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NEWSLETTER / Nov 2007



70% PLACES FILLED!!

A big **thank you** goes to all of you who supported events in this, our first full year at The Music Workshop. We've been thrilled with the take up of no less than **56 places** which represents **70% of places filled**. This has been a real vote of confidence by you and we have been hugely encouraged with this take up.

STUDENT FEEDBACK

Feedback from students attending our courses and workshops has also been very positive with some usefully constructive comments. We've done some number crunching and, using an average from all the feedback forms we have received, you've collectively rated the following aspects as follows:

Scale [4 Excellent 3 Good 2 Average 1 Poor]

The Tutor	3.6
Course Materials	3.4
Explanation of Topics	3.2
Organisation of Course/Workshop	3.2
Venue Facilities	3.3



JAZZ GRADES

Congratulations are in order for four of our students who take Individual Lessons. **Fraser Topp** (sax) also attended our Sax Day and achieved a Distinction and **Michaela Hay** (clarinet) achieved a high Merit, both for ABRSM Jazz Grade 1. **Jonathan Curle** (clarinet) achieved a Distinction at Jazz Grade 4 and **Rupert Tracy** (sax) who also attended our Jazz Weekenders achieved a high distinction at Jazz Grade 5. All four students have also performed **solos** in public at events which The Music Workshop has had involvement with in both Biggar and Carluke. Well done to all four of you!

2008 NEWS

A packed programme lies ahead for 2008.

We are running **7 JAZZ WEEKENDERS** between March and October. Jazz Basics 1 and 2 will be spread over two weekends in March and April providing a chance for students to grasp both practical and theoretical aspects of jazz improvisation. There will also be 2 Standards courses in Aug and Sept so more repertoire can be covered.



We are also planning more **INSTRUMENT DAYS** and increased **performing opportunities** for students.

Details and booking can be found on www.themusicworkshop.co.uk

We strongly advise that students book early to secure places!

2008					
29 - 30 Mar	JAZZ WEEKENDERS Jazz Basics 1	The Music Workshop	From only £87!*	Book Now!	More Info / Discounts
26 - 27 Apr	JAZZ WEEKENDERS Jazz Basics 2	The Music Workshop	From only £87!*	Book Now!	More Info / Discounts
7 - 8 Jun	JAZZ WEEKENDERS Blues	The Music Workshop	From only £87!*	Book Now!	More Info / Discounts
19 - 20 July	JAZZ WEEKENDERS Modal	The Music Workshop	From only £87!*	Book Now!	More Info / Discounts
23 - 24 Aug	JAZZ WEEKENDERS Standards 1	The Music Workshop	From only £87!*	Book Now!	More Info / Discounts
20 - 21 Sept	JAZZ WEEKENDERS Standards 2	The Music Workshop	From only £87!*	Book Now!	More Info / Discounts
25 - 26 Oct	JAZZ WEEKENDERS Contemporary	The Music Workshop	From only £87!*	Book Now!	More Info / Discounts
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*represents price per course with maximum multiple course discount applied. Cost for single course booking is £109.					

INSTRUMENT DAYS

CLARINET DAY SAT 17 MAY

SAXOPHONE DAY SAT 22 NOV



After the success of our Sax Day last September we plan to hold more 1-day instrument workshops in 2008 with involvement from **The Wind Section, Edinburgh** who will be providing instruments and equipment to sample and advice from their specialist instrument technicians. Watch the website diary for details and booking of these events.

RENOVATION, RENOVATION



Since acquiring the Old Schoolhouse we have embarked on a programme of constant renovation and improvement with much of the work taking place in between courses. These include converting the outhouse into a well equipped practice studio, enlarging and installing an entire new kitchen, installing a new heating system and additional radiators, re-designing and re-plumbing the utility room to include a

cloakroom, laying a new drive, roofing work, overhauling and painting 12 of the windows and re-painting all the guttering.



As if to offset all of this work the Old Schoolhouse garden sprang to life during the spring with a riot of flowers of all types and colours blossoming at different times well into the summer. A kind of floral firework display in slow motion, some of the plants are quite rare. This is all down to the hard work of the previous owner Mrs Harvie, who designed, planted and maintained the garden over many years.





GIFT VOUCHERS

Did you know that you can now purchase The Music Workshop gift vouchers on our website? This is a great new feature which will allow family and friends to give vouchers of any amount (min. £10) to musicians who may be interested in one of our Courses or Workshops. The vouchers last for a year and can be redeemed against the cost on booking. Click the yellow Vouchers button on the home page of the www.themusicworkshop.co.uk

THE 'BIGGAR' PICTURE

As part of the development work we are doing to provide musical opportunities in and around rural South Lanarkshire we have forged a link with the newly formed **Jazz In Biggar** project which is promoting high quality jazz concerts and events.

Many concert dates in 2008 have been organised to coincide with jazz courses at The Music Workshop providing an opportunity for our students to both perform and listen to jazz.



Students on Jazz 7 weekend (Contemporary Jazz) will once again be able to perform in the **Biggar Little Festival**.



GROUP COACHING

Do you have a music group that needs some direction? Why not break the mould and book an 'away trip' to re-energise the ensemble, refresh your ideas and enjoy the area? You can either use our premises to rehearse or you can organise some coaching from an experienced tutor. Choose from ½ Day, Full Day or 2-Day Weekend. Call us to discuss your group's needs.

INDIVIDUAL TUITION

High quality individual instrument tuition is available at The Music Workshop on: **Saxophone; Clarinet; Piano**. In addition we are able to offer individual tuition in **Music Theory; Composition; Arranging**; and in **Jazz Improvisation** on any instrument. Lessons can be arranged weekly, semi-regularly or one-off.



Check out the website Tuition page for more details.



VIDEO TUTION

We are planning in 2008 to pilot tuition by video link which will allow those students who live some distance away to learn from home. More details of this innovation to follow.

We look forward to seeing and hearing you in 2008!

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