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Press Release

Get set for a musical summer - Musicfest Summer School bookings open on the 19th January 2009!

Information begins.....

Bookings for this year's Musicfest Summer School open on the 19th January, so now's the time to start thinking ahead to the summer and booking a place for a week of music making. The Musicfest Summer School and Festival runs in Aberystwyth in Mid Wales from 25 July – 1 August 2009.

MusicFest is an inspirational fusion of Music Festival and Summer School. A team of internationally renowned musicians and tutors, led by Artistic Director David Campbell, offer organised, structured chamber music opportunities and coaching, as well as superb learning experiences through the festival of concerts given by the tutors themselves (as resident artists all of them are leading performers as well as inspirational teachers). Based on the ethos of 'learning through listening, practice & performance', courses are available for string quartet, violin, viola, cello, wind octets, flute, clarinet, brass, saxophone, composition, latin/jazz and voice. Throughout the week the artists in residence can be found coaching ensembles, leading workshops, giving masterclasses and performing in the Festival concerts. Students also have the opportunity to perform in public and enjoy free entry to all festival events. For one week everyone lives, breathes and dreams music!

Courses on offer for 2009 and the visiting artists confirmed to date are as follow:

- **String Quartet** Tutors: Carducci Quartet
- **Violin** Tutor: Pavel Fischer
- **Viola** Tutor: Graham Oppenheimer
- **Cello** Tutor: Nicholas Jones
- **Wind Octets** Tutors: John Anderson, Laurence Perkins
- **Flute** Tutor: Philippa Davies

- **Clarinet** Tutor: David Campbell
- **Saxophone** Tutor: Sarah Field
- **Voice** Tutor: Veronica Veysey Campbell
- **Composition** Tutor: John Metcalf
- **Latin/Jazz** Tutors: Trio Fusiones
- **Brass** Tutors: Paul Archibald, Hugh Seenan
- **Practical Psychology** Tutor: Lucinda Mackworth-Young

Plus guest artists and visiting tutors include: **Southbank Sinfonia**, cellist Guy Johnston, pianist **Tom Poster**, the **National Youth Jazz Wales**, **Solstice Quartet**, **Orpheus Winds** and many more!

Bookings open from the 19th January for places on the Summer School courses, and can be booked by contacting the festival organiser for a booking form on musicfest@aber.ac.uk / 01970 622338 or by using the online booking form on the Musicfest website, www.abermusicfest.org where you can also find out more about the individual courses. Please note that although the Summer School and Festival finish on Sat 1st August, course attenders will leave Aberystwyth on the morning of Sunday 2 August.

Fees for the Summer School for 2009 are £380 for adults or £280 for students in full-time education. Accommodation is in self catering flats on the Aberystwyth University campus, available at £145 for the week. Generous bursaries are available until 1st July for full time students, through the Friends of Musicfest – further information on the support available can be obtained from the Musicfest Coordinator Sophie Bennett on musicfest@aber.ac.uk or by calling 01970 622338.

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Notes to editors:

Further information on the 2009 Musicfest Summer School and Festival can be obtained from Louise Amery on lla@aber.ac.uk or call 01970 622889. Photos of past festivals are available. The festival concert programme will be confirmed by March 2009 – a draft programme can be viewed on the website www.abermusicfest.org