

Alexandra Reid

A Great Hampden resident from birth, Alexandra attended Wycombe High School before going on to read Music at Selwyn College, Cambridge. She graduated in June 2006 with a first class honours degree in Music, and while at Cambridge she received a University Instrumental Award, led the Cambridge University Chamber Orchestra and appeared as soloist in Mozart's Violin Concerto No. 5.

Alexandra was a member of the National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain for five years, being appointed leader for its 2004 season. Last year she gained a place in the European Union Youth Orchestra, with whom she toured Europe and the Far East in July and August.

Alexandra has been taught by Peter Hanson and Sophie Langdon. A few weeks ago she graduated with distinction from the Royal Academy of Music where she has just completed

her final year as a postgraduate under Erich Gruenberg. During her time at the Academy she led the Academy Concert Orchestra, was a member of the Royal Academy Soloists, and in her final year was appointed Project Manager of the Leverhulme Orchestral Mentoring Scheme.



Charlotte Reid

Charlotte attended Wycombe High School and has recently completed her second year at the Royal Academy of Music where last year she led the RAM String Orchestra. Having been awarded a scholarship to the Academy, she was also awarded the Sir John Barbirolli prize and the Franz Rezenstein prize last summer.

Charlotte was a member of the National Children's Orchestra for four years and leader in her last year. In 2006 she completed her fifth and final year with the National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain, having been accepted as the year's youngest violinist in 2002. She was appointed leader for both its 2005 and 2006 seasons, during which time she also led the NYO Sinfonietta in a Chamber Prom at Cadogan Hall.

Charlotte has performed under Sir Simon Rattle and Sir Colin Davis at the BBC Proms and played live on Radio 3 in a quartet from the NYO. Last Christmas she played in the "Charles Hazelwood Christmas Show" which was broadcast on BBC Radio 2. Earlier this year Charlotte toured as part of the Music Quest project with the Philharmonia Orchestra. She was taught for 8 years by Peter Hanson and is now studying with Marianne Thorsen at the RAM.

For Cantorum Choir's forthcoming Vivaldi Concert (Sat 4th October 2008 – 7.30pm, All Saints', Marlow), Alexandra and Charlotte will be playing Vivaldi's *Concerto in A Minor for Two Violins*. They will also be joining in the performance of Monteverdi's *Beatus Vir* and Vivaldi's *Magnificat*.