



Guernsey Music Centre

March
2024

Spring Term 2024

Tuesday 12th March

ABRSM practical examinations at the PRCPA

Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th March

Chris Hoyle – Head of Strings at RNCM visit for advanced string players – details tbc

Saturday 16th March

Stéphane Rancourt - Oboe Professor at RNCM visit for advanced oboe players – details tbc

****Saturday 16th March****

Friends of Guernsey Music Centre Jazz Evening at Performing Arts Centre, Les Ozouets - featuring Training and Youth Jazz Orchestras and Electric String Quartet 7:30pm. Ticket price will include a light supper

18th March – 22nd March

Trinity College London practical examinations at the PRCPA

****Tuesday 19th March****

Eisteddfod Gala Concert – details to be confirmed.

Friday 22nd March

Last day of instrumental lessons in State schools.

Saturday 23rd March

Julian Bliss masterclass for advanced clarinet students 11am - 1pm St James

Saturday 23rd March

Guernsey Symphony Orchestra Concert, 8pm at St James
with open rehearsal for accompanied Music Centre students from 3pm to 5:45pm at St James

Summer Term 2024

Tuesday 9th April

Instrumental lessons in school & weekday choirs recommence.

Friday 12th April

Jazz rehearsals recommence.

Saturday 13th April

Music Centre recommences.

**** Saturday 20th April****

Concert - Vale Church

Youth Chamber Orchestra & String Chamber Music Groups
7.30pm – refreshments from 7pm

****Saturday 4th May****

Concert – St Saviour's Church

Brass Band, Flute Choir & Clarinet Choir.
7.30pm – refreshments from 7pm

Saturday 11th May

No Music Centre – auditions for Youth Training Orchestra, Concert Wind Band and Youth Orchestra – by invitation only.

Saturday 18th May

Southbank Sinfonia musicians visit - details tbc

****Sunday 19th May****

Youth Jazz and Training Jazz Orchestras at Candie Gardens, 3pm

Fridays 24th & 31st May

No Jazz rehearsals

Saturdays 25th May and 1st June

No Music Centre around half term

****Sunday 9th June****

Arts Sunday – Training Jazz to perform 12:00 – 12:30pm - details tbc

Summer Term 2024

****Saturday 15th June****

His Majesty's Official Birthday Reception at Government House – Concert Wind Band and Youth Jazz to perform – details to follow.

****Friday 21st June****

Summer Concert - Youth Wind Band, Youth Training Orchestra, Intermediate & Guernsey Girls' Choirs.

7:30pm at St James

****Saturday 22nd June****

Leavers' Concert - Youth Orchestra, Concert Wind Band & Youth Choir.

7:30pm at St James

****Saturday 29th June****

Open Morning, Les Varendes High School (last Music Centre of the term)

Friday 5th July

Last day of instrumental lessons

Future Diary Dates

****Saturday 7th December****

**Christmas Open Morning
Les Varendes High School
(last Music Centre of the term)**

****Friday 31st January 2025****

Winter Concert - Youth Wind Band, Youth Training Orchestra, Intermediate & Girls' Choirs

****Saturday 1st February 2025****

Winter Concert - Youth Orchestra, Concert Wind Band & Youth Choir



Southbank Sinfonia London Trip

On Wednesday 6th March, Guernsey Music Centre students had the exciting opportunity to perform alongside the Southbank Sinfonia Orchestra as part of the long-term collaborative initiative which exists between Guernsey Music Centre and the well-known London orchestra.

Over the course of a two-day visit, Guernsey students also received coaching from members of the orchestra and worked with different conductors, culminating in playing in the concert alongside the Southbank Sinfonia at St John's Waterloo.



Matthew Moody, Charlie Dunford, Ben Davidson and Molly Robinson pictured left in rehearsals & right performing in the concert



Visiting Musicians This Term

The Music Service is pleased to welcome a number of professional musicians who are visiting Guernsey in the next few weeks.

In March there will be visits from Simon Jones, the Head of Strings at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama, Stéphane Rancourt, Professor of Oboe at the Royal Northern College of Music, Chris Hoyle, Head of Strings at the Royal Northern College of Music, baritone Darwin Prakash, accompanist Rob Bottriell and international clarinet soloist Julian Bliss, all of whom will be working with groups and individuals at Guernsey Music Centre.

Saturday 9th March - Simon Jones working with individual pupils (right) and with Youth Chamber Orchestra (below)



Donation to Montserrat

The Music Service has donated a number of instruments to the Caribbean Island of Montserrat. It is hoped by both Government House in Guernsey and the Governor's Office in Montserrat that this can be the beginning of a longer-term relationship between the two islands which focuses on supporting young people in music.



Eisteddfod Congratulations to all musicians who participated in the recent Festival. Music Centre groups were again successful in many classes.