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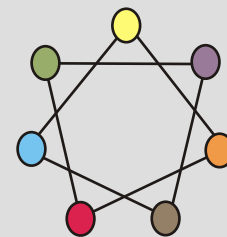
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EXCELLENCE AT ST MARY'S by Rob Francis

As present Chair of the Tobin Music Trust, I have enjoyed many of the meetings and events that have resulted from this position, but none has been more fun than visiting a school with Candida recently.

One of Candida's trainee Associate teachers, Sarah Petts, started implementing what she had learned on Candida's course, at her school in Woodbridge, Suffolk. The children at St Mary's Church of England Primary School instantly grasped the system and were invited to take part in the annual Celebration of Schools' Music. This event, sponsored by Trinity Guildhall, is a showcase of musical ability in Suffolk.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and were even shown on television sporting T-shirts with the Tobin circle.



On the 3rd June I had the pleasure of accompanying Candida to the school. The head teacher, Anthony Gourley, welcomed us warmly and we sat in on a lesson for Year 9 which Sarah was teaching. The lesson was based on note length and the children showed that they understood the concept very well, as a result of their exposure to the Tobin System since the beginning of the school year. But what was most heartening was the sheer enjoyment that they expressed in the games that were played during the lesson. It really came home to me how clever the system is, including the fine detail of what actually takes place in the classroom, and just how much Candida's years of teaching children have been distilled into a system that can be so much fun as well as successful in developing musical skills and talent. The school has agreed to be a 'Centre of Excellence' for the Tobin System, which is great news.

NEW ASSOCIATES



Tracy Thurlow



Barry Metcalfe



Harold Chaplin



Jackey Birch



Maggi Griffiths

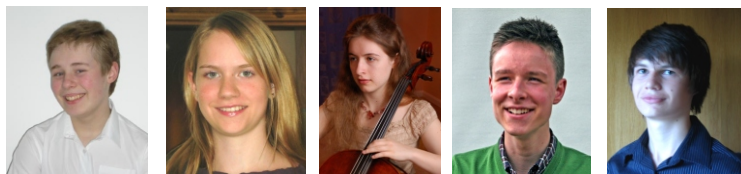
At the last Partner's meeting on Sunday 8th June the new Associate teachers were presented with their certificates. Morrice did the honours and congratulated them on their achievement. Candida was very impressed with the standard of their work and remarked that they had been a wonderful group to teach. All of them are music teachers and have been implementing the Tobin Music System in their work. They are already seeing the results of this unique method of teaching music.

OUTSTANDING CONCERT

The Tobin Music Trust organised a fundraising concert on the 21st June to showcase local young talent. The event was a resounding success with spectacular performances by all of the participants ranging in age from 12 to 18 years. Leonid Plashinov-Johnson saved the day by stepping in at the last minute when one of the performers had to pull out due to poor health.

Trustee, Helen Smithers, introduced each performer and spoke a little about the pieces and composers as well as the aims of the Tobin Music Trust.

Candida said, "It was a lovely evening and I for one enjoyed the young people's playing more than I often do listening to older more experienced performers".



National partners Coordinator, Morrice Wells, organised a raffle with prizes donated by local businesses and generous individuals ranging from chocolates and manicures to a double bass lesson and a holiday in Crete.

Overall, this event raised £228.37 which will go towards the making of more DVDs. Thank you to all those involved for helping and making this event a success!

Many thanks to the following for donating raffle prizes:

Anne Hope, Tim Clark of Inspired Services, Barry Metcalfe, W.H.Smith, Millers Hair Design, Jenny Clark - Reiki Healing, Skin Care Centre, Sweet Delights, The Flower Box, Jasmines Flowers, Helen Smithers, Margaret Kay, Shirley's Flowers, Crafty's Cave and Wilkinsons.

WIMBLEDON LECTURE by Maggi Griffiths

On Sunday June 22nd, I accompanied Candida to a Taster afternoon at a Primary school in Wimbledon. We were very pleased that we managed to navigate our way through London without any difficulties. The afternoon was very well organised by Suzanna Widmer, who is a peripatetic teacher at the school. The venue, in the school's Music Pavilion, was a perfect setting for the afternoon lecture.

There were eight people attending, out of the ten who had signed up, and they all came from various professional backgrounds. Only one lady was a non-musician, but as a Reception class teacher was interested in the system and how she could use it in her teaching.

Candida was soon in full flow and everyone was quickly occupied with the music shorthand lesson and obviously enjoying working with the large, chunky crayons. They were all focused throughout the afternoon and during the tea break the conversation was alive with enthusiasm for what they had learnt so far. By the end of the afternoon everyone was as inspired and 'hooked' as I was a few months ago after attending a Taster afternoon.



The feedback was very positive and they were all keen to know more about the system. One young lady in particular stood out in that she was very lacking in confidence at the beginning, thinking she was unable to keep up, but by the end of the afternoon she was beaming and couldn't wait to sign up for the Associate Teacher's modules! Personally, I thoroughly enjoyed watching Candida delivering her lecture again and am really looking forward to participating with some training in the near future.

Suzanna Widmer said, "I had a marvellous time and found your talk truly inspirational and I know that my experience is shared by many other course participants."

OUTSTANDING PUPIL

Olivia Allen joined the Saturday morning Tobin Music System class held in Tamworth in September 2007, aged 7. Since then Olivia has learned all about note values, rhythmic shorthand, time signatures, notes across the great staff, harmony and composition. In April this year Olivia began to take piano lessons with licentiate Tobin Teacher Julie Hall.

Julie, who is thrilled with Olivia's progress, said, "It was a very natural step for Olivia to move on to taking piano lessons using the Wizard's Way Piano Book 1 because she had such a thorough understanding of the system. Olivia could immediately find all the notes on the piano thanks to her thorough understanding of the musical alphabet, the great staff and the use coloured stickers.

This week Olivia had her 10th piano lesson and completed the final piece of the book which is considerably more challenging than the initial or test standard. The most exciting thing for me is her way around the piano with ease and confidence because the method does not fix the pianist plays pieces that span over 5 octaves. The introduction of the tetrachord and the notation ruler all the work in place ready to start scales next week! I love to see the beautiful colouring of the each week and Olivia takes immense pride in her book and her playing".

Mr Allen commented, "I wholeheartedly support and recommend the Tobin Music System". My daughter enjoys the lessons immensely and her with each lesson. I would advise anyone who has a child with musical aspirations to join a group short I wholeheartedly support and recommend the Tobin Music System".



DIARY

JULY

Sun 6th	Module 5	Sawbridgeworth
Sun 13th	Module 3	Tamworth
Sun 20th	Taster Afternoon 1.30-5.00pm	Sawbridgeworth
Wed 30th	Module 1	Sawbridgeworth

To book your place on any of these courses please contact:

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Tamworth : julie.hall@tobinmusic.co.uk

SUMMER ASSOCIATE COURSE

New Associate, James Rae, has decided to test his skills by training a group of very talented young musicians under Candida's watchful eye.

The course is to take place from Monday 21st - Friday 25th July at the Old Malthouse. This is a marvellous opportunity for the young musicians to learn how to teach music using the Tobin system and to acquire a qualification in the process.

If anyone else would like to join this course, please apply NOW!

PARTNERS

The next partner's meeting will be held at the Old Malthouse in Sawbridgeworth on Sunday 3rd August. This will be the last chance for everyone to catch up before the summer holidays!

Please bring a dish. Everyone is welcome.

We would like to thank you all for your continuing interest and support.

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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