



Alex Allen Clarinet Weekend

20th and 21st November 2010

Winchester Cathedral

Education Centre

10am - 4.30pm,

Evening recital Saturday 21st November at 7.30pm

Alex initially was taught by his father. Later he studied as an Exhibitioner at the Royal College of Music with John McCaw, and with help from the Countess of Munster trust with Dame Thea King. He was second prize winner in the 1982 BBC Woodwind final of Young Musician of the Year. Whilst at the RCM he won several competitions including the B & H National Competition and played as a soloist with many orchestras including the Northern Sinfonia. He is the leader of the Thurston Clarinet Quartet who have recorded several CD's for ASV. He was Principal Clarinet for City of Birmingham Touring Opera & Carl Rosa Opera and through his long association with the Birmingham Contemporary Music Group he has broadcast for Radio throughout Europe. In 2007 Alex was invited by the Associated Board to take part in recording the music for the new 2008-2013 clarinet syllabus, his CD's are sold at the back of the new exam booklets. Alex teaches at Surrey University and the Royal College of Music.

On 20 and 21 November Alex will be visiting Winchester Cathedral to run an exciting weekend entitled 'The Fun, Fast Track Way To Improve Your Clarinet Playing'. Each day will combine workshops, masterclasses, technique and clarinet ensemble sessions - so bring your clarinet! The weekend promises to be very helpful and inspiring for clarinetists of all standards and will cost £25 per day. Players between Grade 3 and Grade 5 standard are invited to come along on Saturday 20 November and players Grade 6 and above on Sunday 21 November.

If you would like to attend one day or the whole weekend please complete the priority booking form below and return to: Sarah Heard, 86a Lodge Road, Southampton, SO14 6RG, along with full payment (please note there is a 75p charge if you would like your order posted to you in advance) or you can book online through Winchester Cathedral Box Office (www.winchester-cathedral.org.uk / 01962 857275)

On Saturday 20 November Alex will be performing at the Baptist Church, Swan Lane, Winchester with pianist Tim Carey. He will present a varied programme of clarinet repertoire and will be joined by the Southampton Clarinet Chorale. Tickets are £10, or £5 if bought in conjunction with a day ticket.

Jonathan Myall Woodwind are supporting the weekend and will be visiting with an array of instruments, sheet music and accessories to try out, as well as music for you to browse. The shop will be open from 11am - 4pm on both days.

Applications to play in an individual masterclass must be made in advance and are dealt with on a first come, first served basis, for further details contact Sarah Heard (sarah@sarahheard.co.uk)

Directions and an itinerary will be e-mailed to you nearer the time.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for further information,
Best wishes
Sarah Heard

Name.....Contact phone number.....

Postal address.....

E-mail address.....

Grade / ensemble playing experience.....

I would like to attend (please write number of tickets required):

Saturday (Grades 3 - 5) £25..... Sunday (Grades 6+) £25.....

Evening Recital £10 (£5 if bought in conjunction with a day ticket).....

Please add 75p if you would like your tickets posted to you. TOTAL.....

I enclose a cheque payable to 'Winchester Cathedral'