



ROYAL
HOSPITAL
SCHOOL

VISITING MUSIC TEACHERS



RESPECT

for each other, your instrument and the Music School

DISCIPLINE


stop with the conductor,
listen to all instructions carefully

DEDICATION

a reliable musician is a busy musician

TEAMWORK

no one can whistle a symphony, it takes a whole orchestra to play it



WELCOME

The Music School is a large and vibrant part of the Royal Hospital School. The department comprises of the Director of Music, 2 full-time staff, 1 part-time staff and 23 Visiting Music Teachers. The Music School has exceptional facilities and there are many performance opportunities in the school as well as concerts in prestigious London venues and more locally in the community.

The aim of this booklet is to introduce you to our inspiring and charismatic group of Visiting Music Teachers. If, after reading it, you would like to have instrumental lessons, please contact the Music Administrator (kgriffiths@royalhospitalschool.org) to request a form. In many cases our Visiting Music Teachers are happy to arrange a trial lesson before committing to a full term of lessons.

Happy music making!



Edward Allen
Director of Music

Director of Music – Edward Allen
Teacher of Music Technology – Tim Bond
Assistant Head (Co-curricular)
& Teacher of Music – Brian Martineau

Bandmaster /Assistant Director
of Music – Luke Allen
Music School Administrator – Katy Griffiths



**LESLEY
CHERRY**
PIANO

What is your instrument?

Piano

What do you do musically outside of RHS?

I am involved musically in my local church, accompanying for exams and occasionally accompanying for concerts. Also singing in local choirs.

What is your favourite piece of music?

Rachmaninoff Piano Sonata no 1 in D minor.

What famous person inspires you & why?

Myra Hess, for her prowess as a pianist but mostly for her intelligence, determination and razor-sharp wit.

What is the best thing about working at RHS?

So many to choose from: the facilities, great colleagues and enthusiastic pupils.

What are your interests outside school?

Organise badminton for a group of players, treasurer for local cricket club, member of a book club and walking with Mutley our dog.



**CHRISTINE
TINKER**
PIANO

What is your instrument?

Piano

What do you do musically outside of RHS?

Piano recitals and recordings; I give masterclasses, examine for the ABRSM and am a Director and tutor at the Summer School for Pianists; I teach at other schools in Ipswich and in the Junior Department of the Royal College of Music in London; I blog about piano music.

What is your favourite piece of music?

Lever du jour from Daphnis et Chloé by Ravel - music's most beautiful sunrise.

What famous person inspires you and why?

Beethoven - triumph through adversity.

What is the best thing about working at RHS?

The potential for excellence.

What are your interests outside school?

Horticulture and Tudor History.

What is your instrument?

Organ

What do you do musically out of RHS?

I am the Director of Music at St Margaret's Church Ipswich, and Conductor of the Stondon Singers, a chamber choir based in Essex. I examine for the LCM and for Edexcel, and I have private pupils.

What is your favourite piece of music?

Two composers I would not be without are J.S. Bach (Passions) and Schubert (Lieder).

What famous person inspires you and why?

Bernard Haitink. I have long admired his conducting style, and his interpretations, above all others.

What is the best thing about working at RHS?

I love working with such promising students on such a very fine organ, and in such a beautiful chapel.

What are your interests outside school?

Fly fishing, my 1948 M.G. (TC), and vegetable gardening (no great expert though!).



**CHRISTOPHER
TINKER**
ORGAN

What is your instrument?

Harp

What do you do musically outside of RHS?

Member of CHROMA and freelance with most of the UK Symphony and Chamber Orchestras.

What is your favourite piece of music?

This is a very tough question! But probably Eugene Onegin by Tchaikovsky, with Gurrelieder by Schoenberg and Tristan und Isolde by Wagner as the runners up.

What famous person inspires you and why?

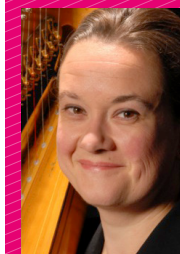
Darcey Bussell - a true artist.

What is the best thing about working at RHS?

All the cakes the music staff bring in!

What are your interests outside school?

Crewing for my husband's gliding competitions, walking and coxing.



**HELEN
SHARP**
HARP



**ROD
CAIRD**
BAGPIPES

What is your instrument?

The great highland bagpipe

What do you do musically outside of RHS?

Weddings, funerals, birthday parties, anniversaries, competitions, folk nights, more teaching, lessons for myself.

What is your favourite piece of music?

Freedom Come all Ye - based on The Bloody Fields of Flanders or possibly Lament for Mary MacLeod.

What famous person inspires you and why?

Gordon Duncan, virtuoso piper and composer, an inspiration to any piper.

What is the best thing about working at RHS?

That it really cares about music.

What are your interests outside school?

