

Hastings Musical Festival 2024

White Rock Theatre

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Hastings Musical Festival 2024 This wonderful event started over a hundred years ago in 1908 and continues to grow from strength to strength, with classes for all ages and abilities. Whether you are a Dancer, an Instrumentalist, a Singer, a Speaker, Actor or Mime Artist you will find opportunities to participate.

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Hastings Musical Festival Ltd is a charity and company limited by guarantee

Registered Company Number - 167243 Registered Charity Number - 261351

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Trustees - Lesley Moore (Chair), Charlotte Collyer, Hannah Deeble, Sarah Kowitz, Kenneth Roberts, Dr Richard Wray.

TROPHIES AND AWARDS

Hastings Musical Festival's prestigious Gold, Silver and Bronze medal classes will be held this year. These beautiful medals have been awarded for many years and are only awarded at the highest level in Medal Classes.

Hastings Musical Festival also award trophies to the winners of many classes and there are special aggregate trophies awarded in all sections.

We will again be awarding First, Second and Third place awards to entrants under 18 with the exception of our Gold, Silver and Bronze medal classes. Note that although the place awards are Gold, Silver and Bronze in colour they do not equate to our Festival Medals.

SPECIAL TROPHIES

As well as trophies awarded for individual classes, the Festival awards a number of Special Trophies for marks achieved over specific combinations of classes, or on the recommendation of adjudicators. These trophies will be presented at the end of the festival in a Trophy Presentation ceremony, before the Festival Finale Concert.

GRANTS AND BURSARIES

GRANTS TO PERFORMING ARTS STUDENTS - We continue to offer Grants in 2024 and are very proud of our record of supporting our entrants in this way.

Every year the Hastings Musical Festival, which is a registered charity, distributes substantial sums to aspiring performers to help them to undertake a course of professional study if they have been regular competitors in the Festival. The applicants must meet certain criteria and the amounts awarded are governed by the number of applicants and the income from the Festival and investments. These grants, for students who have a course of study arranged, will be made at the discretion of the Grants Committee.

Application forms are available from the General Secretary by email: info@hastingsmf.org.uk. All applications should be submitted by 30th April 2024 for academic courses commencing in September 2024.

Applications will be considered by the Trustees at a meeting in May and all applicants will be notified of the result of their applications by the end of June.

CONDITIONS

Applicants must have taken part in the Hastings Musical Festival in at least three different years of the last five years.

Applicants will be required to provide evidence of their intention to take up their subject (music, speech and drama, or dance) professionally, either as teacher or performer. No grant will be forwarded until proof of attendance at their course at a recognised dance or theatre school or academy is received.

Applicants must be over 16 years of age.

Grants will not be awarded for payment of equipment or class fees paid outside school whilst a student is still studying at sixth form school or college.

All applicants must be willing for details of the awards to be published on the Festival website and for their names and photographs to be used for press and publicity purposes.

Applicants are required to send an annual update on their course and how they are developing as performers.

Decisions regarding grants will be made by The Grants Committee and their decision is final.

BURSARIES

THE MOLLY TOWNSON BURSARY

This Bursary will be awarded annually by The Management Committee of Hastings Musical Festival to support a young person intending to pursue a career in the performing arts.

THE JOHN AND IRENE FOSTER CHARITABLE TRUST BURSARY

This Bursary will be awarded by the Trustees of the John and Irene Foster Charitable Trust to a student for a course of study in music or the performing arts at a recognised school or academy, or for arts related courses at a university. Bursaries may also be given for other items at the discretion of the Trustees

The student must be resident in East Sussex.

The Grants Committee, appointed by The Management Committee, will recommend a number of applicants who have applied to the Festival for grants each year. Their details, as supplied to Hastings Musical Festival, will be forwarded to the Trustees of the John and Irene Foster Charitable Trust who will make their decision based on the information supplied. No further application form is required.

SUPPORTERS

Hastings Musical Festival is grateful for the support of:

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General Rules and Regulations

1 Please examine the General Rules and Regulations carefully. All performers should also study the particular requirements of each subject and class for which they wish to enter.

Regulations must be observed.

Infringement of any rule of the Festival will result in disqualification.

2 The Festival is intended mainly for Amateurs, who are defined for this purpose as persons who do not derive their livelihood from the branch of performance, defined by the class title, in which they seek to enter the Festival. In any ensemble, all members must adhere to this principle. Anyone else is deemed Professional and may only enter OPEN classes.

3 Dates given in the Syllabus are provisional. The final timetable and details of class times will be decided once all entries have been received. This will be available online in January.

