

56 students are currently registered and active on my lesson diary system on the website. I am pleased to report that a number of people have been using the practice log facility as well. A special mention to Sophie at the Catholic High School who has already logged 90 minutes of practice in the past couple of weeks!

Piano Points

The piano points reward system will continue to run and winners will be notified through a newsletter post on the website and certificates will be distributed in due course.

Fees Increase

Please note that this does not apply if you have lessons booked through Music for Life.

From January, I will be updating my piano lesson rate structure slightly. The new fees will be £25/hour for lessons at my home and £30/hour for lessons at your home, however lessons in school will remain £28.50/hour.

Youth Choir and Preludes

Quite a few of you have seen me accompanying the Chester Music Society Youth Choir on a Thursday evening.

The youth choir are always looking out for new members aged 10-18 and the Preludes are also keen to recruit from ages 6-10.

Youth Choir and Preludes will be performing their Christmas Concert on Saturday 18th December at All Saint's Church, Hoole at 7:30pm.

<u>Christmas Com-</u> <u>position Competi-</u> tion

It is lovely to see the response so far to my

NOTICES

EXAM DATES 2011:

- Period A: 1st Mar-1st Apr
- Period B: 14th Jun-17th Jul
- Period C: 8th Nov -11th Dec



Betina at Kampala Music School

Christmas composition Competition announcement. Already a number of students have come back with their creations and I have done a number of noteflight sessions where facilities (and mobile broadband or wifi permits!) Keep them coming!



Enrich your special day with live

piano music!
I can set the tone of
your event with a blend
of classical and smooth
jazz tunes. No piano
available at the venue,
no problem!

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