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# Charity Concert in aid of Gloucester Academy of Music

Tickets are now available for our **Charity Concert**. On the **29th November** our Intermediate Orchestra, Training Orchestra & Senior Chamber Groups will be joined by the Gloucestershire Police Male Voice Choir at Dene Magna School in Mitcheldean for a Charity Concert to raise funds for Gloucester Academy of Music.



The concert will provide an opportunity for our students to perform in an environment outside of 11a Westgate Street and to a public audience. We are delighted that the Gloucestershire Police Male Voice Choir are available to perform for us that evening.

With songs from the musicals alongside some traditional Male Voice Choir pieces the Gloucestershire Police Male Voice Choir, along with our own Gloucester Academy of Music Orchestra's and Ensembles, will provide a very entertaining evening.

**Friday 29th November 7.30pm Dene Magna School, Mitcheldean**  
**Adults £8.00 Concessions £5.00**

**Tickets from admin@gamusic.co.uk or 01452 385162 or on the door**

## Michael Bochmann to visit Gloucester Academy of Music



On Saturday 16th November Michael Bochmann will be coming to visit us. Michael is Professor of Strings at Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music & Dance and Leader of the English Symphony Orchestra. He will be observing students in our Junior & Intermediate Orchestras and will be offering hints and tips.

**THE CHRISTMAS BIG GIVE IS COMING.....Countdown to December 5th, 6th & 7th.....**

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**Early Booking Discount for Holiday Music Courses has been extended! Book before 15th February 2014 to receive a 10% discount. For more details on our Easter Holiday Courses and Summer Holiday Courses please go to [www.gamusic.co.uk](http://www.gamusic.co.uk) or email [holidaycourses@gamusic.co.uk](mailto:holidaycourses@gamusic.co.uk)**

## Well Done to all of our Performers in the Performance Platform!

On Saturday 19th October we held our first Performance Platform of this academic year. Sixteen students performed in front of an appreciative audience of friends and family. Ranging in age from 4 years old to 17 years old all of the students performed with confidence and a smile (mostly).

We were delighted that Ellie Neate, one of our Senior Students, came along to sing for us. When I asked Ellie whether she would like to perform she told me the story of how when she was a young GAM student she was inspired by watching one of the Senior GAM students in a 'Friday Night is Music Night' (the original GAM Performance Platforms which some of you may remember). I am sure that many of our current young students were inspired by Ellie on the 19th!

Thanks go to everyone involved in the Performance Platform on the 19th; to Tarran Davies, Martha Green, Hugo Brooks-Hughes, Millie Stanton, Andrew Yates, Elizabeth Nunn, Fionnuala Murphy, Katya Oxley, Henry Hart, Holy Wan, Hannah Brooks-Hughes, Caitlin Wild, Louise Turner, Katie Jenner & Ellie Neate for performing, to Glyn and Wes for arranging and running the Platform, to Sara Harris for accompanying some of the students, to all of the GAM teachers for their support, and finally to Katya Oxley for the most enthusiastic response when asked whether she would like to play!

**The next Performance Platform will be on Saturday 16th November at 1.30pm. Please speak to (or email) Naomi if you would like to take part.**

### SATURDAY 7th DECEMBER

### JUNIOR CONCERT, RAFFLE & CHRISTMAS LUNCH

On Saturday 7th December we will be holding our Junior Department Concert from 9.30 until 12.30 followed by a light lunch at 1.00pm.

During the morning, all of the Junior Ensembles will perform (program available nearer the time) and there will be tea, coffee and mince pies available. We will also be holding a Christmas Raffle and having an appearance from a special Festive Visitor.

This year the Gloucester Academy of Music Christmas Lunch will be a Homemade Soup & Sandwich Selection followed by Coffee and

Mince Pies. A list will soon be available in the office so if you would like to join us for what is always a very social occasion then please add your name as soon as possible.

The lunch will be charged at £5.00 per head.

**Donations of Raffle Prizes and Mince Pies would be very welcome!**



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On December 15th the official launch of Gloucester Academy of Music *in* Cheltenham will be held at Dean Close Preparatory School. Caroline Lumsden and Laura Holt started the Cheltenham Sessions back in April of this year. Due to the high levels of interest in a Saturday afternoon Cheltenham option we will now be offering this alternative to any students who are not able to come to us here in Gloucester on a Saturday morning. The Launch event will feature performances from the Cheltenham Ensembles and the Carducci Quartet.

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**Congratulations to Paul King who has recently passed his Trinity Grade 8 Viola Exam. Well Done Paul! More Exam Successes in the next issue.**

### Dates for the Diary

- \* Performance Platform Saturday 16th November at 1.30pm. Please come along to support our young musicians.
- \* Charity Concert in aid of GAM at Dene Magna School 29th November
- \* Launch of GAM in Cheltenham on Sunday 15th December