TV production, piping...!!!!



**ANNA
TER HAAR**
FLUTE
PICCOLO
ALTO FLUTE
WHISTLES
FOLK FLUTE

What is your instrument?

Flute/Piccolo/Alto Flute/Whistles/Folk Flute

What do you do musically outside of RHS?

Freelance Musician - Perform with orchestras, chamber ensembles, folk bands. Lead workshops in outreach settings (currently musician in residence at a school for children with autism spectrum disorder).

What is your favourite piece of music?

Too hard to pick one! Stravinsky - Rite of Spring, Flook - Pod, Ella Fitzgerald and Louis Armstrong - any of their duets!

What famous person inspires you and why?

Katie Piper - her strength and determination following the brutal attack she suffered when sulphuric acid was thrown in her face, and the way in which she now supports other burns survivors.

What is the best thing about working at RHS?

My pupils! And the nurturing environment for music making at the school.

What are your interests outside school?

Music Therapy and travelling.

What is your instrument?

Violin and Piano

What do you do musically outside of RHS?

I play the violin with local orchestras and ensembles, accompany singers and instrumentalists, have a long-standing duo with my violinist brother, and teach music in another local school.

What is your favourite piece of music?

I love French piano music and song from the Impressionist period - some of my favourite pieces are 'L'isle Joyeuse' by Debussy and 'Jeux d'eau' by Ravel. I also love the Bach Partitas - both those written for piano and for violin.

What famous person inspires you and why?

Musically one of my favourite pianists is Martha Argerich - for the sheer excitement and commitment of her playing. My grandmother was a wonderful inspiration to me - she used to sing us all sorts of songs and make up wonderful stories!

What are your interests outside school?

I love walking our black lab, Dora; cycling; spending time in Norfolk; drinking coffee; and reading.

What is your instrument?

Trumpet / Cornet / Flugelhorn / Bugle

What do you do musically outside of RHS?

Managing Director of the Inspired Music Agency. Freelance solo, orchestral, and session trumpeter (previously working with the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra). Composer and arranger.

What is your favourite piece of music?

Mahler Symphony No 6 (having performed it at the BBC Proms, Royal Albert Hall).

What famous person inspires you and why?

Steve Coogan - Also hailing from Manchester, he is a genius comic / actor.

What is the best thing about working at RHS?

Working at RHS is a real privilege. The Music Department has such great facilities and the pupils have so many opportunities.

What are your interests outside school?

My interests include travelling, learning French, and cooking.



**PHILIPPA
KERR**
VIOLIN
PIANO



**JOEL
COOPER**
TRUMPET
CORNET
FLUGELHORN
BUGLE



ESTHER WILLIAMS
OBOE
BASSOON

What is your instrument?

Oboe and Bassoon

What do you do musically outside of RHS?

I am currently 2nd oboe of Bristol Symphony Orchestra, principal oboe of Nottinghamshire wind band of Royal Engineers as well as oboe /cor anglais of Chineke orchestra. As well as this I do a lot of freelancing which includes musicals, operas and other orchestral works.

What is your favourite piece of music?

Mahler Symphony No.2

What famous person inspires you and why?

Ray Charles - He went through countless struggles from a very early age, including turning blind at age 7. To others this can be seen as an incapability to produce music, however he used it as a strength which pushed him to become one of the greatest soul artists.

What are your interests outside school?

When I have time outside of music I do enjoy swimming, fencing, travelling or just simply staying at home watching Game of Thrones.



TIM BOND
MUSIC
TECHNOLOGY

What is your instrument?

Piano/Music Production

What do you do musically outside of RHS?

Freelance composer and research student, currently studying for a PhD at the University of Kent.

What is your favourite piece of music?

Ravel - Gaspard de la Nuit

What famous person inspires you & why?

Human rights activist Rosa Parks. She showed that through small actions we can initiate change for the better.

What is the best thing about working at RHS?

Enthusiastic students, supportive colleagues and superb facilities. It is an excellent place to work.

What are your interests outside school?

Brazilian Jujitsu, reading, Brazilian Jujitsu, cycling, my research into acoustic composition and did I mention Brazilian Jujitsu...

What is your instrument?

Cello and Piano

What do you do musically outside of RHS?

I perform widely on baroque cello and viola da gamba, 40 - 50 gigs per year, I examine for ABRSM and I work as a mentor for other music teachers.

What is your favourite piece of music?

Impossible to say, I listen to everything from Buxtehude to Bluegrass, but the greatest piece of music ever written is probably J.S. Bach's Mass in B minor.

What famous person inspires you and why?

Pope Francis because he is challenging and unafraid.

What is the best thing about working at RHS?

Excellent facilities!

What are your interests outside school?

Running.



MARY PELS
CELLO
PIANO

What is your instrument?

