



Tobin Music

ACCELERATING MUSIC LITERACY

News

Trinity College to launch DVD

Fantastic news! The prestigious Trinity College of Music will be hosting the launch of the Tobin Music System Introductory DVD on Friday 15th June. A host of luminaries from the world of music have been invited including Dame Evelyn Glennie, Sir Peter Maxwell Davies and Julian Lloyd Webber.

We hope that this event will launch the Tobin Music System into the mainstream and show the wider public that it is possible for children to be musically literate.

The DVD, produced by Rainbow Vision, was made as a specific response to a request from John Robertson, Chair of the All-Party Music Committee in the House of Commons. He was very impressed by the Tobin Music System and has given it his full support.

The launch is another step in the long relationship that Candida has enjoyed with Trinity College. Candida studied music at the College and was awarded an Honorary Fellowship in 1972. She has taught courses on the College's behalf and continues to provide the venue for Trinity College Examinations in her area.

Mark Stringer, Director of Music and Performing Arts, Trinity College, says "The Tobin Music System is one of the most imaginative approaches to the teaching and learning of the language of music".



Mark Stringer, Director of Music,
Trinity College

Download the DVD

You can download and view your own free copy of the DVD by visiting www.tobinmusic.co.uk

FORUM LAUNCH

We are pleased to be able to announce the launch of our new, online, Forum. This is a wonderful opportunity for teachers, students, and parents who use the Tobin Music System to keep in contact and discuss various aspects of the system.

Joining the Forum is easy, just follow the link on the website www.tobinmusic.co.uk.

OUTSTANDING PUPIL

Oliver Powell aged 7 from Tamworth has made rapid progress thanks to the Tobin Music System; he is using the Wizards Way piano method with teacher Julie Hall; he is working on book 2 now and is working towards grade 1 piano. He competed in the Tamworth Music Festival March 2007 and was awarded 1st place in the 7 and unders piano solo class and gained 3rd places in both the prep test piano class and 10 and unders piano duet class.

Jan Powell, Oliver's Mum also has this to say about the system;

I was taught to play the piano as a child in the early 1970s. Inevitably, as Oliver learns, I find myself comparing my own experience with the Tobin method. Although I retained some of the music theory, I now realise how much was missing from my own music education - really fundamental things such as an explanation of time signatures! Sitting in with Oliver as he is taught by the Tobin method is helping me to fill in the gaps!

I am particularly impressed by the following elements:

- *Use of colour is interesting and eye catching for youngsters.*
- *Use of card games and rhythm shapes is fun.*
- *Use of the colour circle makes it clear that A is not the first note on the piano.*
- *Close association with maths; use of fractions to denote the length of notes is helpful.*

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

DIARY

MAY	12th	Introduction £25, £15 Trainee Teachers Tamworth, Staffordshire
JUNE	10th 13th 15th 24th	Module 1 & 2 Meeting with Evelyn Glennie Trinity College launch Module 5
JULY	1st 15th	Partners Meeting Module 3



PARTNERS

The partners meeting on April 15th was well attended and provided a good opportunity for everyone to catch up on news and activities from around the country.

There were a number of items that attracted a great deal of discussion. The main point of concern was how to promote the Tobin Music System in the media.

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

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