



Mill Chase Academy

Ambition, Courage, Excellence



Berri Estelle Mai Munn
Mill Chase Student September 2002 to July 2007

College & Qualifications Achieved

South Downs College, Waterlooville (2007-2010).

Trinity College of Music (Junior Dept), London (2007-2010).

As Levels in Business Studies (A) and English Literature/Language (B), A Levels in Music (A) and Sports Studies (A), Btec National Diploma in Advanced Musical Studies (Distinction).

University & Qualifications Achieved

Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama, Cardiff (2010-2015) - BMus (Hons) in Historically Informed Performance (Baroque Violin/Viol da Gamba) – four year degree course.

Studying under internationally renowned violinist Rachel Podger, who is one of the country's leading artists in this field.

Also studying viol da gamba under Dr. Lucy Robinson.

Current Role

Undergraduate Student and Freelance Musician/Music Teacher.

Achievements

Various concerts and masterclasses at the RWCMD, various concerts across Cardiff and South Wales, freelance work has included performances in the Brecon Baroque Festival, with the Welsh Camerata and the Welsh Baroque Orchestra, various concerts with my own group, Folia Baroque, including performances in Cardiff, Bath and Berlin, Germany.

Mid Wales Opera UK Tour – Handel's Acis and Galatea.

London, UK - Performed with the Tomkins Consort at

the Royal College of Music's International Festival of Viols, in a masterclass with internationally renowned consort Fretwork.

London, UK – principal violin of RWCMD-based ensemble Badinerie, at a St Martin in the Fields performance.

Portsmouth, UK – principal violin in Faure's Requiem.

Hay-on-Wye, UK – various concerts as principal/co-principal violin with the Rochford Ensemble.

Stourbridge, UK - principal violin of Stourbridge Chamber Orchestra in various performances.

Nice, France - toured as a guest violinist with the Southampton University Symphony Orchestra.

Venice, Italy - principal violin in 'A Venetian Vespers', a project run by leading London based conductor Philip Thorby.

Gained six years' sponsorship from MCA Governor Mike Kent's company, Bluestar Silicones.

Currently sponsored by the Royal Naval Club, Portsmouth.

I have various projects in my diary for this year, including concerts in Brecon, Stourbridge, Hay-on-Wye, Portsmouth, London, Venice, Schlitz and Berlin. I also currently teach violin, piano, flute and music theory.

I have been involved in running music sessions at Hollywater School, Bordon - something I'd like to do more of in the future. I am passionate about outreach; taking music into the wider community and making it accessible for all to enjoy.

More recently I have also started working for South Powys Youth Music as a student teacher.

Personal Message

My experience at Mill Chase gave me the opportunity to learn in different ways and to work at how I can achieve my best – an essential skill to have once I left school. I had the opportunity to explore different avenues – most notably sport and music – and the guidance of staff when it came to taking the next step towards a career was invaluable.