Classical, Electric and Bass Guitars

What do you do musically outside of RHS?

Outside RHS I play and sing in a Carpenters tribute band. I also take on freelance work including playing in the band for local amateur musical productions.

What is your favourite piece of music?

My favourite piece of music is Rodrigo's Guitar Concerto.

What famous person inspires you and why?

I admire Audrey Hepburn because as well as being a film and fashion icon she was also an ambassador for UNICEF, with wide humanitarian interests.

What is the best thing about working at RHS?

I really enjoy working at RHS because the pupils are a pleasure to teach, the working environment is very friendly and the facilities are great.

What are your interests outside school?

I enjoy interior design, cooking, eating out, gardening and keeping fit by playing badminton. I also love travelling and water sports including scuba diving and sailing.



SHARON MAXWELL
GUITAR



**GEORGE
DOUBLE**
DRUM KIT

What is your instrument?

Drum Kit

What do you do musically outside of RHS?

Freelance career as a touring player. Also working as an examiner and consultant for Trinity College London.

What is your favourite piece of music?

Too many to choose from!

What famous person inspires you and why?

Well, in drumming terms Steve Gadd, Buddy Rich and John Bonham from Led Zeppelin have given me plenty to think about.

What is the best thing about working at RHS?

Good coffee in the staff room, oh and the Music School's alright I suppose!

What are your interests outside school?

Cricket and real ale.



**CRAIG
APPS**
PERCUSSION
TIMPANI
DRUM KIT

What is your instrument?

Percussion, Timpani, Drum Kit

What do you do musically outside of RHS?

I perform with various different orchestras and ensembles. Anything from symphony orchestra concerts, Baroque ensembles, chamber groups, percussion ensembles and contemporary groups, both classical and commercial. A big variety!

What is your favourite piece of music?

An extremely difficult question! Classical – possibly Mahler Symphony No.2 – the end is amazing. Or the live recording of Ella Fitzgerald and the Duke Ellington Orchestra playing Mack the Knife.

What famous person inspires you & why?

Family and friends are the biggest inspiration for me. Musically I have been inspired by some amazing teachers.

What is the best thing about working at RHS?

The Corps of Drums is extremely exciting for me as a percussionist!

What are your interests outside school?

Outside of music I enjoy cooking, playing / watching football, and travelling – when time allows!

What is your instrument?

Voice

What do you do musically outside of RHS?

I work as a freelance opera and concert singer. Recent venues include Glyndebourne, Scottish Opera, Opera North, The Royal Albert Hall, The Royal Festival Hall, The Barbican and Cadogan Hall.

What is your favourite piece of music?

Peter Grimes by local composer Benjamin Britten

What famous person inspires you and why?

I adore the singing of Fritz Wunderlich – beautiful tone and a huge repertoire for someone who died so tragically young, bringing immense integrity and honesty to his interpretations from Bach to Puccini.

What is the best thing about working at RHS?

It's great to be part of a large and thriving music department at a school with a very strong musical and, in particular, choral tradition.

What are your interests outside school?

I'm a keen amateur travel photographer, and love to cook.

What is your instrument?

Voice

What do you do musically out of RHS?

Freelance soprano, performing with orchestras and choral societies in the UK. Teaching privately and in schools, as well as leading workshops in singing and voice for acting.

What is your favourite piece of music?

To sing: Samuel Barber's Knoxville: Summer of 1915
To listen to: Ravel String Quartet and Rossini's Barber of Seville

What famous person inspires you and why?

Leontyne Price – American legend and soprano, for her dedication to technical excellence. And she's still an inspiration at 90 years old singing every day!

Best thing about working at RHS:

The dedication of music making to the highest level, friendly and talented colleagues and pupils, and a huge enthusiasm for the love of music!

What are your interests outside school?

Walking, writing, travel, art and games!



**DANIEL
JOY**
VOICE



**CATHERINE
MAY**
VOICE



**DAVID
COLE**
TROMBONE
TUBA

What is your instrument?

Trombone, tuba and other lower brass instruments.

What do you do musically outside of RHS?

I play in local concerts and in the band for musical productions as well as occasional orchestral concerts. I play jazz in the Ipswich Musicians' Union Big Band and in a jazz trio. I run The Oompah Band, performing at 'Oktoberfests' nationwide.

What is your favourite piece of music?

Pictures at an Exhibition by Modest Mussorgsky.

What famous person inspires you & why?

Winston Churchill inspired the whole country at a very difficult time. He should have been a trombone player!

What is the best thing about working at RHS?

I really enjoy working at such a prestigious school with so many talented pupils. It is a very civilised place.

What are your interests outside school?

Sailing or anything that involves water. Cycling, or the outside life in general.



**NIGEL
VIRLEY**
PIANO

What is your instrument?

