



NOTTINGHAM GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL

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SENIOR SCHOOL WINDBLOWERS CUP FINAL

Tuesday 6 March 2018
6.00-7.30pm in The Space

Welcome to our second Annual Senior Windblowers Cup. Just under 40 girls entered the first round of the competition, of which 14 were selected to appear in this evening's final. In addition to competing for individual awards, performers each receive 5 House points for every performance, and a further 5 points are awarded to each winner. Hastings (who won last year) currently lead following the first round, but tonight promises to be tight competition.

Within the 5 minutes restriction, some have chosen to perform one piece, others to do several; judges will mark the overall musical performance. Winners of the Junior School Windblowers cup provide musical interludes between the categories - to allow judges discussion time - with a very special performance by Grace Liu in Year 4 who has just gained Distinction in her ABRSM piano exam.

At the end of all performances, we welcome the Adjudication Panel onto the stage for the presentation of trophies to category winners and the Windblowers Cup for the overall winner. Adjudicators of the first round, Emily Lawson, Rob Calderbank and Nick Millburn, felt that there should be another award for the school's young musician with the most exciting future, but not yet at the standard for the final; we are delighted to present this to Zadie Berkin-Evans in Year 7, who has played oboe for only two terms but who wowed the judges with her musicality, tone and maturity.

In conclusion, the prestigious NGHS House Music Trophy will be awarded to the House with the most points.

Mark Rolfe, Extra Curricular Music Coordinator

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO JUDGES

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CATEGORY: STRINGS

Emily Trease	Harp	Hastings
Jasmine Price	Harp	Luxton
Olivia Patterson	Acoustic Guitar	Hastings

Performance by Junior School 2017 String Category Winner

Annabel Skinner	Violin
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CATEGORY: WOODWIND

Amelie Morgan	Flute	Skeel
Annabelle Arnold	Flute	Skeel
Anya Rakshit	Clarinet	Hastings
Jennifer Hepburn	Flute	Hastings

Performance by Junior School 2017 Woodwind Category and Overall Winner

Ursula Fielding	Clarinet
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CATEGORY: PIANO AND PERCUSSION

Akshita Jain	Piano	Bolton
Elina Shery	Piano	Hastings
Qing Ling Lu	Piano	Bolton
Lauren Fowler	Drum Kit	Hastings

Performance by Junior School 2017 Piano Category Winner

Narisse Poynton	Piano
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CATEGORY: VOICE

Harriet Watkinson
Jaime Sterling
Sophie Croasdale

Luxton
Bolton
Bolton

Performance by Junior School 2016 Voice Category and Overall Winner

Varshneyee Mukherjee

Performance by Junior School 2017 Voice Category Winner

Zara Khorrum

Performance by Junior School Outstanding Musician

Grace Liu

Piano accompaniment

Alison Bailey and Gill Shaw

AWARD CEREMONY

Awards presented by: Dr Neil Bennison, Margaret Frogson MBE
and Sarah Theobald

Trophy for the most promising young musician
Awarded to Zadie Berkin-Evans, Year 7 (Oboe)

Trophy for the Best in Strings
Trophy for the Best in Wind
Trophy for the Best in Percussion
Trophy for the Best in Voice
The Windblowers Cup

The House Music Trophy Awarded by the Heads of House

THE ADJUDICATING PANEL

Guest Judge: Dr Neil Bennison **Managing Director,** **Nottingham Classics**

Neil Bennison is the Music Programme Manager at Nottingham's Theatre Royal and Royal Concert Hall, responsible for the Classical Music events at the venue, the music education programmes in partnership with the Nottinghamshire Music Education Hub, and for most activities that have "orchestra" in the title.



Neil has played trombone since he was handed a trombone at the age of twelve at secondary school. He went on to play bass trombone in several youth ensembles, and later joined East Sussex Youth Orchestra and the orchestra at Lancaster University where he also became part of the team that ran the professional concert series on campus.

