

Dorset Guitar Society

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RECITAL BY AMANDA COOK

On Friday 27th September **2013** Amanda Cook will be performing for us at Kinson at 7.30pm. Please all mark this in your diaries and try to persuade as many family and friends to attend as possible! There is no better inspiration for us all than to see a professional performance and if we are to host more professional recitals in the future then your support is greatly needed. A copy of the poster is at the end of the newsletter- if you are able to perhaps you could print and display one somewhere to help us advertise the concert. Hard copies will be available at the August meeting.

Amanda's biography follows and more details can be found at www.amandacook.co.uk This promises to be a wonderful concert!

Amanda is one of the leading guitarists of her generation. She has performed and given master classes in the USA, South America and throughout Europe. In the UK her performances include the South Bank, Wigmore Hall, King's Place and The Sage Gateshead. Her highly acclaimed performances are always noted for their sensitive musicality, fluid technique, and ability to draw the audience in to her world.

At the age of seven Amanda began to learn the guitar

with Sasha Levtov. She then went on to study with Charles Ramirez at the Junior Department of the Royal College of Music, as a scholarship student. She then carried on to do her music degree at the RCM, as a Foundation Scholar, continuing with Charles Ramirez and then with Jakob Lindberg and Gary Ryan. Whilst at the College Amanda won several prizes for her performances, and outside of College she won the 1995 Admira Young Guitarist of the Year, 1997 Ivor Mairants Guitar Award and the 1998 Carol Evershed Martin Award for solo instrumentalists. After studying at the College, Amanda went to New York to study with Benjamin Verdery, with the help of the Countess of Munster Musical Trust.



Several composers have dedicated works to Amanda, including Nato Lima (Sonata No.2, 2004), Robert Boyle (Voices of Origin, for her Wigmore Hall debut 2003), Paul Gregory (Micro Prelude 2000), Cristiano Porqueddu (Amanda 1998) and William Lovelady (This Morning In Omagh the Sun Rose Again, written for the 1st Anniversary of the bombing in N.Ireland 1998). She has performed and been broadcast live on television and radio, both abroad and in the UK. Amanda has also been interviewed and played live several times on BBC Radio 3 "In Tune", BBC Radio 4 "Woman's Hour" and Classic FM.

Dates For your Diary

As well as Amanda's recital, there are two more dates for your diaries. The annual DGS concert will take place on **Sunday 27th October** this year. This is the Sunday following from the usual October meeting.

Last year we successfully went 'on tour' to two venues to continue performing our new repertoire. This formula seemed to be a success and created some much needed revenue for the society's funds. Because it worked so well, we are aiming to repeat it this year. Our first 'on tour' performance has been arranged for **Sunday 24th November** at Church House in Wimborne helping to

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raise funds for WaterAid. This performance also follows the week of the usual November meeting so hopefully we will

be well rehearsed without the need to try and squeeze in more rehearsals. The format will be much like the Durweston concert with a start time of 3pm and rehearsal at 1pm. More details will follow in due course.

When two societies become one...

As most of you know, I am also a member of the West Sussex Guitar Club and have close connections with their Chairman Sasha Levtov as he was my teacher throughout University. He is keen to make links with us at DGS as we are all doing similar things in our separate areas and he thought it may be nice if at some point we all got together for an informal evening of performing and socialising together. He has kindly offered to host the event and provide food and drink for us. They meet in

Bognor Regis in a lovely recital hall. A few of us have been before for recitals and festivals. What we need to know is what do the rest of the DGS ensemble think of the idea? Obviously we could lift share as much as possible. We would need enough of us to be able to perform some music to them – the more of us the better I would think. Could you have a think about the idea and then let me know by email or at the next meeting as to whether you would be happy to attend in principle. If enough of us are keen then I can set the ball rolling to try and arrange a mutually convenient date at some point in the Spring 2014.

Thanks

Paul

New DGS Website – ideas please!

