

Latest News

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 International Competition for Composition for Plectrum Groups (mandolin and guitar orchestras)
 José Fernández Rojas 2010

The competition is organised by the Asociación Con Trastes-Rioja Conservatorio Profesional de Música de La Rioja. The compositions must be original, unpublished and not yet played. Each author may only submit one entry of a piece of 6 minutes minimum duration. The winning prizes are 2500 €, 1500 € and 500 € and publication of the winning entries.

For further information please go to <http://www.bip-rioja.com/03concbases.html>
 Course for Mandolin Teachers 2009-2011

Following the success of the Teachers course which ended in 2007 the British BMG Federation is running a Mandolin Teachers course in 2009/2010. The course will run over 5 weekends. The course is open to all; and will be of interest to practising teachers and to those who aspire to teach, and to those who took part in the 2005/06 course.

The first course weekend was held in December 2009. Further dates will be in 2010 and 2011. Participants can either sign up for the whole course which will amount to 12 credits towards qualification, or can choose which weekends they wish to take part in, which will earn individual credits.

The content of the course will focus upon

- * The methodology of teaching
- * Celtic Music forms and styles
- * Mandolin History and Repertoire

There will also be individual lessons from experienced tutors, workshops in ensemble leading and a variety of topics related to group and individual teaching of both adults and children.

The qualifications which can be gained are twofold

- * Teachers Diploma under our present arrangement with Victoria College
 - * Teachers Diploma with ICMA with an emphasis on Scottish Traditional Music
- Furthermore, a detailed course outline can be downloaded from the BMG website.

Course Venue:

Abington Hotel near Biggar in Scotland, which has excellent facilities for our purpose and is an establishment we have used before and which is also easily accessible from the M74 Motorway.

The cost will be £250.00 per weekend on for Full Board accommodation in twin rooms (a single room supplement applies) and will be inclusive of all tuition and materials.

For further information click [here](#) .