In the latter stages of completing a PhD on English Literature, he decided that what he really wanted to do was to work with orchestras and got his first opportunity working as the Marketing Officer for the National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain, which took him down to Bristol for a couple of years. He moved to Nottingham in 1999 to work for Lakeside Arts Centre before joining the arts team at Nottinghamshire County Council, where he first began working, as the Marketing Manager, on the Nottingham Classics international concert series in 2005.

Neil became the programmer of Nottingham Classics in 2008, and has devoted most of his time to building audiences for classical music, to the point where Nottingham has one of the best supported classical music series in Britain. He added a solo piano series to the programme in 2010 and this continues to thrive, bringing many exciting rising stars and acclaimed international performers to the city.

In recognition of his achievements in audience development, Neil received the Association of British Orchestra's Concert Manager of the Year award in 2017.

Margaret Frogson MBE Owner, Windblowers

Margaret Frogson is a highly respected business woman, philanthropist and music lover. Born in Covenham, she is the co-owner of Windblowers Music Shop in Nottingham, and Secretary of 'Nottingham Symphonic Winds'. In 2006, Margaret was awarded the Lady Hilary Groves prize for her outstanding contribution to music, the Classic FM award for her work with Nottingham Symphonic Winds and in 2016 received the honour of the MBE in the Queen's 90th Birthday honours list. The citation reads 'For services to Community Music in the East Midlands' and is due to her work with many local groups over the last 30 years. All at Windblowers are delighted that her years of dedication and hard work have been recognized. Margaret has two children and eight grandchildren, who keep her busy when not working!



Sarah Theobald, Windblowers

Sarah started her musical career at George Spencer School, and aged 14 gained a place in the Youth Orchestra. She also began her long association with musical societies, playing in orchestras under the guidance of her trumpet teacher, Malcolm Nabarro.

Having joined Windblowers as Brass Specialist and Sheet Music Buyer in 1984, Sarah continues to play trumpet in many shows and concerts in the East Midlands, she is also a well-known orchestral fixer and a member of Nottingham Symphonic Wind Orchestra.



Sarah is married to local singer Simon Theobald; their daughter Lucy is following in her parents' footsteps treading the boards. Any spare time Sarah has is spent in active pursuits on her bike enjoying the outdoors or in the gym.

THE FINALISTS

STRINGS

Emily Trease, Hastings House: Harp

Emily, Year 9, has played harp for 5 years and is taught in school by Paul Skinner. She also plays guitar, drums and ukulele and studies singing with Freya Hales. On the harp, she plays a mixture of classical repertoire combined with more contemporary music through loop pedals and microphones using music technology which she has studied with Mark Rolfe. Emily may be found busking for charity on the streets of West Bridgford most weekends, and cites her favourite band as the Beatles.

Emily was a Junior School Windblowers Cup finalist in 2014.



Jasmine Price, Luxton House: Harp

Jasmine, Year 7, has played harp for 4 years and piano for 7. A gifted and expressive musician, she also plays tuned percussion in the School's Swing Band. Jasmine says her favourite thing about NGHS (apart from the Music Department obviously!) is the outdoor learning area. She cites her favourite music as Aerosmith and Ghibli Studio Music, and claims she can eat her own body weight in potato.

Jasmine was a Junior School Windblowers Cup category winner in 2015.



Olivia Patterson, Hastings House: Guitar

Olivia, Year 9, has studied guitar with Mark Rolfe since Year 3, and recently gained Distinction in Grade 5. With a natural sense of rhythm and a superb work ethic, she has already played many gigs and goes to Barcelona on tour next month. A huge fan of the TV show Stranger Things (great choice! - Mr R), Olivia also plays drums and bass guitar, and is a fan of the band 'Panic at the Disco'.

Olivia was a Junior School Windblowers Cup finalist in 2014.



WIND

Amelie Morgan, Skeel House: Flute

Amelie, Year 8, studies flute and piccolo with Jilly Quine in school, where she also studies guitar and voice. A dynamic performer who cites her main influence as Ed Sheeran, she is also obsessed with dolphins!

Amelie was a Junior School Windblowers Cup finalist in 2016.



