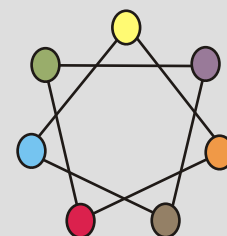


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# Tobin Music

ACCELERATING MUSIC LITERACY

## News

## CLOSER LINKS WITH HERTS UNI

The Tobin Music Trust has successfully brought to completion the first five in a series of ten Instructional DVDs with the help of £5000 funding from the Film and Digital Media Exchange (FDMX). In July Tobin Music Trust Chairman, Rob Francis, and Trustee, Claire Seoud, went to the Innovation Centre at the University of Hertfordshire to present Martina Porter, FDMX Project Manager, with the DVDs.



The two year project has been a lot of work for Candida and Julie Hall who have toiled tirelessly to ensure that the DVDs are of the highest standard and show teachers exactly how to deliver each lesson. Bo Lindstrom of Rainbow Vision has produced excellent footage of live classes. It is hoped that work can soon begin on the remaining five DVDs to complete the set.

The Tobin Music Trust is currently exploring ways in which it can further collaborate with FDMX on additional multimedia projects that would develop and extend teaching resources. FDMX is the Knowledge Exchange for film, TV and digital media, is led by the University of Hertfordshire and is supported by HEFCE (Higher Education Funding Council for England)



## SPONSORED PRACTICE

This year's sponsored practice has been a resounding success, raising a total of £477.14! The competition has been fierce but the results are as follows:

First Prize	Marcus Watts
Second Prize	Om Kanabar
Third Prize	Laura Beard
Fourth Prize	Annabel Cruwys

Each of the prizewinners will receive a Musiccolour CD and vouchers for WH Smiths.

The money raised will go towards the cost of completing the DVD project. Well done!

# SUMMER SCHOOL



For the first time, Candida hosted a five day Summer School for young pupils and graduates in July. This offered an opportunity for them to become acquainted with Candida's teaching

Among those attending were three Trinity College of Music students who had attended Candida's lecture at Trinity earlier in the year. A former pupil of Julie Hall's, Michael Sorenson, is now a music teacher and attended the course. For two days he was once again taught by Julie since she and her husband, Chris, came down from Staffordshire to help out.

Despite being in the garden from 9.30 am - 4.30pm it was hard work with Candida being an unrelenting task master. There were, however, breaks for lunch in the nearby pub as well as the odd tea break.

At one point, Professor Wink enjoyed more attention than usual!

On the last day after a morning spent taking it in turns doing presentations Harry, Alex and Michael treated everyone to an impromptu recital. Harry played a lovely spanish guitar piece which had us all spellbound. This was followed by Alex who delighted us with three piano pieces; Mozart - Fantasia in D Minor K. 397, Debussy - Clair de Lune & Shostakovich - Polka. Then Michael introduced everyone to something completely different, the electric bassoon! He played a set that included Michael Jackson and Jimi Hendrix with an amp, pedal effects and backing tracks he certainly gave Candida's neighbours a treat.



# OUTSTANDING PUPILS



On July 11th the Craven Herald published a report entitled "Music pupils take centre stage at annual concert". The pupils featured are taught by Mrs Topper who uses the Tobin Music system.

Music echoed throughout Aire View Infant School in Silsden as the pupils of Grace Topper performed at their annual music concert. The concert provided an opportunity for the youngsters to demonstrate their achievements to a large audience of family and friends.

A raffle raised £40 and the proceeds were donated to Skipton and Craven Action for Disability (SCAD). Pupils were presented with awards and trophies and the concert was brought to a close with Mrs Topper leading an ensemble of recorder players, performing Old MacDonald.



Max Quirk  
Aged 7



Sarah Hadfield & Faye Kelk  
Aged 8

## DIARY

### SEPTEMBER

Sun 7th	Taster Day	Sawbridgeworth
Sun 14th	Module 1	Sawbridgeworth
Sun 28th	Module 2	Sawbridgeworth

### OCTOBER

Sun 3rd	Module 3	Sawbridgeworth
Sun 19th	Module 4	Tamworth

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

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## NEW TRUSTEE by Claire Seoud

We would like to offer a warm welcome to Maggi Griffiths who has agreed to become a Trustee. Maggi is a music specialist who recently completed the Associate course and since then has had a couple of articles about the Tobin system published, most notably on the Music Manifesto website.

[Http://www.musicmanifesto.co.uk/features/details/qa-tobin-music/22470](http://www.musicmanifesto.co.uk/features/details/qa-tobin-music/22470)

Maggi brings with her a wealth of experience and knowledge of music education and the trials and tribulations that face music teachers in England today. She is a friendly, outgoing and articulate person who we already regard as a valued team member.

## PARTNERS

The next partner's meeting will be held at the Old Malthouse in Sawbridgeworth on Sunday 3rd August 12.30pm.

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

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