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Autumn Newsletter 2017

Welcome back!

A warm welcome to all our students and tutors for the autumn term at NESMS, where there is still a tang of gloss paint hanging in the air. We are delighted with our smart **new look** – fresh woodwork, new carpets and not a squeaky floor-board within earshot.

We also have a **new bell entry system** which should ensure that you never have to stand on the doorstep in the rain again. Five different people in 5 different rooms can now see you when you are outside the front door – so watch your personal habits!!

We've got lots to look forward to in the new term ...



Musical Theatre Masterclass with Professor Andrew Panton

Saturday 9th December 2017 2pm - 5pm

This year, NESMS is delighted to welcome **Professor Andrew Panton**, Artistic Director of Musical Theatre at the Royal Scottish Conservatoire, to run a masterclass for vocalists interested in singing songs from the shows.

Andrew was a member of the team that first brought musical theatre to RCS (then RSAMD) over a decade ago. He became Head of Musical Theatre in 2007 and then Artistic Director of Musical Theatre in 2012 and was recently appointed Artistic Director of Dundee Rep Theatre.

Andrew will work with students to improve their vocal and performance skills. Students should prepare one piece of repertoire of their own choice and will have a chance to work one on one with Andrew and to observe other students in a masterclass setting.

For more information or to book your place please contact the NESMS office on 01224 649685 or at nesms@dsl.pipex.com

... and Lesley Wilson says **ANDIAMO FAGOTTO!**

An open day from 10am to 4pm on Saturday,
September 30th at NESMS



That's Italian for "**LET'S GO BASSOON!**" – a great opportunity not just to hear bassoons but to get your hands on them and try to play a few notes yourself.

If you or any of your friends already play the flute, oboe or clarinet, you may be interested to try a bigger, deeper-sounding instrument.

There will be music played on three different sizes of bassoon throughout the day. Beginners are especially welcome; if your height is under 1.44m (4ft 9in) you can try a mini bassoon. You can ask about learning the bassoon in school, where you can borrow an instrument, and get regular lessons during school hours.

Because there is a real shortage of young bassoonists, NESMS will be offering the opportunity to compete for two **beginners' scholarships** covering tuition and instrument rental costs from January to June 2018, with the possibility of renewed funding for the following term. We can also arrange the loan of beginner instruments to non-scholarship students.

[Find out more by visiting us on September 30th.](#)

NESMS Fundraising Events

Movies, Musicals and More / Student Concert

Sunday October 8th at 7.30pm, Craigiebuckler Church, Tickets on the door £10 / £5 (under 16s)

The 3rd in our series of **Fundraising Student Concerts** – come along to hear the extraordinary breadth and depth of the music being made by NESMS' students of all ages and across all musical disciplines. There will be a light-hearted quiz to test your knowledge of movie music, and refreshments will be served. Enjoy a great night out and support our community of musicians!

Keynotes Lunch / With A Difference

Sunday November 19th at 12.30pm, Norwood Hall Hotel, Tickets £35 (please book)

Our Annual Fundraising Lunch has a new format – there will be no auction this year. Our NESMS musicians will provide us with wonderful musical entertainment, and there will be plenty of raffle prizes. We are so looking forward to a relaxed afternoon of delicious food and fabulous music at the Norwood Hall Hotel. Please come along on your own or with friends. We would love to see all our trusty supporters and lots of new faces too!

Click [here](#) to download your booking form.

Keynotes Lunch – **Raffle Tickets**

All students will shortly be receiving books of raffle tickets. Please endeavour to sell your book of tickets prior to the Prize Draw at the Keynotes Lunch. All monies raised will go towards defraying the core costs of running NESMS so that we do not have to increase student fees.

The wonderful prizes include a week-long stay in beautiful "Langdale" a traditional, granite built house in the heart of Ballater, donated by a NESMS supporter; a £300 cash prize donated by the Friends of NESMS; and £50 of vouchers for Union Square donated by Blackadders.

Please remind your family, friends and acquaintances about NESMS' Scholarship Auditions

You are eligible to apply if you are in **full time education** (school, college or university) and of at least Grade 5 level. All ages welcome. Closing date is 27th October 2017.

You can download an application form [here](#).

Calendar of all NESMS-related events

September

River : Sound / Movement / Story

A multi-disciplinary collaboration by Imogene Newland, Angela Main and Bryce Hope

Friday 15th September 7.30pm - 9.30pm. St Peter's Heritage Centre and Hall, Peterculter.
Tickets are free but limited. >> Book at www.eventbrite.co.uk

Schubert's Song Cycle, Die Schöne Müllerin **Richard Coleman tenor | Jeremy Coleman piano**

Sunday 17th September at 2.30pm. Cults Parish Church. Admission by donation

Explorathon Aberdeen – "Pitch Perfect"

An interactive talk and lecture by Kathleen Cronie on choral singing and vocal technique

Friday 29th September at 7.15pm. Aberdeen Science Centre (179 Constitution Street, AB24 5TU Aberdeen). No booking required. £1 on the door. Ages 12+ >> [More on Facebook](#)

Andiamo Fagotto! – Bassoon Open Day **with Lesley Wilson (see above)**

Saturday 30th September 10am - 3pm at NESMS. Admission free

October

Lunchbreak Concert at the Citadel

Ngoni Masiyakurima piano | Christopher Smith oboe | Isla Cartney clarinet

Thursday 5th October 12.45pm - 1.30pm. Free admission, donations accepted

NESMS Student Concert

A Night at the Movies and Musicals

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Haddo Arts Festival – Recital

Steven Lee violin | Benedict Stammeijer recorder | Imogene Newland accomp.

A prelude to Bendor Grosvenor's talk on Haddo's Lost Masterpieces

Wednesday 11th October at 7.30pm. Library, Haddo House. Tickets £15 & £12 (under 26)
available from >>www.ticketsource.co.uk/haddoarts

Haddo Arts Festival – A Song for Haddo

Based on the song cycle *Friday Afternoons* by Benjamin Britten

Thursday 12th October 2017 at 6pm. Haddo House. Tickets £5

Song recital – Kathleen Cronie soprano

An afternoon of arias and songs, some serious, some not!

Sunday 15th October 2017 at 2.30pm. Cults Parish Church. Admission by donation

Lunchbreak Concert – Joseph Long piano

Schubert's Sonata D. 960 in B flat major

Thursday 19th October. Talk at 12 noon, recital at 12.45 pm. At the Citadel. Free admission, donations accepted

Lunchbreak Concert – Colin Brockie baritone | Jeremy Coleman piano

"Songs of the Sea", a nautical-themed programme featuring songs by Dibdin, Stanford, Ireland and Head

Thursday 26th October 12.45pm - 1.30pm. At the Citadel. Free admission, donations accepted

November

The Newhills Chamber Group

Beethoven string trio Op.9 No.1 | Mendelssohn 2nd piano trio

Sunday 5th November at 6.30pm. Queens Cross Sanctuary. Admission charge on door

NESMS Keynotes Lunch

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Council of NESMS AGM

Monday 20th November at 12.30pm. At NESMS

December

Friends of NESMS AGM

Saturday 2nd December 1pm - 2pm. At NESMS

Musical Theatre Masterclass


with Professor Andrew Panton

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Gwyn Seymour

As some of you will know, gifted cellist Gwyn Seymour, who was a pupil of **James Halsey**, passed away last Christmas. We are pleased to let you know that all of Gwyn's musical arrangements can be downloaded for free from [IMSLP](#).


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