

# East Glasgow Music School

## Spring Term News Update



March 2014

### Bridgeton Burns Club Competition

Many of our pupils took part in the Bridgeton Burns Club Competition in December, and those who were placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> were invited to attend and perform at the Prizewinners' Concert in Woodside Halls on 21<sup>st</sup> February. Our Senior Vocal Ensemble

won not only the Secondary School Choirs competition, but after a tense sing-off also won the award for Overall Best Choir. The 2 huge shields presented to the girls will be on display at our Summer Concert!

The Senior Vocal Ensemble

were also invited to perform at the Bridgeton Burns Club Anniversary Dinner on 25<sup>th</sup> January at the Marriott Hotel. This is a prestigious event attended by around 600 of Glasgow's great and good, and the girls' performance of John Anderson, My Jo and Scots Wha' Hae was fantastic and attracted very favourable feedback.



Carys who won the S3-6 Girls Vocal Solos competition was one of only 3 performers invited to sing her winning song at the annual wreath laying ceremony at George Square on 25<sup>th</sup> January. She also met Mr Charlie Newlands, who is the

President of the Glasgow & District Burns Association, at the reception afterwards in the Merchants Hall, Glasgow.



*'If music be the food of love, play on...'*

*William Shakespeare, Twelfth Night*

### Glasgow Music Festival

Our Orchestra, Junior Choir and Senior Choir took part in the Glasgow Music Festival at the Glasgow Royal Concert Hall on 9<sup>th</sup> March, and performed fantastically well.

The Orchestra performed Danserye, followed by The Dark Island, which was specially arranged for East Glasgow Music School by our very own conductor and piano tutor, David Munn. The adjudicator was obvious-

ly impressed with the orchestra, as she awarded 85 marks, which won the competition!

The Junior Choir performed Sleep My Baby, a Welsh lullaby, followed by Dundee Ghost, a fun Scots song by Matt McGinn. The adjudicator commented on how much the children enjoyed singing Dundee Ghost, and our score of 86 marks was remarkable for such a young age

group. Look out for a reprise of Dundee Ghost at our Summer Concert!

The Senior Choir had stiff competition in their class. The test piece, Rocking in Rhythm, was a tricky song with lots of difficult words and rhythms. Our own choice piece was Skye Boat Song, and one of our parents commented that the choir's performance 'brought a tear to the eye!' While we were a

little disappointed with our placing, the adjudicator's mark of 85 was very good. The children thoroughly enjoyed singing and look forward to performing Skye Boat Song again at the Summer Concert.

Some of our Vocal Soloists also took part in Solo Singing classes at the Festival, and congratulations go to Nicola, Walter and Abbie who were all placed in their respective competitions – well done to everyone!

## St Andrew's, Baillieston – Women's Guild

We were invited to speak to the Women's Guild of St Andrew's, Baillieston about East Glasgow Music School at their meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> January. The Senior Vocal Ensemble performed their Burns selection and one of the Senior Choir songs, and some of the girls performed solos and duets on their instruments. The Women's Guild were very interested to hear about the

history of East Glasgow Music School, and how we plan to take things forward in future, and we were delighted to receive a donation from the ladies.

If you are a member of a group and would be interested in having us visit one of your meetings to talk about East Glasgow Music School, please contact Michelle on [info@egms.org.uk](mailto:info@egms.org.uk).



## Family Ceilidh

Many thanks to everyone who came along to our Family Ceilidh in Mount Vernon Community Centre on 22<sup>nd</sup> March. A fantastic night was had by all, with music from the brilliant Shoestring Ceilidh Band [Shoestringband@ymail.com](mailto:Shoestringband@ymail.com) and great children's entertainment at the interval from the amazing Tommy Tricks [www.tommytricks.me.uk](http://www.tommytricks.me.uk).



Thanks also to Mrs Mochrie and Mrs Marriott-Laurie for their help with selling tickets. We're delighted to announce that the event raised a total of **£660 for Music School funds** – a great achievement!



## Fundraising and Volunteers

We're always happy to hear from volunteers who are able to help with various tasks throughout the year – from selling ceilidh tickets and collecting raffle prizes to helping with funding applications. Work on applications to various trusts and grant awarding bodies to help fund Music School is ongoing throughout the year. We gratefully acknowledge funding received from **The Robertson Trust, The Hugh Fraser Foundation, Dr Guthrie's Association, Society of Deacons & Free Presesers, JTH Trust, Tunnocks, Foundation Scotland and Glasgow City Council Area Budget Funding.**

If you have any experience – or just have lots of enthusiasm, a little time to spare and a wish to help! – please contact Michelle on [info@egms.org.uk](mailto:info@egms.org.uk).

### ADVANCE NOTICE

*A reminder to parents that our Summer Concert will take place on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May. Further information will be issued to pupils after the Easter holiday, so look out for a letter then!*

