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Newsletter – Spring 2013

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Trinity & ABRSM Grade Exams – News & Coming Rounds

February 9 & 10 saw our first round of Trinity Guildhall at the BSN with a 100% pass rate including many at Merit & Distinction level. Candidates included two 'Plectrum Guitar' candidates along with 13 vocalists under Trinity's new Rock & Pop curriculum.

Dates to know: next rounds Grade Exams:

Trinity Exams : October 12-13, 2013 (deadline for entry September 1)

ABRSM Exams: November/December 2013 (deadline for entry September 22).

* Please note that Graded Exams, on some instruments, or at a certain level, require an accompanist. Virtuosi can assist you in arranging one on request, but the onus is on the candidate to arrange and pay for an accompanist. Please check in the syllabus via your teacher if you are uncertain.

End of School Year Student Concert – Saturday July 6, 2013

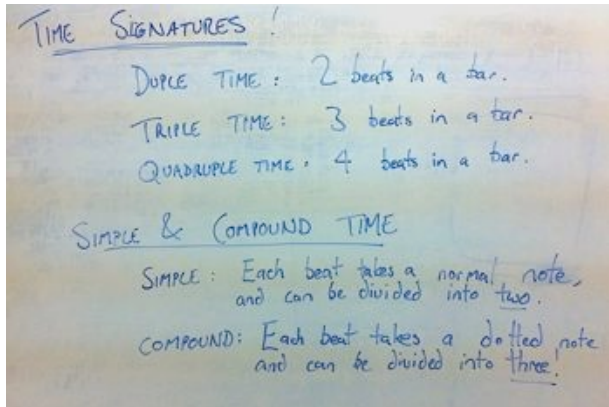
St John & St Philips Church Hall (Address: Ary van der Spuyweg 1, Den Haag)

Sessions: 9:00 am, 10:45 am, 12:30 pm & 14:15 pm.



Registration links will be sent out shortly via email. Please choose the session that is most convenient to you. Many younger pupils often choose to perform in the earlier two sessions, and stay to watch their older schoolmates. We encourage all students to perform, regardless of age & level. Students should choose the piece(s) they wish to perform and prepare them well. Each session will be designed to run no longer than one hour. If you wish to perform extended pieces, we would kindly request that you choose to perform in the final 14:15 session. Should all times fill up, quickly we may look at adding a further evening session. Please bring a cake or plate to share after the concert, and remember to collect your report card afterwards! Tea & coffee for the adults, and fruit juice for the children is provided.

Music Theory Class



The Music Theory classes take place on **Saturdays at 10:30 am**. Please contact us by email should you wish to attend in the coming academic year. Theory classes are offered **free of charge** to all continuing *Virtuosi* students. Non-*Virtuosi* students or new students pay a contribution of 240 euro for the year.

The course contents include the set elements required to take Trinity College & ABRSM grade exams, as well as extended Music Language Studies. The class is essential for students sitting grade exams, and we encourage all students who are able to attend to do so.

Specialised ear training, in particular, is something that must be continuously cultivated from a young age...



Opening Ears to Music” - Adult Music Appreciation Course

Feeling overwhelmed by classical music? *Virtuosi* now offers an adult Music Appreciation course for those wishing to enhance their musical experience and understanding on a deeper level. This course will allow you to get the most from performances and recordings.

The total contribution for the five week course is **€90.75** per person (inc. b.t.w.) and will typically include attending at least one live performance. Please contact us by phone or email to register your interest. Space is limited in order to create a small, friendly group dynamic. Minimum 4 persons to start.

Music Preparation Class (4-7)

Theory based singing class for children four and above with little or no former musical experience in preparation for instrumental lessons. Combines solfege and eurythmics, introducing musical concepts and language in a fun and engaging group setting. Classes run on Friday at 16:00 and Saturday morning at 11:30.



Policy and Fee Notes for coming School Year 2013/2014

- ❖ The yearly fee for music lessons will remain the same for 2013/2014.
- ❖ For upfront payment at the beginning of the year, 3% discount still applies.
- ❖ A 30 euro registration fee will take effect for new students and returning students only in 2013/2014. This will not effect current continuing students.
- ❖ Monthly payment will attract an administration fee of 11 euro. This will apply to all students across the board, including continuing students who opt for Monthly Payment.
- ❖ If you plan to change your preferred payment method, please notify us before the end of the current school year.
- ❖ 'Extra lesson Dates' to compensate pupils who receive less than 36 lessons due to the BSN calendar & public holidays will no longer be provided – instead, the fee will be adjusted at the beginning of the year to compensate any pupil receiving fewer than 36 lessons by the regular BSN calendar.
- ❖ Theory Classes will be still offered free of charge for continuing students. New and returning students will now pay a yearly contribution of 240 euro to attend.

What's going on at Virtuosi's Head Office...

Tuesday teachers finally stand together to pose for a photo.



Congratulations to office baby James Donald Howe, who turned the big 1 on April 22nd! We wish him a cute and active, healthy, musical life! ^_^



No matter different weather or season, Bruno still plays the piano...



Our building work finally partially finished in January – with new office space ready for painting.



We keep a small school library where music textbooks and method books are offered for sale. Parents are welcome to buy books from us.



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