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ACCELERATING MUSIC LITERACY

CANDIDA LECTURES AT TRINITY



Candida has long enjoyed a close relationship with Trinity College London and was invited by Derek Avis, Principal of Trinity College of Music to lecture on her method of music education. On Wednesday 12th March Candida, braving cold winds, made her way to the historic Greenwich site to address two groups of eager Instrumental and Vocal students.

Candida’s lectures were intended to give the students an insight into her fun, multisensory approach of introducing children to the rudiments of music. Many were amused when they were asked to participate with hand chimes but were pleasantly surprised when they realised the effectiveness of the exercise. Of all the different techniques and tools Candida mentioned, the notation ruler attracted the most interest with several students requesting one.

Students who already had some teaching experience immediately recognised the freshness, simplicity and implications of the Tobin system and were eager to learn more. Candida handed out copies of her Teacher Training Prospectus which gives details of the Associate, Licentiate and Fellowship courses that she runs.

Tim Palmer, Senior Lecturer in Music Education, sat in on the second lecture and said, *“It was a pleasure to host Candida Tobin at Trinity College of Music to talk to students on our education electives. She had plenty of creative and imaginative ideas to contribute, and it is valuable to have such an enthusiastic advocate for good education practice challenging the students to think more deeply about their preconceptions”*.

Katharine Carter commented, “After having such an inspiring talk from Candida at Trinity College of Music, where I am currently studying, I cannot wait to become more involved with the system and learn more. Thank you for opening my eyes to it!”



OUTSTANDING PUPIL



James Wilson has been following the Tobin Music System since the beginning of this school year at Eskdale Junior School in Nottingham.

James used to learn to play the guitar, but his older brother kept the music books to himself and so James' initial attitude to, and experience of, music wasn't very positive.

At school though, James comments that the music lessons are 'quite exciting'.

This year, he has learnt music shorthand and knows how to convert this shorthand into proper notation.

James likes to play the chime bars and has enjoyed learning about the family of notes.

The trickier parts of music lessons for James include writing G clefs and remembering the notes in the different chords, but he does like the way he can remember the chords by using the magic circle. He has enjoyed starting to compose his own music in the key of C and is looking forward to doing more composition in the coming months.

FUNDRAISER

We are currently trying to raise enough funds to complete Candida's First Steps to Literacy DVD project. So far, we have had coffee mornings, launched a sponsored practice and Colin Stone has performed at a recital for us. Now we would like to introduce you to another method of raising money which actually saves you money.

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DIARY

APRIL

Sunday 6th Module 3 Tamworth
Sunday 27th Module 4 Tamworth

MAY

Sunday 4th Module 1 Sawbridgeworth
Sunday 10th Taster Day Tamworth
Sunday 18th Module 2 Sawbridgeworth
Sunday 18th Module 5 Tamworth

JUNE

Sunday 1st Module 3 Sawbridgeworth
Sunday 8th Module 1 Tamworth
Sunday 15th Module 4 Sawbridgeworth
Sunday 29th Module 2 Tamworth

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PARTNERS

Our next meeting will be on Sunday April 6th at 12.30pm at the Old Malthouse, Sawbridgeworth. Bring a dish. Everyone is welcome!

For more information about the Partners Group please contact our National Coordinator Morrice Wells. morrice.wells@tobinmusic.co.uk

NEWS CONTRIBUTIONS

We would love to hear about your news and any outstanding pupils. Please send all contributions, of no more than 200 words, to newsletter@tobinmusic.co.uk

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