4 No competitor may compete more than once in any class, unless stated in the Syllabus. Please check individual Sections for variations.

5 No substitution of one name for another in the programme is permitted except in duet or trio classes, or at the discretion of the Section Secretary. Any performer whose name does not appear in the correct class in the programme will not be allowed to perform without a special permit from the Festival Office.

6 Important - Please Note - A competitor's age will be reckoned as on the 31st August of the previous year.

7 No competitor may enter a class reserved for older persons. Occasionally, in the Silver or Gold Medal classes and in duets, duos and duologues, performers may legitimately enter a class although they are younger than the minimum age. Please check individual Sections for variations.

8 Past Prize winners in any Medal Class are not eligible to compete in the same class again. If a Solo Challenge Cup is won three years in succession, they are also entitled to claim a miniature cup. See section rules for any exceptions.

9 We aim to be inclusive and will make every effort to accommodate particular needs of competitors. Please let us know if you require wheelchair access.

10 In the Instrumental and Speech sections no 'own choice' piece may be chosen from test pieces set in the current syllabus. A competitor may not present any 'own choice' piece with which they have won a 1st place in the Hastings Festival in the past three years, except in Dancing classes, when a piece may be danced when it has been awarded a 1st place in previous years.

No competitor may offer the same piece in more than one class, except Medal dancing classes. Please see separate Sections for variations to this rule.

11 'Own Choice' copies of words and music (not applicable to dancing) must be handed in to the steward when requested. Please collect your music after the adjudication.

12 For 'Own Choice' pieces in any discipline, suitability must be considered with regard to age group. 'Adult' or offensive material is not acceptable and Adjudicators will be advised to take this into account when marking. They will also have the authority to stop any performance at their discretion, which would lead to disqualification of the competitor(s).

13 In all classes with a time limit, any extra time taken will be penalised. Details of penalties vary in

each Section and are available from the relevant Section Secretary.

14 Important - Please Note - Entries should be made using the online application process. All entries must be made and the correct entry fees paid before the closing date. Anyone experiencing difficulties or who is unable to make entries online should contact the relevant Section Secretary for assistance. Entry fees are not returnable unless the entry is rejected by the Festival. Accompanists and teachers will be provided with a free pass on the day.

15 Late entries may only be accepted after the closing date at the discretion of the Section Secretaries. A penalty fee will be charged (double the original entry fee). The General Secretary reserves the right to accept or reject any entry and cannot guarantee late entries will be included in the Programme.

16 All entrants (or their parents/teachers) must read the conditions of entry carefully together with our Child Protection, Safeguarding and Photography Policies.

17 All withdrawals should be notified to the Festival Office as soon as the information is known to assist with timetabling of classes. Entry fees are not refundable.

18 Punctuality is essential for all classes. All competitors must be prepared to arrive at the beginning of the session so that classes may run smoothly and to time. The General Secretary and Section Secretaries reserve the right to alter times and to combine or cancel classes for operational reasons.

19 Communication with the Adjudicator by any unauthorised person before, during or after any class is not permitted. Enquiries during the competition should be addressed to the Section Secretary present whose decision is final.

20 The Adjudicator will take into account a competitor's dress, their overall demeanour, the manner in which they approach the stage and the way in which they announce their performance (if appropriate) as well as the technical content of the performance. The Adjudicator's decision is final.

21 The Adjudicator shall have full power to withhold any award in any class.

The number of marks required before an award can be made is as follows:

Gold Medal 90 For Cash Award 87

Silver Medal: Dancing 87

Other Disciplines 85

Bronze Medal 85

A First Award in any other Class 80

Certificates will be awarded as follows:

Performance Certificate 75-80

A performance showing development of technique and/or communication

Merit Certificate 81-83

A capable performance showing some artistic appreciation and/or technical ability

Special Merit Certificate 84-86

A convincing performance technically and artistically

Honours Certificate 87+

An excellent performance technically and artistically; 90+ denoting an exceptional performance

For an aggregate trophy it is sufficient for a minimum of 85 to be achieved in only one of the component classes. The Adjudicator's decision is FINAL. In Dancing Classes, marks given in Medal Classes do not count towards Aggregate Awards.

Class Trophies require a winning mark of 85 if they are to be presented, with the exception of

Babies Dancing Classes where the trophy will be awarded regardless of the winning mark.

22 Certificates and Adjudicators' notes will be distributed by the Section Secretary as soon as possible after the finish of the class, except in the dancing section where they will be available from the Festival Office or from the Festival Desk in the Lower Foyer. They may be posted by arrangement and on payment of a small fee. All unclaimed certificates and mark sheets will be disposed of one month after the end of the Festival.

