

U.C.A.S. News

At long last, ABRSM grade exams are being recognised for University and College entrance courses. Starting in the academic year 2004-2005, all students with Grade 6 and above qualifications will be able to include points awarded on their UCAS forms.

The inclusion of ABRSM qualifications in the UCAS tariff provides further recognition of the considerable dedication and commitment required in order to be successful at these grades. The points awarded in these grades would be in addition to any points awarded for AS or A level music. Students may only claim for one practical subject. Below is a table of the points awarded for the various grades.

Grade 8		
Distinction	Practical 75	Theory 30
Merit	70	25
Pass	55	20
Grade 7		
Distinction	60	20
Merit	55	15
Pass	40	10
Grade 6		
Distinction	45	15
Merit	40	10
Pass	25	5

Further information about UCAS is available from www.ucas.ac.uk

CONGRATULATIONS

The Music Service staff and pupils would like to extend their warmest congratulations to Mr. Martin White (our recently retired Head of Performance) on his Honorary Fellowship from the Guild of Church Musicians. F.G.C.M.



VIOLA FACT FILE:

- Famous viola players: Beethoven, Bach, Mozart, Schubert, Dvorak, Britten, Hindemith and Jimi Hendrix!!
- William Primrose once was asked "What is the difference between the Violin and a Viola?" he answered by saying that the "Viola was a violin with a college education"
- The Viola is an important member of the orchestra, but is not often heard by itself.
- As it is bigger than the Violin, with longer strings, it makes a rich, warm sound that is lower in pitch.
- The Viola's body is too small for its pitch – it should be a violin and a half long! However this would make it too difficult to play in the normal position.
- Ralph Aldrich wrote:
Eat out thy heart, o cello proud,
and violin go don thy shroud
Pray St Cecilias mercy mild,
forgive thy up and down bows wild
For she in sacred restitution,
Bless'd VIOLAS contribution,
Paying it the compliment,
of genius' favoured instrument.
Mozart, Schubert, Dvorak and Britten
all for orchestras have written
Hear o man and earth rejoice,
viola played they all – BY CHOICE!!
- Young Violists List
This is a list you will be proud to be part of.
Information about it can be found at <http://www.viola.com/youngviolists/>
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If you have any news items, photographs or information you would like to share with us, please do not hesitate to contact me at Newry Music Centre; 028 3025 3168. We welcome your comments and ideas for future issues. Thanks, Nuala Curran.



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'ENSEMBLE NEWS'

Congratulations to all members of the South Ulster Youth Orchestra, South Ulster Youth Band, South Ulster Harp Ensemble, South Ulster Academy Orchestra and South Ulster Academy Band who performed at our Christmas Concert in Dungannon Leisure Centre.

The capacity audience were treated to a marvellous evenings entertainment. Thanks also to the choir of St. Patrick's Girls' Academy, Dungannon for their excellent contribution.

All our Orchestras, Bands and Ensembles are busy preparing for their end of season concerts. The majority of concerts take place before Easter and I am sure you are all looking forward to having longer in bed on Saturday mornings in the final term.

Auditions for Saturday morning ensembles take place after Easter. Details will be available soon. This year we have undertaken an ambitious project involving the South Ulster Youth Orchestra, South Ulster Youth Band and Cross Border Orchestra, Ireland.

A concert has been booked for the new Helix Concert Hall in Dublin on Saturday 3rd May with plans for a return concert next year, possibly in the Ulster Hall. We aim to have weekend courses and are very hopeful that wonderful musical and social experiences will result from this partnership.

The Concert Tour of Georgia for the South Ulster Youth Orchestra and the South Ulster Youth Band is now only a few months away. The excitement is growing for staff and pupils alike. There are rumours that Mr. Canmore and Mr. Dolan have already booked their pre-tour sun-bed sessions. Over £7,000 has been raised to date through, bag packing, busking, donations from schools, raffles, school concerts. There are many events being organised such as quizzes, balloon races, and some of the music service staff and pupils have been persuaded to take part in a relay team for the Belfast Marathon. Mr. Rooney and myself plan to break the record for the slowest time. Please support and sponsor our efforts.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year and thank all members of Orchestras, Bands and Ensembles for their dedication and hard work and look forward to a most entertaining concert season.

Seamus Dinsmore, Head of Orchestras, Bands & Ensembles



Dates For Your Diary

Monday 3rd March - Craigavon Civic Centre @ 8.00 pm. Portadown Area Junior Ensembles Concert, featuring the South Ulster Academy Recorder Ensemble

Wednesday 19th March - St. Mark's HS, Warrenpoint @ 8.00pm - Newry Area Junior Ensembles Concert

Thursday 20th March - Dungannon Leisure Centre @ 8.00pm - Area Junior Ensembles Concert featuring the South Ulster Intermediate String Orchestra

Thursday 13th March - Craigavon Civic Centre @ 8.00 pm - Portadown Male Voice Choir Annual Concert featuring the South Ulster String Orchestra

Tuesday 25th March - Lismore Comprehensive School, Craigavon @ 11.15am & 1.45pm - Schools Day Concerts featuring the South Ulster Academy Orchestra & South Ulster Academy Band

Thursday 3rd April - Craigavon Civic Centre @ 7.30pm
A tribute to American Music featuring musicians from 'La Grange', Atlanta, USA.

Friday 4th April - St. Mark's Warrenpoint @ 8.00pm
South Ulster Academy Orchestra, South Ulster Academy Band, South Ulster String Orchestra

Monday 14th April - Portadown Music Centre @ 7.30pm - Parents Night

Tuesday 15th April - Dungannon Music Centre @ 7.30pm - Parents Night

Wednesday 16th April - Newry Music Centre @ 7.30pm - Parents Night

Saturday 3rd May - Helix Concert Hall, Dublin @ 7.45pm - South Ulster Youth Orchestra, South Ulster Youth Band and St. Louis Secondary School, Dundalk.

Friday 6th June - Craigavon Civic Centre @ 8.00pm
Prize Night

Thursday 26th June - Newry Town Hall @ 8.00pm
South Ulster Youth Orchestra, South Ulster Youth Band

Tuesday 1st – Friday 4th July - Summer School
Application forms are available from the three Music Centres and at all our concerts. **Please note the change of date!!**



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MARKS OF DISTINCTION

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STUDENT RECITALS SPRING 2003

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Joanne Hughes (Flute), Lauren Toner (French Horn), Victoria Scarlett (Trombone), Christopher Coulter (Trombone), John Dilworth (Violin), Aaron Courtenay (Viola), Rachel McGarrity (Violin), Anne Scullion (Bassoon), Caroline Bradley (Double Bass), Nicola McAnenly (Double Bass), Sarah Morris (Viola), Kevin Rafferty (Cello), Ronan McCann (Cello), Lucia McLernon (Cello), Gemma Rafferty (Cello), Gareth McShea (Tenor Saxophone).

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MUSIC SERVICE CHRISTMAS ROADSHOW

Laura Smyth, a current pupil of the Music service and fifth form student at Drumcree College, attended one of our Roadshow concerts and sent this very flattering review.

The SELB staff came to our school and delighted us with their influential and enlightening performance. Playing songs which we could relate to and recognise such as 'Livin' La Vida Loca' and a selection of Christmas Carols. The pupil participation through conducting, playing percussion or just by clapping hands was very enjoyable. It was nice to see the primary sixes and primary sevens of our local schools enjoying a musical afternoon in Drumcree College. I hope it is an experience that will be repeated and if even a little of the enthusiasm shown by your staff brushes off on the audience present, we should have an aspiring musical generation



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