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## Press Release

# MUSICFEST Educational Project at Cwmpadarn Primary School With the Solstice String Quartet & David Campbell (clarinet)

### Information begins.....

Following on from the huge success of this summer's Musicfest, Aberystwyth's very own music festival, a special education project is taking place this week with some of the international artists from the festival. The Solstice String Quartet and clarinettist David Campbell, artistic director of Musicfest, will be running a music project with Cwmpadarn Primary School on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

During the workshop the musicians will meet the children at the school and explain the difference between string and wind instruments, explain how musical sounds are produced and demonstrate a range of musical effects, such as *tremolando*, *glissando* and *flutter-tonguing* by playing a variety of different music in a wide range of styles.

The children will be introduced to each instrument, and its role in the ensemble. Volunteers will also be given the opportunity to 'conduct' a piece of music, and how to speed up or slow down the music, or get the ensemble to play louder or softer – so just like 'Maestro' on TV!!

The workshop has been made possible by funding from the Arts Council of Wales, who also supported the festival. This year's festival was a great success, with attendances at the Summer School higher than for a number of years, and a whole of host of fantastic concerts attracting audiences from far and wide. Details of Musicfest 2009 will be available by the end of the year – for information

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The workshop takes place from 9.30am and runs for an hour and a half.