

Creative Arts Calendar Session 2019/20

AUTUMN TERM

Thursday 10 October

■ MUSIC AT WATSON'S

Assembly Hall, 7pm Tickets Free

Our first large-scale concert of the Session will feature many Senior School musicians in our orchestras and bands. The programme will include a suite of music from Bizet's Carmen played by the Symphony Orchestra joined for the performance by a number of parents, friends, staff and former pupils, and will end with a massed performance of Highland Cathedral with the Pipes and Drums.

Wednesday 6 November

J EVENING OF MUSIC

Music School Auditorium, 7pm No tickets required

These We Have Loved. An evening concert in the Music Auditorium featuring a wide variety of musical performances, solo and small ensemble. The only requirement is that the pupils enjoy playing the pieces they have chosen - they love them!

Wednesday 20 - Friday 22 **November**

S3 PRODUCTION: THE WITCHES

Assembly Hall, 7pm Tickets £12/£10

This amateur production of The Witches (Wood/Dahl) is presented by special arrangement with SAMUEL FRENCH LTD a Concord Theatricals Company.

The Witches by Roald Dahl, adapted for the stage by David Wood.

Director: Miss Alice Culpin, Music composed by Alexander McNamee (S3) Recently orphaned, Boy and his Grandmother travel from Norway to the South Coast of England to Hotel Magnificent. Boy stumbles upon a meeting of Witches planning to rid the world of all children by turning them into mice. Against all odds, Boy, his friend Bruno Jenkins and Grandmother work together to overthrow the evil Grand High Witch.



Thursday 28 November

I EVENING OF MUSIC

Music School Auditorium, 7pm No tickets required

An Evening of Chamber Music. An evening featuring our various smaller ensembles that rehearse in the Music School, including string quartets, piano trio, woodwind, brass and vocal groups

Sunday 8 December

♬ HARPS OF GOLD

Queen's Hall, 2.30pm Tickets available from the Queen's Hall Box Office.

A family concert of Christmas music old and new featuring Na Clarsirean -Edinburgh's Harp Orchestra, together with pupil performers from the school.

Wednesday 11 December

JUNIOR SCHOOL **CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

Assembly Hall, 7pm No tickets required

The children of the Upper Primary will be spreading Christmas cheer with a huge range of seasonal music played by the orchestra, recorder and string groups and choirs. There will also be traditional carols for all to join in singing.

Thursday 12 December

□ P4/P5 JUNIOR SCHOOL **CAROL SERVICE**

Polwarth Parish Church, 2pm

Singers and players from Primary 4 and Primary 5 celebrate the Christmas season in the beautiful setting of Polwarth Church.

Friday 13 December

□ P6/P7 JUNIOR SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE

Polwarth Parish Church, 2pm

The turn of pupils in Primary 6 and Primary 7 to celebrate the Christmas season in words and music.

Tuesday 17 December

☐ FESTIVAL OF **NINE LESSONS & CAROLS**

St Giles Cathedral, 7.30pm

Our traditional magnificent celebration of the Christmas season in the beautiful setting of St Giles' Cathedral led by members of our senior school choirs together with many past pupils who join us to swell the singing!



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SPRING TERM

Wednesday 29 January

I EVENING OF MUSIC

Music School Auditorium, 7pm No tickets required

Scholars' Concert. The Scholars' Concert is one of the musical highlights of the year – an opportunity for the holders of the Ferguson/Bruce Music Scholarships to showcase their talents as solo performers. This year there will be performances on piano, violin, viola, cello, trumpet, oboe, bassoon and guitar.

Wednesday 26 February

□ P7 EVENING OF MUSIC

Music School Auditorium, 7pm No tickets required

A chance to hear solo and group performances from musicians in their final year in the Junior School.

Monday 2 March

EVENING OF MUSIC

Music School Auditorium, 7pm

Lucky Dip! A concert featuring music for solos and ensembles in different styles, different countries and different periods. Something for everyone!

Thursday 19 March

☐ USHER HALL CONCERT

Usher Hall, 7.30pm Tickets £15/£5

A Celebration of the Music of George Watson's College. This concert will begin with orchestral items, including concerto movements played by our music scholars for oboe by Vivaldi, cello by Fauré and piano by Finzi. The second half will be a collaboration between the school's choirs and the Watsonian Choir in Carl Orff's cantata Carmina Burana accompanied by large orchestra.



Thursday 26 March

♬ MUSIC AT WATSON'S

Assembly Hall, 7pm Tickets free

The culmination of the year's work for many of our larger ensembles, this concert will include performances by Boys' Choir, Cantemus, Philharmonia, Concert Band, Wind Band, Trad Band, Eclectric Circus and Jazz Band. The concert will end with a performance of *The Making of the Drum* by Bob Chilcott, sung by our Chamber Choir.

Friday 27 March

P SENIOR ART EXHIBITION

Art School, 5pm-7pm

An exhibition of final Art, Design and Photography portfolios from National 5 Higher and Advanced Higher courses.

Wednesday 1 April

JUNIOR SCHOOL SPRING CONCERT

Assembly Hall, 7pm

An entertaining selection of music performed by the choirs, ensembles and orchestras from the Junior School.

SUMMER TERM

Thursday 23 April

☐ FINALS OF THE SINGING COMPETITION

Music School Auditorium, 7pm No Tickets required

Our finest Senior School singers compete for the singing prizes in front of a visiting adjudicator.

Monday 27 April

☐ ROBIN ADAIR YOUNG MUSICIANS' CONCERT

Music School Auditorium, 7pm No Tickets required

This year's Robin Adair Concert will include performances by Galleon Singers and Ex Corde Choir who will be singing numbers from Joseph Horowitz's cantata

Captain Noah and His Floating Zoo and will also showcase compositions by some of our senior pupils – some world premières!

Wednesday 13 May

□ P3 AFTERNOON OF MUSIC

Music School Auditorium, 1.45pm Invitation only

Performances by our pupils in Primary 3.

Tuesday 19- Friday 22 May

P7 PRODUCTION

Upper Primary Hall, 9.30am

Director: Miss Emma Henderson, Musical Director: Mrs Katharine Jones This production will showcase Primary 7 children's work in drama and music in a theatrical presentation.

Tuesday 16 - Thursday 18 June

P7 ART EXHIBITION

Art School

This exhibition will showcase Primary 7 children's work in Art.

Tuesday 16 - Friday 19 June

SENIOR SUMMER PRODUCTION

Assembly Hall 7pm Tickets £12/10

Director: Mr Craig Serrels, Musical Director: Mr David Elliott

Les Miserables

The convict Jean Valjean is released from a French prison after serving nineteen years for stealing a loaf of bread and for subsequent attempts to escape from prison. When Valjean arrives at the town of Digne, no one is willing to give him shelter because he is an ex-convict.

Monday 22 June

☐ THE LEAVERS CONCERT

Music School Auditorium, 7pm Tickets free

The last chance to hear our talented S6 pupils performing in the Music Auditorium before they leave school.