

# MAYZMUSIK PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY

September 2011



## AUTUMN TERM NEWSLETTER

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## HAPPY 11TH BIRTHDAY!!!

Welcome to a new academic year at the academy! We hope you all had a wonderful summer and are feeling refreshed and ready for the new term.

This month the academy celebrates its 11th birthday and we are celebrating with some very exciting developments. Read on for more.....



## SUMMER SHOWCASE SUCCESS!!!

In July we staged our first ever showcase of our talented students in the Borough Theatre, Abergavenny, and it was a roaring success! Over 75 students participated in the event and each one performed to the highest standard.

Our youngest performers from our Infant Ballet class melted every heart in the audience with their beautiful Disney dance to "Just Like We Dreamed It" alongside the entire academy dance department.

Ages of performers throughout the evening ranged from just 2 years old right up to 60.

We have had some lovely feedback from parents and other supporters in the audience. All our tutors were swelling with pride backstage on what was a truly fantastic evening.

A huge thank you to all who were involved in the show from performers to organisers and stage crew. Watch this space for next year's plans!

To see more of the official photographs by Philip Sims, visit the Latest News section of our website



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## YOU CAN'T STOP THE BEAT!!!

It is with immense pleasure and pride that MPAA welcomes Alex Hopkinson as our new full-time drum tutor.

Alex has been a part-time member of staff for many years helping with our administration work and we are absolutely thrilled that he has agreed to join the academy full-time.

Alex began learning drums at the age of 13 with our very own James Clement and

has some excellent credentials .

He achieved a distinction (with a record percentage!) at Grade 8 Rock Drumming at the age of 16 (even with a broken hand!!!) and is currently privately studying a degree in music.

He is the drummer for rock band "Open Ocean" - regular performers at the Kings Arms in Abergavenny—and has a very strong hand in writing the band's original material.



A dab-hand at piano, bass, guitar and vocals, Alex is a real asset to our academy with his boundless talent and enthusiasm. We're sure you will all wish him well and welcome him to the academy team.

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## GLOWING RESULTS!!!

As usual, the summer term was littered with examinations for academy students. From rock and jazz instrumental exams, to rock, pop and musical theatre vocal exams and, of course, not forgetting our GCSE and A-Level exams in Music and Dance!

We are incredibly proud to announce fabulous re-

sults in all subjects! We simply must mention Andrew Hansford who achieved A\* in his GCSE Music and Harry Jones who not only achieved A\* at GCSE, but also A in his AS Level Music.

The academy is immensely proud to maintain a 100% pass rate after 5 years of working with

the exam boards with a 96% rate of A\* to C grades at GCSE and 100% A to E at A-Level.

From September 2012 we will also be offering Performing Arts and Drama.

Please contact Lisa-Marie for more information.

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## AARDVARK CASTING AGENCY

Aardvark Casting Agency is one of the largest companies of its kind in the world.

Originally, Aardvark was set up by Helen O'Grady Drama Academy (where our vocal coach, Emma is a drama teacher), but it is

now open to the general public.

Aardvark supply actors, dancers, models, extras & voice-overs all over the UK & in several countries worldwide, with no age limit at all.

Aardvark Casting Agency is a safe & reputable global company.

For more information, call 0845 6037220 or visit [www.aardvarkcasting.com](http://www.aardvarkcasting.com)

## GOING ON THE ROAD

We are pleased to announce that our guitar tutor, Lewis Bray, will be going on tour with his band, The Undivided, from the middle of October.

Lewis has been a tutor with Mayzmusik Performing Arts Acad-

emy for over 6 years, and has been a gigging musician throughout this time.

Things have progressed a great deal over the last few months.

The Undivided have recorded music videos for their singles Wasted

Time and You & Me, and now they have been given the chance to tour the UK in support of their "mini-album" Safety.

Due to this up & coming tour, Lewis will sadly be leaving the Academy, but we know that you will join us in wishing him every success.

Lewis' lessons will be taken by Lisa-Marie or Pip.



## DISNEYLAND 2012

Once again, Mayzmusik Performing Arts Academy will be taking students to Disneyland Resort Paris as part of the Study Experiences in Performing Arts.

Students who are (or will be) studying for GCSE's & A-levels in Music, Dance, Drama or Performing Arts can take up this fantastic opportunity to see behind-the-scenes in one of the world's best known performance brands.

Students will meet &

workshop with cast members, ranging from stunt coordinators, to creative & artistic directors.

Not only does the experience help a great deal with the qualifications the students are studying towards, but the insight into the working world of Performing Arts is invaluable to anyone wishing to pursue a career in the industry.

The 4-day trip costs only £229 & this includes transport from The Academy to Dis-

neyland, Breakfast, 3 nights stay on the Resort, 2 days in the parks plus three education sessions.

Forms are available on our website or from Lisa-Marie.



We're on the web! Visit  
[www.mayzmusik.co.uk](http://www.mayzmusik.co.uk)  
 For regular updates on  
 Academy news

## THE TEAM



**May Williams**  
Principal



**Emma-Jayne Williams &  
Lisa-Marie Williams**  
Vice Principals



**Lewis Bray**  
Teacher



**Alex Hopkinson**  
Teacher



**Pip Williams**  
Teacher



**Owen Haslegrave & Amy Burgess**  
Receptionists

## Diary Dates

### Sep 2011

- Thu 1st First Teaching Day  
 Fri 9th Dance Classes Resume  
 Sun 11th First VIG Rehearsal  
 Sat 24th Instrument Exam Fee Deadline (*Rockschool, LCM, ABRSM*)

### Oct 2011

- Sat 15th Dance Photos Day  
 Sun 16th Disneyland Deposits Deadline  
 Mon 24th - Sun 30th HALF TERM—No Dance Classes (Music Lessons as normal)

### Nov 2011

- Sunday 20th Disneyland Balance Deadline

### Dec 2011

- Sun 18th LAST TEACHING DAY—Christmas Holidays

### Jan 2012

- Tue 3rd FIRST TEACHING DAY—Spring Term  
 Tue 31st Disneyland Departs

### Feb 2012

- Fri 3rd Disneyland Returns  
 Mon 13th - Sun 19th HALF TERM—No Dance Classes (Music Lessons as normal)

### Mar 2012

- Mon 5th - Fri 23rd GCSE Music Performing Session  
 Sun 11th Move It Dance Convention

### Apr 2012

- Thu 5th LAST TEACHING DAY—Easter Holidays  
 Mon 16th - May 5th A-level Music Performing Session  
 Fri 20th FIRST TEACHING DAY—Summer Term  
 Fri 27th Dance Classes Resume  
 Sat 28th GCSE Music Controlled Assessment Deadline

### May 2012

- Tue 8th AS & A-level Music Coursework Deadline  
 Mon 14th GCSE Music Listening Paper (am)  
 Mon 21st AS Level Music Listening Paper (pm)

### Jun 2012

- Mon 4th - Sun 10th HALF TERM—No Dance Classes (Music Lessons as normal)  
 Fri 15th A-level Music Listening Paper (pm)