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Stevenson College Students launch charity CD and Concert for St Columba's Hospice

Music students at Stevenson College Edinburgh are launching a CD and staging a charity concert on campus at the Music Box on 28 April to raise money for St Columba's Hospice.

The CD, recorded by students, features a wide range of music styles and demonstrates the versatility of the college's performers and ensembles. The students hope to sell 150 CDs and raise funds by selling tickets for their concert. All proceeds are going to St Columba's Hospice.

Tracks include *Blue Mountain River* by the Stevenson College Edinburgh (SCE) Chamber Choir, *Children of the Revolution* by the College Pop Band and *Viva La Vida* by SCE Strings.

Clare Lynas, Stephen Clark and Peter Holmes are in their second year at Stevenson College studying for an HND in Classical Music and play together in a trio. Organising the CD and concert is part of a year-long project set by the College covering all aspects of running a professional event including setting up contracts, marketing, finance and technology. Clare Lynas said:

"We are all really pleased with how the project has gone so far – the experience we have gained from managing this project has been invaluable. Everyone has pulled together and we have received some great support from staff in the college. It's also satisfying to be raising money for a worthy cause. We are confident of meeting our target for sales of the CD and getting a good crowd along to the concert. It should be a great night."

In a similar project last year, students raised £500 which was put towards the running costs of the In-Patient Unit at St Columba's Hospice. This year the funds will go towards helping them to 'make every minute count' for patients and their loved ones. Senior Fundraising Manager at St Columba's Hospice, Mairi Rosko said:

"St Columba's Hospice is delighted to have the support of the students of Stevenson College once again this year. We are really excited about both the CD and the concert and we think it will be a wonderful night offering not only the chance to showcase the talents of the students, but also the opportunity to raise money for the Hospice. We hope that this relationship with Stevenson College will be maintained in years to come."

The concert will be held at the Music Box at Stevenson College on Tuesday 28 April, doors open at 7pm. Tickets and CD's both cost £5 and can be bought on the night or by contacting The Music Box 0131 535 4840.

Notes to Editors

The Music Box at Stevenson College Edinburgh is a state-of-the-art, music and performing arts centre.

Acoustically tuned and kitted out to industry-standard specifications, this striking new facility offers excellent practice, recording and performance facilities to musicians, actors and dancers.

Building on the reputation of our award winning Creative Arts department, The Music Box, with its stunning design features and latest technology, offers a range of innovative courses for talented and emerging artists pursuing careers in the industry. A programme of evening and weekend courses is also available for the local community to enjoy, allowing people of all levels and all ages to explore their leisurely and professional interests. Our facilities are also available for private and commercial hire.

Stevenson College Edinburgh is one of the largest further education Colleges in Scotland and is home to some 17,000 students, of which over 3,000 are full-time (2007/08 academic year). They offer a range of courses from Introductory courses and NQs (National Qualifications) through to HNDs (Higher National Diplomas) and Degree Foundation. They have a variety of study modes available from full-time, part-time, day release, evening, e-learning and open learning.

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