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Tegan Nicholls, nine, joins in the IW Music Centre new season. *Picture by Jennifer Burton.*

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ALMOST forgotten music was made to celebrate the 31st season of the IW Music Centre.

Young musicians are this year to celebrate the largely neglected music of Albert Ketelbey.

Ketelbey, best known for his *In a Monastery Garden*, lived in Cowes and was an enormously popular composer of the early 20th century but is now sadly neglected.

The many hundreds of musicians who are part of the centre and attend each week to make music, aim to put that right.

They perform at Medina High School in the many wind bands, orchestras, brass bands, choirs, keyboard and recorder ensembles.

Theory classes are also available. Near beginners are catered for in classes including the beginner string ensemble and advanced students in the IW Youth Orchestra and wind band.

There are specially tailored ensembles according to age and standard, performing material from films and shows to Abba and light classics.

Last year, more than 300 young music-makers performed the 1812 Overture in spectacular fashion with canon and mortar effects at Cowes Yacht Haven.

• More information on the centre can be obtained by calling 01983 533523.

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