

Piano, Keyboard, Guitar, Bass Guitar, Drums, Violin, Clarinet, Saxophone, Accordion, Flute, Recorder, Viola, Cello, Singing, Trumpet



Welcome to our August edition of Music Talk! We have exciting news!

'Rockschool' examinations are the world's leading rock exam organisation. Graded exams are held across the world, these qualifications are seen as the benchmark for contemporary music.

Seven Music Education Centre teachers have been working over the couple of months to attain the Rockscool diploma qualifications to benefit MEC students.

All teachers received **DISTINCTION** passes from the Rockscool's London based examiner.

Well done Regan Simons, Gabrielle Reid, Ben Wilson, Frank Yang, Don Brough, Nick Cebalo and Sven Hjelstrom for this achievement.

We are all so proud of this result! it does reflect the fact that we have a team of highly expert, world class teachers providing tuition to the next generation of musicians.



CONGRATULATIONS

The winner of our smartphone competition was Tom Donnelly-Chisholm. Tom learns drums with Shaun Malyon at our North Shore Centre.

Two of our competitions have been won by Shaun's students. It is great to see his students all enjoying their lessons so much.



STUDENT EXAMINATION RESULTS

We believe that external exams are a fantastic way of setting achievable goals for students, exams also ensure students receive a well-rounded and thorough musical education.

Here are some of our students that recently attained successful passes in their exams!
(Student in bold teacher second line)

ROBERT NEWEY – Grade 1 Piano (Trinity College) with distinction
Amanda Morley

JOHANNA CLARKE – Grade 1 Piano (ABRSM) with distinction
Kate Ellis

FRANCIS THORPE – Grade 2 Piano (ABRSM)
Kate Ellis

DAVID KUNG – Grade 2 Piano (ABRSM) with merit
Kate Ellis

KAORU SHIMURA – Grade 2 Theory (ABRSM) with merit
Kate Ellis

LOGAN RAINEY – Grade 2 Theory (ABRSM) with distinction
Kate Ellis

MANDY LIU – Grade 3 Piano (ABRSM) with distinction
Andrew Jones

SHANIA RIETHMANN – Grade 3 Piano (Trinity College) with distinction
Amanda Morley

JOLEEN ONG – Grade 4 Violin (ABRSM) with merit
Jonna Arthur

SANG HYUN KIM – Grade 4 Trumpet (ABRSM) with distinction
Sung Jin Hong

NICKY INGRAM – Grade 5 Piano (Trinity College) with merit
Theresa Fourie

TOM WANG – Grade 5 Theory (ABRSM) with merit
Andrew Jones

GIGI ALVAREZ – Grade 5 Theory (ABRSM) with distinction
Andrew Jones

CHARLES LAW – Grade 5 Theory (ABRSM) with distinction
Andrew Jones

JOSEPH KIM – Grade 8 Cello (ABRSM) with distinction
Ali Al-Azzawi

PERFORMANCES

Next month we have two great performance opportunities for our students:



the music education centre

PERFORMANCE AFTERNOON

Will be held on Sunday 16th September. Watch for more details in next month's Music Talk. The Performance afternoons are open to students of any age, level, and instrument.

FORTE FESTIVAL

Especially for our youngest students, this year's festival will be held at the Brian Gerrard Theatre on 23rd September.

Our early childhood 'Forte' classes provide a fantastic start in music for students from as young as 3 years old! Group and solo performances at the annual Festival is a highlight for the year. Participant registration forms have been sent to all the 'Forte' students and MUST be returned to your teacher before 1st September so that you do not miss out!

Tickets are available at the centre receptions, and we recommend the earlybird family pass, for just \$40, which gives admission to up to 8 people. (Individual tickets are available at the door, on the day for \$20 with the family passes then being \$60, so the earlybird are great value).

Keep watching our website for photos next month
www.musiceducation.co.nz and click on the 'photos' link!

SIGN UP TO THE NEW MEC SOCIAL SITE AND WIN....

Have you signed up to our new SITE?
Go to: social.musiceducation.co.nz

SIGN UP AND YOU COULD WIN A PANASONIC CD STEREO SYSTEM!

Simply sign up to our site (for all ages)
and post why 'you think everyone should learn music'.
Post before the end of the month and the best post
will be chosen as the lucky winner.

Entry Tips

- Link your post through facebook
Although the winner is not being chosen by the most "likes" activity within MEC's social scene will certainly be something the judges take into account when choosing the winner, so make sure you let all of your friends know.
- If you entered the last competition, you already have a login, so email:
promotions@musiceducation.co.nz

