



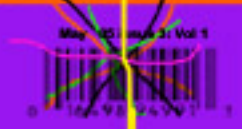
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HYBRID RECEIVE AN EXTRA SPECIAL CHRISTMAS PRESENT

Due to a generous philanthropic act facilitated by our fantastic external verifier, Neil Harvey, the Principal of South Birmingham College has gifted Hybrid:arts with a soundproof booth. The Wenger V Ready, normally costing thousands of pounds, is a modular sound isolated music practice room, and can be moved around if needed. The addition of this flexible equipment to the Hybrid family will be priceless, providing privacy for students and allowing them to focus on their creativity without distraction. It will also give the staff a bit of peace and quiet! This gift has arrived at the perfect time, as our latest lively Music Technology OCN group started recently and are causing a bit of a musical stir. Watch this space...

PARTY GALLERY

A bouncing, shiny new year is upon us - have a good one everyone! In celebration, I have compiled a collection of images from the legendary Hybrid Christmas soiree to give you all some warm and happy memories of 2005. Time for me to give it a rest and let the pictures do the talking...





SUPPORT YOUTH MUSIC!

At the end of this month, a MusicLeader Discovery event will be taking place in Coventry, to allow music leaders from across the region to network and brainstorm ideas. MusicLeader is a new national initiative by Youth Music providing access to training, professional development and networking. They run regional activities including an information advice and guidance service, networking events such as the one mentioned above, targeted skills development courses and a mentoring scheme.

DISCOVERY EVENT

If you would like to attend the MusicLeaderDiscovery event on the 24th of January at the Dogma Bar and Club, Coventry, 6:30 - 9:30 RSVP to Baz or Emma at west-midlands@musicleader.net or call 0121 236 7978

WATCH THIS SPACE...

Hybrid:arts would like to introduce Rory Brown, a talented musical maestro currently volunteering at our Leamington studio. Rory has great ambitions for the future and hopes that his time here at Hybrid will set him on the path to success. In fact, 2006 promises to be one of our most exciting and prosperous years yet, as Rory is hoping to work with Hybrid:arts to launch a small internet-based record label in the near future. This partnership has the potential to be a winning combination. Rory is definitely one to watch - you heard it here first!

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TIM ELLIS JOINS VIVID IN BERLIN

Tim Ellis, Creative Director of Hybrid:arts, has been invited to join the VIVID team to Berlin for Transmediale 2006 - a research trip held from 2-7 February in the up-and-coming city of the international arts scene. The trip has been set up to introduce artists, curators and policy makers from the West Midlands region to new ways of working, producing and presenting media arts. There will also be the chance for Tim to network with artists and curators internationally. Transmediale is the biggest festival for art and the creative use of digital media in Germany. The festival is an annual presentation of new and significant projects of digital culture and offers reflections on the role of digital technologies in contemporary society.

VIVID are a Birmingham-based organisation dedicated to the development of contemporary media art and practice, supporting and commissioning research, new work, artist residencies, events and publications.