ST. MARY & ST. GILES CHURCH, STONY STRATFORD

Ben Westlake Clarinet Recital

Sunday 7th February

2.30pm

Press Release – Ben Westlake Clarinet Recital

January 19, 2010

We are pleased to announce that Ben Westlake is giving a Clarinet recital of his repertoire for the Woodwind Final of the BBC Young Musician of the Year Competition. Ben is a brilliant young local musician who is going to make good use of the wonderful acoustic in St Mary & St Giles Church, Stony Stratford and the new baby Grand Piano for his competition preparations. Ben's recital will take place at 2:30 pm on Sunday 7th February, just three days before the woodwind final in Cardiff.

Ben's younger brother James will also play his flute at the concert. Daniel King Smith will accompany them both on the piano.

"Ben's extraordinary sound and musicality are outstanding"
Prof Karl Leister *(Berlin Philharmonic)*

"I recommend him without reservation to anyone who wants to see young talent at its best" ***Peter Stark****, Professor of Conducting, Royal College of Music and BBC Maestro*

"Ben lives and breathes the clarinet" ***David Campbell***

James Westlake is a talented young player who has a beautiful mellow tone, technical fluency and sensitive musicianship. James has put together a wonderful programme, which is sure to appeal to everyone.

Daniel King Smith is a superb concert pianist and accompanist and is travelling from London for this event.

Everyone is welcome – entry is free, though there will be a retiring collection towards paying for the new piano in the church. Tea, coffee and cakes will also be available.

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