

Grade 1 Traditional Music Exams (Courtesy of the RSAMD)

The Slow & Steady Class is planning to attempt the new Grade 1 Traditional Music Grades at the end of the spring term 2010. These are run by the Royal Scottish Academy of Music & Drama, Glasgow and a visiting examiner will assess pupils in a 15 minute audience – cost £23. This will take place in Selkirk. If successful other grades may be attempted. Music books are available for purchase at Merlin Music Shop, Melrose and the websites below will give recordings (MP3). The set the class have been playing is on one page on our teaching page (thank you Donald!).

The RSAMD website provides full information <http://gradedexams.rsamd.ac.uk/>

Also Fiddle, Collections out now!

The RSAMD and music publisher Taigh na Teud have been working together to produce a series of top quality graded collections for the Scottish Traditional Music Graded Exams for fiddle, accordion and harp. All three collections are available to purchase from <http://www.scotlandsmusic.com/graded-exams.html>. Not only are these great collections for your repertoire; you will also be able to create a programme from this carefully chosen resource for TMGE or SQA exams, ceilidhs and concerts. The tunes are collected from many well-known fiddler, teachers, and composers and contain between 18 and 28 traditional and contemporary pieces in each volume.

Downloadable music files are also available from Taigh na Teud's download site, www.playscottishmusic.com, where you can hear MP3 sound files of the tunes and easily choose your repertoire for an exam or a new tune to learn.