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# CHAMBER MUSIC @ WORCESTER

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## Newsletter Spring 2012



### News

What a successful first Festival! All the hard work paid off especially as we broke even thanks to all our Sponsors, Friends and supporters. This also made all our projects as part of Music in the Community (see left) and Education work (see below) possible, both of which are at the heart of the Chamber Music @ Worcester Festival.

It really was a steep learning curve from a business point of view, but with the invaluable help of both our Festival Patrons who generously gave their time again and again, we finally saw light at the end of the tunnel! As there are only four of us, multi tasking became an art form in itself. Hopefully we now have 'templates' in place that will enable us to plan and execute this year's festival a little quicker, helped in no small part by our new 'Festival Housekeeping Managers', who will take care of all aspects of 'setting up', posters, refreshments etc. etc. on the festival days. This leaves us ample time to polish up our final performances!

Details for this years Festival are: **Saturday 6th & 7th October.** Our theme is 'Absolute Russia' and includes Borodin's gorgeous Quartet No.2, our festival commission from John Robson and the fabulous 'Stream of Sound' young peoples choir from Stourbridge. See you there!

### Morning Masterclasses

What a sound! The standard was so high that many of the young players took part in the very successful Family Concert on Sunday.

This turned out to be a really exciting event, where all the participants had the opportunity to be coached - on Saturday morning - and then perform in public the following day. We urge you to attend this delightful afternoon event - focussed on kids - and hopefully we will also have some 'cello performers this year!

Last but not least we spent a fabulous afternoon at Lickey End First School playing for the Remembrance Assembly and giving workshops to years 3 & 4 and 5 & 6. Please feel free to pass the CM@W details on to any schools who may want to be involved.

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### Music in the Community



Shulah hard at work for Sight Concern! A large part of Chamber Music @ Worcester is performing in venues in the heart of the community, for music lovers who have less easy access to live music.

We were delighted to also be able to perform for Maggs Day Centre - an open-door, free-access day centre in Worcester, catering for



anyone who is homeless, isolated or lonely across Worcestershire - and St. Stephen's Care Home in the heart of Worcester itself.

As always, if you know of organisations, venues or communities that would enjoy live music, please put them in touch with us:

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