

# **Sussex Young Musicians Showcase Concert**

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2014

St John's Church, Broadbridge Heath

## **Haruki Koda - Piano**

Haruki is 9 years old and is a pupil at St Cuthbert Mayne Catholic Primary School, in Cranleigh. He has severe learning difficulties but has been enjoying learning piano for just 3 and a half years, with Brenda Mendelssohn. He loves performing solos and duets with his mother Hiromi, so has taken part in Worthing,, Reigate, Mid Sussex and Horsham festivals. Two years running he has been invited to play in the Harlequin Theatre, Redhill taking part in their Prizewinners concerts. Haruki also plays the violin.

## **Poppy McGhee - Recorder**

Poppy is 9 years old and is a pupil at The Prebendal School in Chichester. Poppy started playing the violin aged 5. At 8, Poppy took her Grade 8 Violin exam and passed with Distinction. Just over 2 years ago, Poppy started playing the recorder. Poppy has just started attending The Royal Academy of Music Primary Department on a Saturday and is learning violin Chika Robertson. Poppy will disappear after the break to get to bed as she needs to be on the train early tomorrow morning. As well as the violin and recorder, Poppy plays the piano, oboe and sings. Outside of music she enjoys Brownies, reading and swimming.

## **Kate Simpson - Violin**

Kate is 12 years old, and began playing the violin aged 7. Aged 9 she gained a West Sussex Music Award, the year ago she won a music scholarship to The Prebendal School in Chichester where she now studies violin with Phyllida Maude-Roxby, and also has piano and singing lessons. She is involved in several of the school's orchestras, including their Senior Strings and First Orchestra. Kate recently played a solo violin piece for Princess Alexandra at a school event, and has been kept very busy with music auditions for various senior schools for entry in September.

## **Hannah Wardrop - Voice**

Hannah is 13, and a pupil at Seaford College Prep School, in Petworth. Hannah is head-chorister in the Seaford Prep School Choir, and also sings in the School chapel choir which performs services and concerts around the country. Hannah also plays the flute and recently gained a distinction at Grade 5.

## **Tim Rumsey - Piano**

Tim is 14 years old and he goes to Bishop Luffa School in Chichester. He is a student at the Junior Department of The Royal Academy of Music in London every Saturday. He's currently working towards his first piano diploma. Tim is also a grade 8 clarinettist and recorder player. Earlier this month he entered the West Sussex Youth Music Award competition and is through to the final which takes place in March.

## **Trombone Quartet - Alex Bland, Sam Garside, Michael Sleeman and Hugh Turnbull**

All 4 boys are taught by Paul Satchwell through West Sussex Music. Alex is in his first year at Collyers studying AS German, Maths, Physics and Product Design. Sam, Michael and Hugh are all in their final year of A levels, Sam and Hugh at Collyers and Michael at Holy Trinity School in Crawley. Michael and Sam both plan to study Physics at university and Hugh, Economics.

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## Zoe Barnett - Guitar

Zoe is 14 years of age and attends Lavant House School for Girls near Chichester where she holds a music scholarship. Zoe is also an accomplished flautist and pianist.

She really enjoys Saturday mornings at the West Sussex Music Service where she plays in the Youth Concert Band, Woodwind and Guitar ensembles and this year she has joined the nationally recognised youth guitar ensemble, Guitar Circus Camerata, Zoe is also a member of the National Children's Choir of Great Britain.

## Jake Dixon - Cello

Jake Dickson, 17 is a cellist, pianist and orchestral percussionist studying A levels at Collyers Sixth Form College. Jake has performed at Symphony Hall Birmingham as co-principal cellist with West Sussex County Youth Orchestra and more recently at the Royal Festival Hall with the London Philharmonic Orchestra and is looking forward to an orchestral tour to Barcelona in July 2014.

Jake studies cello with Kay Tucker as an Enhanced County Award holder for West Sussex Music Trust and piano privately with Rosemary Hensor. Having successfully completed ATCL on piano in July 2013 he is now working on ATCL cello.

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## Andy Martin - Flute

Andy Martin is from Chichester. He's been playing for about 10 years He currently works full time at John Lewis in Chichester but spends every other spare moment playing. In September Andy will continue his flute studies at The Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama. He has played Principal Flute in the West Sussex County Youth Orchestra who recently won the opportunity to play alongside the London Philharmonic Orchestra in the Royal Festival Hall in London. Andy also enjoys playing the piano and has recently rediscovered the joy of singing since joining the John Lewis Choir! Andy is organising a solo recital tour during the summer with venues around the United Kingdom showcasing the talents of British Flute composers. Repertoire is mainly drawn from the late 20th Century as Andy is passionate about finding usual works and lesser known pieces to play and share with people. For more information regarding these upcoming concerts, please contact [marta025@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:marta025@hotmail.co.uk).

## Hugh Crook - Piano

Hugh is 16 and currently attends Collyer's Sixth Form College in Horsham. He is studying for AS Levels in Maths, Further Maths, Physics and Music. Hugh started learning piano aged 9, and since then took up both the saxophone and organ. He studies piano with Alison Sutton and has organ lessons at Christ's Hospital. Following Grade 8 exams in all three instruments, he is working towards Diplomas in piano and organ, which he hopes to achieve by the time he finishes his A Levels. He plans to go to university after college and hopefully take up an organ scholarship! He is the organist for St Margaret's Church in Warnham.