

Workshops Residencies Lecture/Demos



Play it again . . . American jazz pianist Butch Thompson, left, with student Clare Wilson.

A venue as small as the Robinson Theatre of Hills Road Sixth Form College cannot often have the chance to play host to a jazz pianist like Butch Thompson.

This was his fourth concert of a two-week series that also took in the Barbican Centre in London. Thompson also spoke to . . . music students beforehand. He took them on a whirlwind tour of various jazz styles, with spatterings of his dry, crackling humour.

About 100 students from schools and colleges in the region joined in the event at the Robinson Theatre. "It was really quite a coup for a man like Butch Thompson to come to Hills Road to teach the pupils. He really enjoyed it as well," said Alan Barrell, vice-chairman of the school governors and a jazz enthusiast.

— the *Cambridge Evening News*

BUTCH THOMPSON'S RECENT WORKSHOPS AND RESIDENCIES:

New England Conservatory of Music

American University, Cairo Egypt

Western Illinois University

Phillips Exeter Academy, New Hampshire

Milwaukee High School of the Arts

Well known as a leading performer of traditional jazz, Butch Thompson is also adept in the classroom. His expertise in early jazz and its culture makes him a natural fit for any music, humanities, American history or arts curriculum.

Mr. Thompson has classroom experience at all levels, kindergarten through post-graduate, and offers a comprehensive menu of workshops. He is also happy to work out special material for your syllabus in addition to the following menu:

- **The history of ragtime and early jazz (1899-1930).**
- **Improvisation in early jazz.**
- **Ragtime and early jazz piano technique**
- **Regional styles in piano jazz: New Orleans, New York, and the Midwest.**

Butch Thompson's lectures draw freely from his experiences as a performing musician as well as his research, giving these topics a personal slant and immediacy that bring the music and its environs alive in the classroom.

Learn more about Butch Thompson at his website: www.butchthompson.com