Margaret's husband Nick is kindly designing a new website for us. It is very much in the early stages of development and he has asked us what kind of format we would like along with content. If anyone has any specific requests/ideas for how they would like the new website to look then let me, John or Bill know at the next meeting and we will feed this back to Nick.

Thanks

Paul

New Member

An official welcome to new member **Martin Goodhind** from Ferndown who joined us last month.

We hope you have many enjoyable times with the society.

Bill will still be collecting subscriptions for the new year at the next meeting. Subscriptions for 2013/14 remain unchanged at £38 for Adult and £19 for Junior members. As well as the usual cheque method of payment, you can also pay directly to the DGS account which I believe makes life a bit easier for Bill as it'll be one less cheque to pay in! If you would like to pay in this way, see Bill for the account details.



Will you be at the next meeting?

Just a reminder of the two ways to let us know of your attendance at meetings...

Long term planning

A gentle reminder please to all members to let Sue Chick know if you know when you will be unavailable for a rehearsal in the future. Sue has a list at each meeting which we can use to note down our planned absences for example holidays, working away etc... This greatly helps Grant in planning the rehearsals.

Short term planning

For more short notice absences (on the day or few days before) then a quick email to Sue suechick@delta-plastics.com, Paul or Grant would be appreciated. Alternatively call Bill, John or Paul. Telephone numbers/email addresses can be found at the end of the newsletter.

Forthcoming Concerts...



Gary Ryan

Gary Ryan will be performing at **The Point in Eastleigh** on Saturday 12th October 2013 at 8pm as part of Southampton Guitar Society's recital programme.

Details of Gary's programme will follow soon on the SCGS website.

The West Dean International Guitar Festival have the following concerts on offer this year:

Concert by Xuefei Yang

Venue: St Andrew's Church, West Dean
Saturday, August 17, 8pm, £15

Concert by Fabio Zanon

Venue: St Andrew's Church, West Dean
Monday, August 19, 8pm, £12

Concert by Johannes Moller

Venue: St Andrew's Church, West Dean
Tuesday, August 20, 8pm, £12

Concert by the Vida Guitar Quartet

Venue: The Auditorium, West Dean Gardens
Wednesday, August 21, 8pm, £12

Details on all these concerts can be found here <http://www.westdean.org.uk/EventTicketBooking/>

July Concert Pieces

Thanks go to Maurice for performing this month:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Pieces</u>	<u>Composer</u>
Maurice	Sonata (BWV 1034) (i) Adagio (ii) Allegretto	J. S. Bach



There are 3 extra dates in the pipeline for us including Amanda's Recital- please put these in your diary!

Future Diary Dates

Meeting-18th August 2013 5.30pm-9.30pm

Meeting-15th September 2013 5.30pm-9.30pm

Friday 27th September 2013
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Meeting- Sunday 20th October **2pm to 5.30pm**

Sunday 27th October
DGS Annual concert at Kinson

Meeting- Sunday 17th November 2pm-5.30pm

Sunday 24th November 2013 at 3pm
DGS 'on tour' concert for WaterAid in Wimborne

Meeting- Sunday 15th December 2pm-5.30pm

Meeting Times April-September

Hall open from 5.30pm

Ensemble rehearsal begins 5.45pm

Conclusion of meeting 9.00pm



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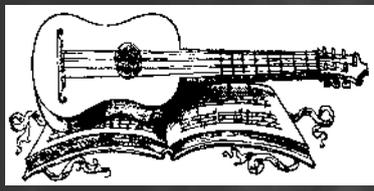
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Thank you,





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beautiful. She has the ability to
bring life to the music she plays
and share her inspiration with
the listeners." David Russell*

Friday 27th September 2013 7.30pm

Dowland, Dyens, Lindsey Clark, Lovelady

Kinson Community Centre, Bournemouth

Admission: £10.00 (Under 16s £5.00)

For reservations and information:

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Tickets also available in advance from Kinson Community Centre

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