

## Piano Tuition Newsletter

SUNDAY 3RD JUNE  
2007

### New kittens and a new name for the concerts!

Despite appearing to have settled in nicely to the new house, Finzi went missing on Monday 23rd April and has not been seen since.

We decided to get a new kitten but found that good things come in pairs so adopted tabby sisters, Magz and Mitzi (Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis). They are now about 10 weeks old, growing rapidly and causing havoc around the house. Photos of them will be online at [www.magznmitzi.me.uk](http://www.magznmitzi.me.uk) in due course!

#### Ludus Cantiones— Summer Concert 2007

I have given the end of term concert series a name, 'Ludus Cantiones' - or playing to reflect the combination of piano and voice performances in the programme. This term I am organizing a larger scale event for the first 'Ludus Cantiones' concert which will showcase three primary school choirs alongside the piano students. I will also be inviting some of my St. Werburgh students along to play too.

'Ludus Cantiones' will take place on Saturday 30th

June in the Chapter House at Chester Cathedral starting at 10:30am. The school choirs will need to be there by 10:10am to have a run through the combined choir songs. Seating will be re-served on one side for members of the choirs.

I don't normally charge for entry to my concerts but this term there will be a small entry charge for all audience members in the form of a £1 donation on the door. This donation will go towards the cathedral song school appeal in appreciation of the use of the chapter house for the concert.

The Cathedral Choir Support Group have kindly agreed to provide refreshments after the concert in the vestibule, (that's the area just outside the chapter house) and these will cost £1 with proceeds going to the cathedral choir's USA tour. I hope that lots of you will want to stay briefly after concert for a drink and a chat!

I will be taking a group photo of all the children involved in the concert at the end for publicity. If any parents would not like their children to be on the photo then please let me know.



MAGZ AND MITZI

#### Fee increase (Sep 2007)

From 1st September I shall be increasing my teaching fees slightly. For next term, the rate for lessons at my house will be £22 per hour and for lessons in school or in pupil's homes within 5 miles of Chester, the new rate will be £27.

For lessons where I need to travel further afield then the rate is dependant upon the distance. These rates still represent good value compared to other teachers/teaching agencies and ISM recommendations. For more information on what the fee I charge covers, please see [www.williamhay.co.uk/fees.htm](http://www.williamhay.co.uk/fees.htm)

#### **WELL DONE:**

- *Well done to Hannah, Victoria and Lydia who passed their Grade 1 Piano exams.*

#### **MOLLINGTON STUDENTS:**

- *No lesson on Tuesday 19th June as I will be taking the St. Clare's Choir to perform at Curzon House.*
- *No lesson on 3rd July due to your Ness Gardens visit.*

### Forthcoming events this month

#### **Nave Choir Concert—**

Saturday 16th June, 7:30  
Chester Cathedral

The Nave Choir will be performing Vaughan Williams' Mass in G minor along with music by Elgar, Britten, Gustav Holst and Randall Thompson.

Tickets £10 (£8) from the

cathedral shop.

#### **Lunchtime Piano Recital -**

Wesleyan Methodist Church, Saturday 23rd June at 1245pm by Jeremy Heald (*retiring collection*)

#### **St. John's Festival Orchestra**

St. John's Church, Chester

Sunday 24th June at 8pm Beethoven Piano Concertos 2 and 4. Tickets £8, (£6)

#### **Chester Philharmonic**

The Chester Phil will be performing at the cathedral on Saturday evening, 30th June 7:30pm and will be rehearsing straight after Ludus Cantiones.

Their concert will feature last year's Young Musician of the Year Winner, Mark Simpson playing Weber's Clarinet Concerto.

Tickets £12, £8 (£5) available on the door or in advance by phone on 0151 6321633.