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Dr. Mubarak Al Najem – Chairman



Yo Yo Ma and Dr. Mubarak Al Najem

### Chairman's Message

When I see the little children accompanied by their parents at the Institute eager to learn how to sing or play on a instrument and later see the children in the annual concert conducting their own segment is truly an overwhelming feeling of happiness to see how much practice the children have put to make their dream come true and to BMI Instructors ongoing dedication to mentor the students.

I am very proud of the BMI team, of the parents ongoing encouragement and support to provide what is needed to enhance the skills and knowledge of their child. Yet, the Institute is not restricted to the young; it is a joy to see the older generation seeing age as no barrier to learn, seeing that they have made time for music in their busy and hectic schedules and of the commitment to juggle between both.

Through the Institute, I would like to extend my invitation to have the younger and older generation to study music, what is greater than being able to express one's self via music, with music being the language of the universe!

Dr. Mubarak Najem  
*Chairman*

### A Star Meets A Star!

On the 5th of November, Dr. Mubarak Najem BMI Chairman was honored to meet one of the world greatest Cello players. We wish that Mr. Yo Yo Ma inspires BMI students to take their passion for music into the international professional field!

### QAA Visit

The Quality Assurance Authority visited Bahrain Music Institute on 21st – 23rd November 2011. The team monitored the educational approach and held meetings with the management and faculty of BMI. The QAA team which is headed by Mr. Kevin were pleased by BMI's environment, program and facilities. The final results will be announced on January 2012 on the QAA website.



### Music For You

It does not matter how old you are, music lessons can be enriching, enjoyable and fun for people of all ages. Learning music can reduce stress and keep your mind sharp!



### Music For Your Child

Playing a musical instrument can develop your child's brain, math abilities, higher thinking skills, commitment to excellence, self esteem, awareness, teamwork skills, and much more...

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## Masa'a Al Oud Concert

Masa'a Al Oud " was a wonderful concert performed by Saad Mahmood Jawad and his students (Isa - Nasser - Rowan - Zain) at Al-Bareh Gallery on Saturday, January 14th 2012.

The Oud group performed a selection of Oud masterpieces. The audiences enjoyed the performance and have interacted with the performers by singing along to the classical Arabic favorites.



Saad Mahmood



Forsan Al Oud Group

## ABRSM Exams November, 2011

BMI would like to congratulate Veronica Gonzales for the highest score in the ABRSM exam scoring 140/150 followed by Sonia Concepta Menzes and Fathiya Nasser who tied an equal score in the Theory Exam. Congratulations BMI-ABRSM students for all your hard work and impressive scores!



Sonia Concepta  
Highest Theory Exams  
Score 97/100



Fathiya Nasser  
Highest Theory Exams  
Score 97/100



Veronica Gonzales  
Highest Practical Exams  
Score 140/150



Elina Rose with BMI Managing Director, Staff and Teachers

## Farewell Party

On 27th October, 2011 a farewell party was organized to celebrate the accomplishments of Ms. Elaine D'Souza who served BMI over the past 10 years. Dr. Mubarak Najem and BMI staff wished Elaine all the best in her future endeavors!



## QAAET-VRU Forum

Dr. Mubarak Najem and Faye Khalifa attended the Quality Assurance Authority for Education and Training (QAAET) of the Vocational Review Unit (VRU) in Manama, Bahrain. The forum was held of the 4th and 5th of January covering a number of topics from lessons of the UK to local support from Tamkeen. BMI will be implementing the lessons learnt in the future action plans.

## BMI Staff Meetings

Dr. Mubarak Najem, Chairman of BMI ordered to conduct monthly staff meeting to collaborate in order to enhance and improve the courses, programs and services provided at BMI.



BMI Students



Ruth Francisco and Noel



Isa Mubarak Al Najem

## Bahrain Music Institute's Annual Concert

On the occasion of Bahrain's National Day and Christmas celebration, BMI held its annual concert on Friday, December 9, 2011 at Salman Cultural Hall. The concert was a great interactive night, a beautiful way to celebrate a fruitful year of hard work!



Ondina F. Bananiolc



Simon A. Naco



Mazin Alawi



BMI Students

## BMI & ABRSM November Concert

BMI hosted The Bi-Annual ABRSM Concert on Friday, November 18th, 2011 at Salman Cultural Hall from 4 to 7 pm. The segments included performance from all 8 Levels by 70 of ABRSM- Bahrain students.