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VISITING MUSIC TEACHERS



RESPECT

for each other, your instrument and the Music School

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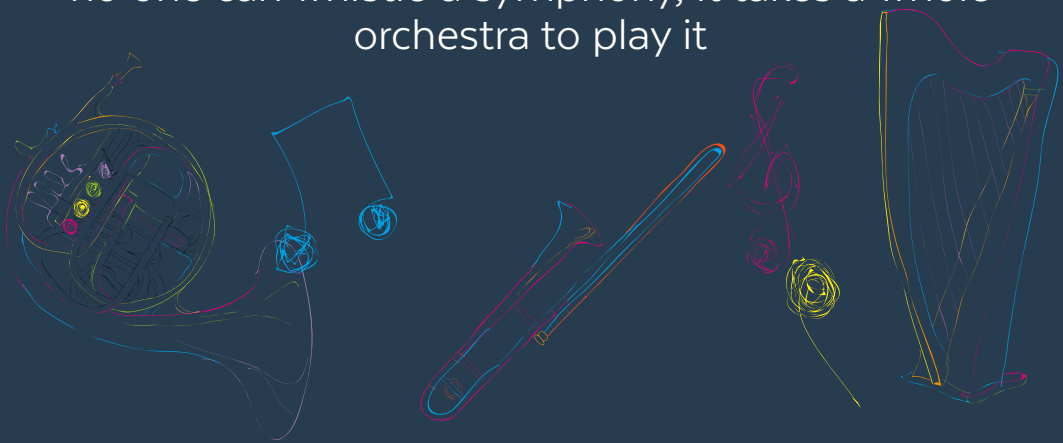
stop with the conductor,
listen to all instructions carefully

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 is comprised of the Director of Music, 2 part-time staff, 23 Visiting Music Teachers and the Administrator. 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
Assistant Head (Co-curricular and Admissions) & Teacher of Music - Brian Martineau

Bandmaster / Teacher of Music – Lizzie Merrell
Music School Administrator – Katy Griffiths



TIA EAGLE
PIANO

What is your instrument?
Piano

What do you do musically outside of RHS?
I enjoy giving recitals as a soloist and as part of the 'Brass & Ivories' duet. I often perform on luxury cruise liners, which has taken me all over the world.

What is your favourite piece of music?
Estampes by Debussy - such descriptive music, taking you on a journey.

What famous person inspires you & why?
Duchess of Cambridge - she shows such poise, dedication and professionalism.

What is the best thing about working at RHS?
You get to meet so many interesting individuals, both staff and students. The Fazioli piano is also a dream to play!

What are your interests outside school?
Art, sewing, gardening and travel.



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.



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.



CHRISTOPHER TINKER
ORGAN

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!).



HELEN SHARP

HARP

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.



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.



PHILIPPA KERR

VIOLIN
PIANO

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.



MARY PELLS

CELLO
PIANO

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.



LIZZIE MERRELL

FLUTE

What is your instrument?
Flute

What do you do musically outside of RHS?
I teach in my hometown of Brightlingsea and volunteer occasionally with different youth groups that cover music and theatre. I also love to sing and sometimes perform at local venues with my partner who is a pianist. Live music is a passion of mine, so when I'm not performing/teaching/singing I attend as many concerts and shows, of all different genres of music, as time allows.

What is your favourite piece of music?
In the world of flute, I really enjoy playing John Rutter's 'Suite Antique'. However, I have a very broad taste in music, from marches, to musicals, to RnB. I really enjoy the folk band Flook, but I also love the vocal work of modern jazz artist Aubrey Logan. My mood defines my favourite piece of music at the time.

What famous person inspires you and why?
The Queen! For her amazing dedication and work for this country and the Commonwealth. What an inspirational and hard-working lady who has lived through so much change and has embraced every ounce of it.

What is the best thing about working at RHS?
Amazing music school, fantastic facilities, incredible views, friendly pupils, and very helpful staff!

What are your interests outside school?
Spending time with my family and little girl, walking my dog, running, fundraising, singing, and eating!



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?
Clarinettists 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.



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.



CLIFF WYBROW

SAXOPHONE
CLARINET

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 clarinettists 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.



JOEL COOPER

TRUMPET
CORNET
FLUGELHORN
BUGLE

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.



KAY DAWSON

FRENCH HORN

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!



ADAM COOPER

LOWER BRASS

What is your instrument?
Trombone, Tuba, Cimbasso and other lower-brass instruments.

What do you do musically outside of RHS?
I am a solo tuba artist, conductor, opera house and orchestral performer. Recently, I have started performing jazz in a band and I am also the lead tuba in the London Tuba Quartet.

What is your favourite piece of music?
Very hard to answer! I would say J S Bach's Sonata in G BWV 1029. It is a beautiful piece of music and I have learnt so much from it.

What famous person inspires you & why?
Niccolò Paganini (the Devil's violinist). A violinist from the 17th century, he was the most celebrated virtuoso of his time; he is an icon because he brought his instrument to a new, unknown level.

What is the best thing about working at RHS?
I enjoy every second of teaching because there are so many musically talented individuals at the school. It gives me great pleasure to pass my knowledge on to the next generation.

What are your interests outside school?
Sport and good health are very important for a musician, hence why I am a keen runner and swimmer.



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!



TIM PELLS

GUITAR

What is your instrument?
Classical, acoustic, and electric guitars professionally. Amateur harpsichordist!

What do you do musically outside of RHS?
I perform as a guitarist and work as a composer (I've recently publishing a two-volume work 'Passport to Play Guitar' with Schott Music and 8 pieces for Trinity College Acoustic Guitar exams). I also lead the guitar department at the Centre for Young Musicians (Guildhall School, London).

What is your favourite piece of music?
I listen to music widely, and so it isn't really possible to have a single favourite...but, as a clue I can say that 'The Goldberg Variations' by JS Bach (1741), performed on either harpsichord or piano, won't ever tire in my ears!

What famous person inspires you & why?
Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada. (I was inspired by his father Pierre Trudeau as well!) The way he stood up to the ex-American president Trump was genius. Also appointing specialists to his cabinet (minister of health is a doctor, etc.). He leads the way in the world.

What is the best thing about working at RHS?
Definitely having the team of people working in the music school as colleagues!

What are your interests outside school?
Hmmm...lots! I could say Hi-fi and listening to music on vinyl, gardening and growing antique roses, collecting specialist wines of France, collecting vintage American and handmade English guitars, and Jaguar cars!



TOBY MORGAN

GUITAR

What is your instrument?
All styles of guitar and bass!

What do you do musically outside of RHS?
I perform in a variety of contexts, from solo to chamber groups to big bands, in venues such as the Royal Albert Hall, Ronnie Scott's and Cadogan Hall. I also enjoy session work and regularly play double bass in a jazz trio.

What is your favourite piece of music?
To play: Songe Capricorne by Roland Dyens
To listen to: Drive Home by Steven Wilson

What famous person inspires you and why?
Leonard Bernstein - not only was he a fantastic composer and conductor, but he was also a great civil rights advocate who spoke up for what he believed in.

What is the best thing about working at RHS?
Fantastic facilities, a friendly environment and a great team of staff and students!

What are your interests outside school?
I love cooking, reading, going to gigs and playing music with my friends and family.



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.



MARTIN WARD

DRUM KIT

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?
Ther American session and studio drummer Steve Gadd, for his sensitivity, finesse, amd 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.



DANIEL JOY
VOICE

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.



SUE DOUBLE
VOICE

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.



CATHERINE MAY
VOICE

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!



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