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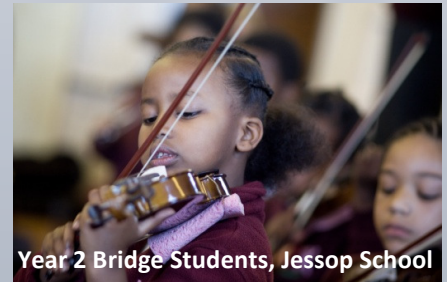
instruments of change

Welcome to our end of year newsletter. We have many things to celebrate and lots to look forward to in 2010!

performing with poise

This term has been incredibly exciting for the Bridge Project. Our Year 2 students (aged 6) recently completed their second full term of violin lessons and have been performing with confidence and poise in front of parents and friends in whole school assemblies. They also took part in a fantastic event at St John's, Smith Square where 40 of our students, supported by their families, performed in front of a visibly impressed audience of the great and the good.

You can hear Bridge Project Manager Rob Adediran in conversation with Bob Jones talking about this performance, the Bridge Project and LMM Awards on a Classic FM Arts Daily Podcast at: www.londonmusicmasters.org/audio-gallery



Year 2 Bridge Students, Jessop School



Musicianship class

LPO back to school

Last week a string quartet from the London Philharmonic Orchestra visited Ashmole School. They spent the morning with Year 1 (aged 5) in an interactive workshop which opened with the children marching into the room as the quartet played the Toreadors' March from Bizet's Carmen. In another activity the children were given an imaginary remote control which gave them the power to mute the musicians as they performed Bach's Air sul G. The musicians had to concentrate fiercely on their parts as the children got into the habit of muting and 'un-muting' them at very awkward moments - good aural practise for LPO's finest!

wigmore family concert success

Over 40 parents and children from Bridge Schools attended a Wigmore Hall concert designed for families. It featured the Emperor String Quartet and our families thoroughly enjoyed themselves. One of the parents who was clearly impressed by the beautiful surroundings of Wigmore Hall and the music said:

"I can't believe they get opportunities like this!"

tiny violins

Earlier in the term we measured the Year 1 students at both schools for their new violins. In January they will all be commencing violin lessons. They have been having musicianship classes with Michele Wolfson for two terms and are eager and excited to start their lessons in the new year!



LMM Artists Agata, Elena and Jennifer

artists inspiring...

Elena and Agata each visited one of the Bridge Project Schools and gave classroom performances to the children. As the artists switched between Bach, Lutoslawski and Ysaÿe the children travelled with them, at times mesmerised to silence by the beauty, and at times giggling with delight! They chatted with the artists asking inciting and cheeky questions and were clearly thrilled to be so close to such stunning virtuosity. Elena also put on a special concert for the teaching staff of one of the schools (with doughnuts) which resulted in 13 of them signing up for violin lessons next term!

LMM Awards launch

This Autumn saw the presentation of the first LMM Awards to our three LMM Artsists Jennifer Pike, Agata Szymczewska and Elena Urioste. Each of them gave nuanced and exhilarating recitals at Wigmore Hall with more performances elsewhere to follow in the spring.

LMM Artist news: performance and mentoring

- It has recently been announced that Jennifer Pike will receive mentoring from John Gilhooly, Director of Wigmore Hall and his team as part of her award.
- Agata Szymczewska will perform the Mendelssohn Violin Concerto with the LPO at the Royal Festival Hall on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2010. The performance will be conducted by Osmo Vänskä. She will receive mentoring from Timothy Walker, Chief Executive and Artistic Director of the London Philharmonic Orchestra and his team.
- Elena Urioste will perform with the LPO in their Bright Sparks concerts in June 2010. She will also receive mentoring from a team of key individuals at the Southbank Centre led by Marshall Marcus - Head of Music, Gillian Moore - Head of Contemporary Culture and Shân MacLennan - Creative Director of Learning and Participation.

coming up...

Our next newsletter will include a list of upcoming events! For information contact Charlotte Hintzen: 020 7217 4737 / chintzen@londonmusicmasters.org

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