



# ABINGDON

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## Music Department Newsletter – Summer Term 2010

Last term was full of some wonderful music making and I must start by thanking all those involved, teachers, parents and boys for their hard work. Highlights included the New Year Concert, Strings Masterclass, Singers' Platform, Choral Concert for Moldova, two Chamber Concerts (and National Festival) and Organists' Recital and a Scholars' Concert! Special congratulations must go to the two chamber ensembles that won through to the National Finals Concert in Birmingham on Sunday 14 March. It was wonderful to be able to make a donation to the Haiti Disaster Relief fund of £1370 as a result of the retiring collection from the New Year Concert.

Our latest exciting news is that we have received a positive reaction from a school in Washington DC for an exchange USA programme of orchestra and big band which will start with a USA tour there in April 2011 if all comes to fruition. Meanwhile we have planned a full range of events next term, which we hope you will be able to support. After our big end of term concert at Oxford's Sheldonian (with Adrian Lo playing Tchaikovsky's violin concerto, an event not to be missed), we finish the term with a Big Band recording, which we hope will be available in time for Christmas. Please refer to the attached Music Calendar for further details of music this term.

1. **Thames Vale Youth Orchestra Wed 5 May, 7.30 pm, Sheldonian Theatre** (tickets at door)  
*Brahms Symphony No 3, Arutunian Trumpet Concerto* (soloist Jack Tinker), *John Williams Star Wars*.
2. **Annual School Bands Concert Friday 7 May, 7.30 pm, Amey Theatre**  
First and Second Wind Bands, Brass, Big Band
3. **Summer Orchestral Concert Wednesday 12 May, 7.30 pm, Amey Theatre**  
*Elgar Cello Concerto, Suk Serenade, Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto, Rossini William Tell Overture*.
4. **Junior Scholars' Concert Monday 7 June, 7.30 pm, Amey Theatre**  
An opportunity to hear our talented younger musicians (years 1-4) in solo performance.
5. **Big Colours and Abingdon Big Band Friday 18 June, 7.30 pm, Amey Theatre**  
A unique concert, which features the professional local Big Band and players from both the Manor and Abingdon Preparatory Schools.
6. **Sheldonian Theatre Concert Friday 25 June, 7.30 pm, Oxford**  
This will provide a platform for our top ensembles and an opportunity for us to serenade our headmaster, Mark Turner, at his last big concert – a fitting farewell. Adrian Lo will be joined by other soloists, Joe Mason, Jack Tinker, George Rossiter, Anthony Lloyd, Caspian Mitchard, Alex Black, Alex Ereaut together with Big Band, First Wind Band, Chamber Orchestra and school Choir.  
**Please note that these tickets cannot be ordered online** (use email or pro forma below).
7. **Lower School Gala Concert Monday 5 July, 7.30 pm, Amey Theatre**  
First Year Choir, Drum Circle, Lower School Orchestra, Junior String and much more.



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## Concert Ticket Request Form

To: Mrs C Hart, Arts Centre Secretary, Abingdon School, Park Road, Abingdon, OX14 1DE  
or email/ telephone: [arts.sec@abingdon.org.uk](mailto:arts.sec@abingdon.org.uk) Tel: 01235 849063, online booking available at  
<http://abingdon-booking.info>

### TICKET REQUEST FORM - Numbers of tickets in boxes, please

	Adult	Concession	Family (2xA+2xC)	Total
1. <b>Annual Bands Concert,</b> 7 May, 7.30 pm, Amey Theatre	£6.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	£4.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	£16.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	= £ _____
2. <b>Summer Orchestral Concert,</b> 12 May, 7.30 pm, Amey Theatre	£6.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	£4.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	£16.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	= £ _____
3. <b>Big Colours &amp; Abingdon Big Band</b> 18 June, 7.30 pm, Amey Theatre	£6.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	£4.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	£16.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	= £ _____
4. <b>Sheldonian Theatre Concert</b> 25 June, 7.30 pm, Oxford	£8.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	£6.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	£20.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	= £ _____
			<b>Final Total:</b>	= £ _____

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