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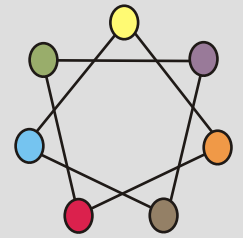
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# Tobin Music

ACCELERATING MUSIC LITERACY

# News

## Trinity Launch a huge success!

On Friday the 15th June Introduction to the Tobin Music system DVD was launched at the prestigious Trinity College London. The DVD was produced at the request of John Robertson MP; like so many people he said, "Why on earth is this not in all of our schools?"

Julian Amey, Chief Executive of Trinity College, gave the opening address, welcoming Candida and expressing his delight at being able to host the event. Mark Stringer, Director of Music and Performing Arts of Trinity College, also made a short speech explaining how it was that he first met Candida and became acquainted with her system after a visit to her studio in Hertfordshire.

*I took a set of materials home from first meeting Candida and was very enthusiastic about it. The next day I got my daughter to work through some of the materials and she loved the colouring and the whole approach. She really seemed to take to it straight away; for me this was the greatest evidence of all.*  
Mark Stringer

Candida gave an introductory talk thanking Trinity College for hosting the launch and spoke of her long relationship with the College. She explained how she first discovered this revolutionary way of approaching music and went on to elucidate the basis of the system. There was a great deal of excitement as it became apparent to the audience what this system could mean for the future of music education.

The 25 minute film showed Birds' Bush children reading, writing, composing and playing music. The primary school children had no difficulty at all writing music shorthand, identifying major and minor chords as well as using passing notes and cadences. The audience were completely won over by this compelling film and were amazed at the swift progress that the children made.

Julian Amey and Mark Stringer agreed that teacher training provision must be expanded and that they will help in any way they can to make this happen. The launch was a great success and as a result Trinity College London has invited Candida and members of the team to a high profile meeting about music education at Westminster on September 11th this year.



Mark Stringer, Candida Tobin and Julian Amey



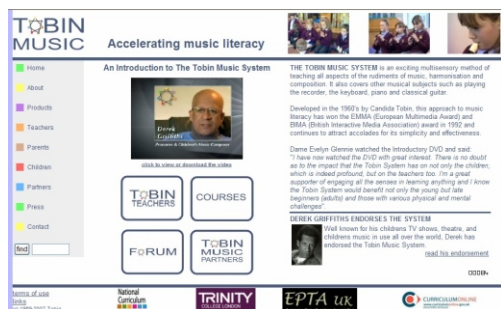
## Meeting Dame Evelyn by Julie Hall



Chris Hall, Julie Hall, Dame Evelyn and Candida Tobin

World famous percussionist, Dame Evelyn Glennie, invited Candida, and I to her house on 13th June and we had the most wonderful time discussing the system and she agreed it should become accessible for all children. It was awesome that a musician of this calibre had the humility to learn about the system; she wanted to experience it as the children would and happily used crayons and played with note shapes. It was a meeting of minds and Dame Evelyn offered Candida her full support and suggested that she and Candida run a joint course sometime in the near future.

# WEBSITE



Tobin Music now has a new website!

This project was undertaken by Tobin Music Webmaster David Whale, and fellow Trustee Claire Seoud. The aim was to make the wealth of information on the previous website more readily accessible and to add a few new features.

There are separate areas for Teachers, Parents, Children and Partners which will develop and grow. You can read all about Candida and keep up to date with her hectic schedule, hear the latest 'Composition of the Month' or browse through the product listings. It is also possible to join the Partners or send a message to the team at Tobin Music.

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

## DIARY

**JULY** 15th Module 3  
9.00am-5.00pm  
£80 for the day  
*The Old Malthouse*

**AUGUST** 21st -25th Five Day Course  
Modules 1 - 5  
£80 per day  
*The Old Malthouse*

# OUTSTANDING PUPIL

Emily King is 10 years old and goes to St. Michael's Primary School in Lichfield. Emily has been playing the flute for 2 and half years and has taken lessons with Julie Hall for the last 18 months. During that time Emily has made terrific progress in both her flute playing, theory and composing. She is currently awaiting her grade 2 theory results and is already working her way rapidly through grade 3 theory!



Emily is well on the way to her grade 4 flute exam and is composing beautiful pieces, her latest composition will be performed in the 'Halls Music Services' summer pupil concert. Emily has also started to have singing lessons, sings weekly in a Staffordshire Music Service choir and is looking to join a Staffordshire music centre wind band in the autumn term.

# PARTNERS



Our last Partner's meeting of this academic year took place at the Old Malthouse on July 1st.

It has been a very eventful year for Candida. One of the greatest achievements has been the creation of the Partners Group four months ago. In this short time the number of people interested in the Tobin Music System has grown to over 400.

*"At the launch I was so proud and grateful of the Partners; each one undertook to do something within their own expertise and it worked extraordinarily well. The whole event was highly professional and every area was covered and yet I hadn't asked anyone to do anything specifically. I would like to thank the partners who attended".*  
Candida Tobin

Please join us for the next Partner's Meeting on Sunday 2nd September at the Old Malthouse, Sawbridgeworth. All are welcome.

For more information about the Partners Group please contact our National Coordinator Morrice Wells.

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# TEACHER COMMENT

Sam Harris, a teacher from Willcote Junior School, Tamworth wrote,

*" A 2 hour introductory session with Julie Hall has opened up a whole new exciting approach to teaching music for me. I couldn't wait to try it out and my class of year 3-4 children thought it was fun. This has huge implications for children learning music. Outstanding! Thank you "*

## 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](mailto:newsletter@tobinmusic.co.uk)

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