

MUSIC TEACHER

NEWSIN BRIEF

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

▷ **MUSICLEADER**, A SUPPORT SERVICE DEDICATED TO THE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF UK MUSIC LEADERS, IS ENCOURAGING MUSIC PRACTITIONERS AND PROJECT MANAGERS TO SIGN UP FOR FREE MEMBERSHIP IN ORDER TO ACCESS ITS RANGE OF SERVICES. These include DNA (Development Needs Analysis) sessions, which consist of one-to-one meetings with an advisor, as well as training days and a variety of online networking opportunities. MusicLeader is funded by Youth Music and has seven regional centres across the country. www.musicleader.net

COURSES

▷ **FARNCOMBE ESTATE** HAS LAUNCHED ITS NEW 2010 COURSE BROCHURE, DETAILING COURSES ON EARLY MUSIC, FOLK MUSIC, MUSIC APPRECIATION AND PERFORMANCE. With talk-guitar weekends, viol days and jazz workshops, Farncombe Estate offers musicians of all levels a diverse mix of musical activities in a conducive Cotswold setting. Call 01280 854100 for further information. www.farncombeestate.co.uk

TECHNOLOGY

▷ **SPOTIFY** HAVE LAUNCHED A MOBILE VERSION OF THEIR MUSIC STREAMING WEBSITE FOR USE ON IPHONES. Spotify Mobile Users will pay a monthly

premium of \$9.99 to access millions of tracks covering most musical genres. www.spotify.com

▷ **THE BRITISH LIBRARY** HAS MADE 23,700 RECORDINGS FROM ITS SOUND ARCHIVE FREE TO ACCESS THROUGH ITS WEBSITE. Adding up to over 2,000 hours of music, the recordings range from children's skipping songs to performances by Ugandan Royal Musicians, who stopped performing in 1966 when their king was exiled. The 23,700 recordings are in fact a mere fraction of the total archive, which also includes 200,000 tape discs and 200,000 tape cassettes. www.bl.uk

▷ **NEW MEDIA EXPERT UNIVERSITY** ARE BRINGING AN AUDIENCE WITH A PROFIT SCARBOROUGH JJ team led by Professor Paul Scarsborough. The team has just filmed a concert and has launched an interactive online experience using a variety of media including photography, blogging, personal vlogs and the buzz of the audioblog. <http://interactivecut.com>



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BRITAIN-PEARS YOUNG ARTISTS PROGRAMME 2010



COURSES IN 2010

Britain-Pears Orchestra with Haydn Harmoniemesse under Antonio Manacorda (Easter Weekend); a programme of Britten and George Benjamin in the Aldeburgh Festival (19-24 June) under Oliver Knussen; and with Strauss and Sibelius under Kirill Karabits (3-8 August)

Vocal courses on English Song, with Ann Murray (12-18 June); Mozart Opera with Claudio Desderi (19-30 July); Lieder with Roger Vignoles (2-10 September); and Handel's Saul together with the Britain-Pears Baroque Orchestra, under Richard Egarr (18-27 August)

And International Academy of String Quartets (13-22 September); New Music / New Media (2-12 November)

To find out more and to apply visit www.aldeburgh.co.uk



▷ **TRING PARK SCHOOL FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS** HAS WON PLANNING PERMISSION FOR FIVE NEW STATE-OF-THE-ART PERFORMANCE STUDIOS. The studios will provide rehearsal space for students studying dance, drama and musical theatre, and will also be used by Tring Park's Junior Conservatoire, which offers dance and musical theatre training to children from the age of five. www.tringpark.com