

ABRSM results:

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| Suzy Li | Grade 1 piano merit |
| Lydia Cave | Grade 2 piano distinction |
| Caitlyn Hall | Grade 2 piano merit |
| Alexandra Roberts | Grade 2 piano merit |
| Jessica Robson | Grade 2 piano merit |
| Peter Chisholm | Grade 3 piano pass |
| Miranda Stephenson | Grade 3 piano distinction |
| Madeleine Knight | Grade 4 piano distinction |
| Ella Crawford | Grade 5 theory distinction |
| Hugh Morris (age 13) | Grade 7 piano merit |
| Rhea Rabot | Grade 7 flute merit |
| Rhea Rabot | Grade 8 piano distinction |
| Shentong Wang | Grade 8 piano distinction |

Other News

Julia Smith has been studying music (singing) at Liverpool Hope University since September 2011. She was awarded a choral scholarship.

Sam Armstrong, DYM pianist, will be performing in Chicago on Feb 1st in a Dame Myra Hess Memorial concert. Sam helped Anna Menzies, DYM cellist, prepare for her Park Lane Group Young Artists' recitals in the Purcell Room in January and in St Martin in the Fields last year.

Anna is the cello assistant teacher at the Menuhin School and teaches at Chetham's in Manchester. She is a member of the Gildas String Quartet.

Helena Pearson, DYM pianist, is in her first year at the Royal College of Music studying harp with Daphne Boden, with piano as her second subject.

Mark Reach, who frequently performed with DYM, particularly the music of Satie and Federico Mompou, a Catalan composer, was at 16 a student of Theology at Durham University. Mark has since gained a 2nd degree in Russian at University College, London and has travelled extensively in Europe, including driving to Moscow via Turkey and the Ukraine. On his travels, Mark is keen to visit the birthplaces of famous composers (so far Satie, Mompou, Richard Strauss, Puccini, Sibelius, Grieg, Dvorak, Bach and Beethoven) and sends postcards to his piano teacher, Barry Maleham. On a recent return to Durham, Mark brought a bottle of House of Commons claret as a gift to his piano teacher. Mark's Russian studies have proved useful in his current career as Private Secretary to the Secretary of State for Transport. Mark is very much enjoying being at the centre of political life, often taking calls from no. 10 – not bad for a 24 year old!

Matinee Organisers

Please could teachers contact the matinee organiser/s to arrange performances for their pupils.

In the event of over subscription teacher/pupil members of DYM will have priority for performances.

Nominations for Special Concert, Junior Recital and Masterclass performers are welcome from music teachers. Accompanists may be available if required.

For the matinee on Sunday 26 February 2012 please contact:

Karen Pulman (0191 3841930)

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For the EPTA Round 1 competition on Saturday 17 March 2012 please contact:

Lyn Jones (0191 3883779) or Gail Bartley

laura.jones2@btopenworld.com and

romanremains@hotmail.co.uk

For the matinee on Sunday 25 March 2012 please contact:

Amanda Hampshire (0191 3844805)

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About DYM

Membership of DYM is open to anyone who has an interest in music. Our members include teachers, pupils, parents and anyone else who enjoys music. All are welcome!

Membership for 2011-12 will be £7.50 per adult, £5.00 for children/senior citizen/s, or £10.00 for family membership. Members receive three newsletters annually and reduced entry fees to certain DYM events.

Please contact:

Mrs. H. Panesar (Membership Secretary) at 4 St. Monica Grove, Durham, DH1 4AT, tel. 0191 384 2691, if you require a membership form, or if you have any news for a future newsletter.

For other queries about DYM or forthcoming events, please contact the Secretary of DYM at the following address:

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