

MAYZMUSIK PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY

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DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

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CHRISTMAS IS HERE!

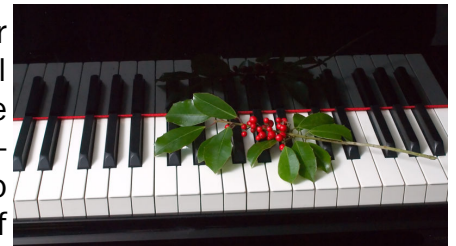
It's that time of year again when we'll be pulling out the decorations & practising Carols in preparation for the festive season!

But, as ever, these are busy times for Academy students & teachers.

The London College & Rockscool Examinations are all scheduled to take place throughout December. Students should receive results before Christmas—postal strikes & Christmas post pending!

For the 9th year running, we will be taking the WHOLE Academy out onto the streets of Abergavenny to entertain Christmas Shoppers with the carols & songs rehearsed over the festive period.

This will be taking place on Saturday 19th December at 10am. We usually stay for around an hour. Please come & have some fun with your fellow musicians & prove that Mayzmusik Performing Arts Academy definitely believes in



Father Christmas!

The Academy drama department Visions In Glass will be performing their Christmas Revue "Thriller Avenue" on the evening of December 19th (read on for more details!)

So all Academy staff would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!

EXAMS

Confirmed dates for Rockscool Ltd Music Examinations is either Sunday 6th or Monday 7th December.

London College Exams will be taking

place on Friday 18th December.

For those who may require a morning off school for these exams, it will count as an authorised ab-

sence as the reason is educational.

Tutors will have individual days & times. Best of Luck to all involved!

BRYN A CWM CHRISTMAS ICE FAYRE



Many Academy students have been getting involved with the Bryn a Cwm Christmas Ice Fayre in Abergavenny Market Hall on Sunday 13th December.

Both the Visions In Glass Choir & rock band Open Ocean made it through to the finals of the Xmas Factor where they had the privilege of performing in front of the Westend's original Phantom of the Opera Peter Karrie! They also met Greg Pritchard who made it through to the semi-finals of Britain's Got Talent 2009.

The dancers from the Academy will be performing as part of the parade, as well as in the opening show.

The theme is Narnia & as well as a fully operational ice rink there will be many other activities, all provided free of charge by Bryn a Cwm community council.

CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

The last teaching day this term will be SUNDAY 20TH DECEMBER and we will return to teaching MONDAY 4TH JANUARY.

We hope you all have a relaxing &

fun break, but please remember that you will still need to practise, especially if you have an exam in the February session!

Because of the Dance Departments'

involvement in the Bryn a Cwm Christmas Ice Fayre, the final dance classes will be on Saturday 12th December, with the Ice Fayre taking place on Sunday 13th December.

CHRISTMAS DECORATION COMPETITION

To celebrate the festive period in styles, the Academy is having a "Christmas Decoration Competition"!

Students are being asked to make a

decoration for their tutors' Christmas Tree which includes a photograph of themselves!

A winner will be picked for each tutor & each winner will

receive a chocolatey prize!

All decorations will be displayed on their tutor's Christmas tree.

THRILLER AVENUE



On Saturday 19th December, Visions In Glass will be performing their Christmas Revue "Thriller Avenue" at Llanwenarth Hall.

The first half will be the group's tribute to the legend that was Michael Jackson, with

songs & dance routines to pay homage to the late King of Pop.

In the second half, the senior section of the group will be performing an abridged version of the Westend hit musical "Avenue Q".

All proceeds raised from the event will go towards buying the rights for the full scale summer production in

July 2010.

The 25-strong group has had a fantastic year, so please come and help them see out the year with a bang!

Thriller Avenue will start at 7.30pm. Tickets £5 & £3.50 on the door.



GCSE'S & A-LEVELS

Entries for GCSE, AS & A-level examinations are being made very soon so if you are planning to take your exam in Summer 2010—the hard work starts here!

Practical exam dates will be given as soon as the Academy receives them, but the dates for written examinations are already set—dates on the back of this newsletter.

Remember—you're never too old or young to take a Performing Arts GCSE. As long as you play & read between G3-5 in music or have a similar level of experience in dance, the GCSE is possible!

DISNEYLAND 2010

The academy will be taking 25 students to Disneyland in January 2010!

The students will be participating in the Performing Arts Study Experience where they will see what happens behind the

scenes for the parades, performances & stunt shows including the preparations for music, dancing etc.

They will also have the opportunity to meet the Creative Director of Disneyland

Resort Paris & ask her any questions they may have regarding the performances.

See next issue for pics & a full report!