Annabelle Arnold, Skeel House: Flute

Annabelle, Year 9, has played flute since Year 3 and studies with Jilly Quine in school. Also a self-taught guitarist, Annabelle is a serious fan of 80s alternative music who enjoys both The Talking Heads and the Police. Another animal lover, she auditioned for The BFG Movie in 2014.

Annabelle was a Junior School Windblowers Cup category winner in 2014.



Anya Rakshit, Hastings House: Clarinet

Anya, Year 7, is new to NGHS, yet has made the final of the competition in her first year! She impressed the judges in the first round with her mature tone and great sense of rhythm. Another fan of Ed Sheeran, she has two cats called Podge and Mrs Fluffy Tail!



Jennifer Hepburn, Hastings House: Flute

Jennifer, Year 9, is taught outside school and studies flute, saxophone and piano and is working towards Grade 8. With a love for micro-pigs, Jennifer told us her favourite composer is J S Bach. Together with Olivia, Jaime and Emily, she will be representing a group of young Nottingham musicians in Spain next month. Jennifer was the overall winner of the competition last year.



PIANO AND PERCUSSION

Akshita Jain, Bolton House: Piano

Akshita, Year 8, studies with Gill Shaw here at NGHS. She impressed the judges with her mature performance and great control of the instrument in the first round. A huge fan of 'Art', her favourite musician is Hailee Steinfeld.



Elina Shery, Hastings House: Piano

Elina, Year 7, is also under the tutelage of Gill Shaw and new to NGHS. She wowed the judges in the first round with her dynamic performance and played 'way beyond her age'. Elina is a big fan of Harry Potter and loves the South Korean band BTS.



Qing Ling Lu, Bolton House: Piano

Qing Ling, Year 9, reached the final stages of this competition last year. She impressed the judges with a sensitive and mature performance. Qing Ling studies piano outside school, and is also a huge fan of the band BTS. When not playing piano, she loves to write novels.



Lauren Fowler, Hastings House: Drum-kit

Lauren, Year 7, is our first drum-kit finalist! She impressed the judges in the first round with her natural musicality and feel for rhythm. A dynamic drummer, who is taught at school by Jay Robertson, Lauren's favourite band is the Killers. Outside of music she is also the owner of a very famous dachshund!



VOICE

Harriet Watkinson, Luxton House

An engaging and dynamic performer, Harriet, Year 8, studies voice outside school. When asked about her favourite performers she simply answered 'anyone who sings opera'. It will come as no surprise that Harriet's ambition in life is to be an opera singer.

Harriet was a finalist in the Junior School Windblowers Cup in 2016 and the Senior School competition in 2017.



Jaime Sterling, Bolton House

Jaime, Year 8, studies voice with Freya Hales and guitar with Mark Rolfe. An engaging and expressive young vocalist and guitarist, Jaime is a fantastic cajon player. Like many others she cites Ed Sheeran as her main influence and self accompanied herself in one of his songs during the first round. She is also the owner of 3 cats. Jaime was a Junior School Windblowers Cup category winner in 2016.



Sophie Croasdale, Bolton House

Sophie, Year 8, is taking part in her first competition. She studies with Freya Hales. Sophie impressed the judges with a colourful and engaging performance in the first round. Her favourite band is the Beatles. In addition, she is a self-proclaimed 'language nerd' and is teaching herself Russian.



We would like to thank Windblowers for their continued support with this competition.



The Windblowers showroom is open from 9am to 5pm Monday to Saturday. Ideally located right in the heart of Nottingham town centre we are easily accessible by public transport or by car and there's always plenty of on street parking right outside the door. We are proud to offer the largest selection of sheet music and wind instruments in the Midlands and always have a comprehensive selection of new and used instruments in stock. Why not pop in and browse through the thousands of titles of sheet music, have your instrument repaired, buy a gift for someone special or to just get some friendly advice about which instrument is right for you? In fact you can meet our friendly team of staff by viewing our staff profiles. We also offer an Assisted Instrument Purchase Scheme (AIPS) which allows students to buy instruments without having to pay VAT.



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