

Summer Concert – Roseneath School of Music

As the majority of the nation was watching England play Germany in Euro 2000 I had the pleasure of joining the pupils of the Roseneath School of Music and their proud parents in a wonderful evening of music in the main hall of the Wychwood School.

This annual Summer Concert celebrates the year's musical achievements of children and adults who are taught to play the piano by local teacher Mrs. Pauline Carter. Throughout the evening we listened to a wide variety of compositions, from Mozart to Abba from Christmas carols to Caribbean Carnival.

It is always difficult to highlight individual performances from the fifty pupils and parents who performed during the evening. We were all struck by the confidence and competence of all those that took part, especially the faultless playing by Emily Hillier (Pluto) and Harry Nixon (The Crooked Man).

There were many family performances, With duets by Katie and Sarah Mozumber (Katie's Waltz). Bethanie and Frances Nisbet (Hocus Pocus), Nick and Laura Browne (Scherzo), Ros and Emily Hillier (Racoon Song), the Stratford Family (with guitar, piano and violins) and David and Joshua Ridley (violin and cello).

Three local musicians, Fran Dawkins (violin), Rosemary Wilson (violin) and Edwin Wilson (Piano), gave the younger pupils an opportunity to see the great fun and enjoyment music holds with their playing of Shostakovich's country dances.

At the end of the concert, Mrs. Carter announced the prize winners, with the much coveted Young Musician of the Year award going to Olivia Duffin.

David Ridley brought the evening to a close with his fine playing of five Sea Songs by Walter Carroll. Even the youngest of pupils aspired to his wonderfully sensitive performance and, as a little five year old pointed out to me later, "Without his music too!"

Prize Winners 2000, Young Musician of the Year: Olivia Duffin.

Adults:	Nick Browne, Theory – Paula Duffin, Piano.
Under 8 years:	2nd, Bethanie Nisbet, 3rd, Rebecca Powley.
9 - 11 years:	2nd, Holly Cooper, 3rd, Emily Hillier.
Over 11 years:	2nd, Laura Browne, 3rd, Thomas O'Neill.

Chris Powley.

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