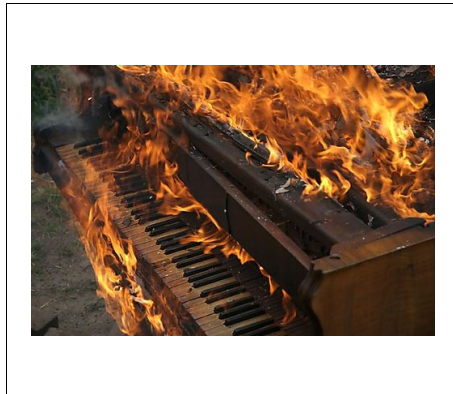
STAGE SAFETY SPECIAL!

With health & safety procedures becoming more & more strict throughout the UK, it is VITAL

that all Mayzmusik Performing Arts Academy Students AND parents are aware of stage safety procedures.

gigs, during rehearsals & at lessons.

Gigs & rehearsals should always be fun for all involved, and with all safety procedures followed correctly, students will be able to perform & practise in a completely safe environment.



Please read the following very carefully, so that accidents can be avoided at

ROADIES

Roadies are the people who assist performers with carrying equipment to & from the performance area.

by Mayzmusik Performing Arts Academy Roadies will be supplied.

ance area, therefore you must trust the stage hands to assist with equipment.

At all gigs organised

Friends & relatives ARE NOT INSURED to be in the perform-

Musicians who need assistance with setting up equipment will also be helped.

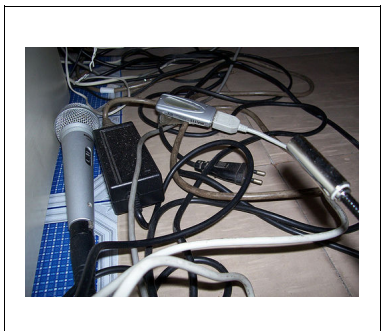
HEALTH & SAFETY

The stage is potentially a very dangerous place, but as long as appropriate measures are taken, accidents are completely avoidable.

ALL wires must be secured to prevent them becoming a hazard.

With electrical equipment, a PAT safety test is advisable, and

Whilst mats are available for this purpose, simple duct tape will do the job!



INSURANCE

It is vital that students' instruments are insured, especially if they are taken regularly to gigs.

Usually you can include your instruments on your home & contents insurance but you must ensure that an "in transit" clause is included.

The best way to insure your instruments in by getting Musician's Un-

ion Membership.

Not only will they insure your instruments, but will provide you with public liability insurance to the tune of £10m as well as providing you with legal cover for any issues you may encounter along the way.

The MU is also on hand with experts to give assistance with career plans, accountancy, contracts etc.

For more information, please pick up a membership form from the Academy.



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union**

ETIQUETTE

When performing with more than one act on the bill, it is important that the musicians follow the general etiquette code to avoid accidents and have a safe, quick change over.

ALWAYS allow the previous act to vacate the stage completely before you start to set up.

NEVER sound check or tune up whilst

other acts are performing.

Try to set up as much as you can off stage so that time isn't wasted.

COMMON SENSE

Most stage safety is down to common sense & manners.

Things to be aware of while preparing for performances:

- Be aware of the location of fire exits & ensure

you don't block them

- Be familiar with the running order so that you know when to set up etc
- Work **WITH** your fellow performers for a smooth & safe change



over

- Be familiar with evacuation procedures.

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For regular updates on
Academy news

THE TEAM



May Williams (and Elvis)
Principal



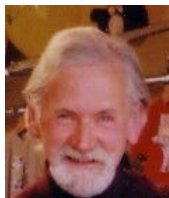
Emma-Jayne & Lisa-Marie Williams
Vice Principals



Lewis Bray
Teacher



James Clement
Teacher



Ted Topps
Teacher



Pip Williams
Teacher

Diary Dates

December 2009

- Sun 6th & Mon 7th Rockschool Exams—Academy
- Sun 13th Bryn a Cwm Christmas Ice Fayre—Abergavenny Market Hall
- Fri 18th LCM Exams—Ebbw Vale Presbyterian Church
- Sat 19th Christmas Carolling—Abergavenny Town Centre
- Thriller Avenue—Llanwenarth Hall (7.30pm start)
- Sun 20th Last Teaching Day

January 2010

- Mon 4th First Teaching Day of Spring term
- Sun 24th - Wed 27th Disneyland Study Experience

February 2010

- Mon 15th - Sun 21st Half Term : No Dance Classes (Music as per usual)

March 2010

- Mon 1st - Fri 26th GCSE Music Performance Exam Period
- Sun 27th Last Teaching Day

April 2010

- Mon 12th First Day of Summer Term
- Mon 12th AS & A2 Music Performance Period Begins
- Fri 16th GCSE Music Controlled Assessment Deadline

May 2010

- Fri 7th AS & A2 Music Coursework Deadline
- Mon 17th AS & A2 Music Performance Period Ends
- Wed 19th GCSE Dance Written Exam
- Fri 28th AS Music Listening Exam
- Mon 31st - Sun 6th Jun Half Term : No Dance Classes (Music as per usual)

June 2010

- Fri 18th GCSE Music Listening Exam
- Fri 25th A2 Music Listening Exam