My instrument is the piano (I also play synthesisers, of which I have many!)

What do you do musically outside of RHS?

I am Musical Director of the Ipswich Coop Juniors Theatre Company. Our two most recent shows have been Starlight Express and The Wind In The Willows, for which I wrote the script.

What is your favourite piece of music?

My favourite piece of music is Vaughan Williams' 5th Symphony.

What famous person inspires you and why?

The jazz pianist Keith Jarrett, who manages to play with endless creativity, subtlety, virtuosity, excitement and joy.

What are your interests outside school?

Mainly photography - mostly landscape and nature, and watching films.

What is your instrument?

Saxophone and Clarinet

What do you do musically outside of RHS?

I have a busy career playing in musical theatre, as well as orchestral and chamber music.

What is your favourite piece of music?

I enjoy all styles of music but the musical experience that made a big impression on me in my early career was Prokofiev's ballet, Romeo and Juliet - two weeks of musical bliss!

What famous person inspires you & why?

I had the privilege to study with Jack Brymer, one of the greatest clarinetists of the 20th century.

What is the best thing about working at RHS?

I love seeing young people develop in musicianship and confidence through lessons and ensembles. I regard it a privilege to be part of a pupil's discovery of how their individualism can combine with others in their playing.

What are your interests outside school?

Performing and listening to music.



**CLIFF
WYBROW**
SAXOPHONE
CLARINET

What is your instrument?

Voice (musical theatre, rock and pop)

What do you do musically outside of RHS?

I perform regularly as a singer in bands and work locally in a wide variety of musical theatre shows.

What is your favourite piece of music?

Any songs by Jason Robert Brown

What famous person inspires you & why?

Imelda Staunton - for her talent, enthusiasm and energy.

What is the best thing about working at RHS?

Amazing facilities, positive students and great reputation

What are your interests outside school?

Interests outside school - fitness, going to the gym, reading, being a trustee of a local charity.



**SUE
DOUBLE**
VOICE



NADIA MYERSCOUGH
VIOLIN

What is your instrument?

Violin

What do you do musically outside of RHS?

I teach at St Paul's School and am Head of String Studies at Channing School

What is your favourite piece of music?

D minor Partita by Bach

What famous person inspires you and why?

When I was a student learning to play the violin, the violinist Fritz Kreisler inspired me with his beautiful sound and I love listening to recordings of Victoria de los Angeles – her voice is truly angelic.

What is the best thing about working at RHS?

Amazing facilities in a stunning location.

What are your interests outside school?

Horticulture, wild swimming, cycling and consuming considerable amounts of quality dark chocolate.



CLAIRE BAUGHAN
CLARINET

What is your instrument?

Clarinet

What do you do musically outside of RHS?

Freelance career combining music production with teaching and playing clarinet in regular London lunchtime concert series with the Blaze Ensemble, co principal clarinet in Kensington Symphony Orchestra and a diverse range of concerts in Suffolk

What is your favourite piece of music?

So many pieces but in particular music by Bach, Mozart, Brahms, Messiaen, Stravinsky and John Adams to name a few.

What famous person inspires you and why?

Clarinetists today who inspire me are superb soloists Michael Collins and Martin Fröst who are passionate about their playing and inspire great composers to write new works for the instrument.

What is the best thing about working at RHS?

Great facilities and so many diverse opportunities for music making.

What are your interests outside school?

Concerts, theatre, art galleries, travel, books, time with family and friends.

What is your instrument?

French Horn

What do you do musically out of RHS?

Freelance horn player working with various orchestras, chamber ensembles and educational projects

What is your favourite piece of music?

To perform, Britten Serenade for Tenor, Horn and Strings or the Brahms Horn Trio

What famous person inspires you and why?

The horn playing of Alan Civil, especially his recording of the Britten Serenade – beautiful tone and a joy to listen to.

What is the best thing about working at RHS?

Enthusiastic pupils and friendly helpful colleagues, it's a great environment to teach and to learn in.

What are your interest outside school?

My family, walking, relaxing and eating cake!



KAY DAWSON
FRENCH HORN

What is your instrument?

Drum kit

What do you do musically outside of RHS?

Freelance musician. I also run my own teaching studio.

What is your favourite piece of music?

Hard to say but perhaps Marvin Gaye's seminal album 'What's Going On?' or any record by Earth, Wind & Fire.!

What famous person inspires you & why?

The American session and studio drummer Steve Gadd, for his sensitivity, finesse, and pioneering playing style. I had the privilege of meeting him recently and he was a true gent.

What is the best thing about working at RHS?

With enthusiastic students, supportive colleagues and superb facilities, it is an inspiring place to work.

What are your interests outside school?

Spending time with my family, motor-racing and collecting vinyl records.



MARTIN WARD
DRUM KIT



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