23 Most Medals, Trophies and Aggregate Cups will be presented by the Adjudicator during the Festival where possible. Those not awarded during the Festival will be presented at a separate ceremony.

Winners are responsible for engraving and returning their Trophies by the end of January before the next Festival. They should be handed in to the Festival Office at the White Rock Theatre, or at the Theatre Box Office if the Festival Office is not open. Returned trophies must be clearly labelled with the name and address of the winners. It is important to return trophies on time to enable them to be prepared for presentation. Late return may affect future winners.

24 The Festival Finale is held at the end of the Festival. A selection of outstanding items seen during the Festival is presented during this concert. Performances are chosen to give a balanced and entertaining programme and reflect all aspects of the Festival. It is not possible to invite all winners to participate. Aggregate trophies not given during the Festival will be presented at a separate Trophy Ceremony earlier in the day of the Finale concert

25 The taking of photographs or use of any audio or video recording equipment, including mobile phones, is strictly prohibited within the auditoriums or from the wings of the stage of the White Rock Theatre as it will breach child safeguarding guidelines and disturb the performers.

26 Copyright. Recording, photography and making videos of performances is forbidden under copyright law and may lead to prosecution. Photocopies of set pieces are not allowed. Where an 'own choice' piece has been taken from an album, a copy may be supplied for the use of the adjudicator provided that the competitor or accompanist uses an original copy and the photocopy is retained and destroyed by the Festival organisers after the class. There are special rules which apply to each discipline. Please refer to the separate sections.

N.B. All performances using music from shows in current production are subject to copyright law. Songs from shows in current production may be sung as a concert item i.e. with no costume or movement without need for copyright permission. Where movement or costume is included copyright permission is required and the Festival accepts these entries on the basis that the appropriate copyright permission has been sought. Performers or teachers with queries on how to obtain permission for performance items should contact Festivals House on 01625 428297 before making their entries.

27 All enquiries or complaints should be made immediately after the competition to the relevant Section Secretary in the Hall. Please see our complaints policy available on the website. If you are not satisfied that your complaint has been dealt with, it will be referred to the General Secretary. Written complaints may be sent to General Secretary, Festival Office, White Rock Theatre, Hastings TN34 1JX or by email to info@hastingsmf.org.uk

Dance Syllabus

Welcome to the Syllabus for the 2024 Hastings Musical Festival Dance Section! The proposed dates are Sunday 3th March to Thursday 14th March 2024. This is an All England Qualifying Festival this year.

Please note that the ages for duet, trio, quartet and group classes have been reinstated to 10 and under, 14 and under and 21 and under, as agreed with All England Dance.

National dance is now called Global. Song and Dance is now Musical Theatre and Character is now Narrative/Character.

This year we will continue using our original marking scheme.

Duets- dancers can only dance once per class.

Trio/quartets- dancers can only dance once in each class.

Groups- 3 groups per dance school per class and the same dancers can only be in a maximum of 2 dances.

In the Gold Medal class you do not have to qualify. If the winner achieves a mark of 87, then the Phyllis Godfrey trophy is presented and a prize of £150, the Gold medal will only be awarded if the dancer achieves 90 in both dancers.

The entry qualifications for entry to the Bronze medal you have to be aged 9,10 and 11yrs and will have to qualify by obtaining a mark of 83 in both ballet and character. For the Silver medal you are aged 12,13 and 14 yrs and will have to qualify with a mark of 85 in both ballet and character.

After looking at the Dance Syllabus please go to the Combined Syllabus where you will find the General Rules, which are applicable to all sections.

This year we will be asking all entrants to upload music and any synopsis on to playandperform. These can be added on the home page of the entry system. From there you can upload a music and Synopsis for each of your entries.

A new Trophy has been donated this year for Dancing Contemporary Group which will be the 'Milford Family Cup' presented by Vicki Milford, Rebecca Tromans and Claire Hart

If you have any questions please email me Jo Adams at joadamshmf@gmail.com

Rules

Ballet: No pointe work is permitted for competitors under 13 years.

Musical Theatre (formally Song and Dance): There is no requirement for the performance to contain 50% song and 50% dance.

Narrative/Character: May be danced in any manner the subject demands and the technique must be appropriate to the character. Classical work only.

Global Dance (formally National): Must be authentic and belong to a recognised country.

Classical Greek: performed barefoot showing the use of opposition and relaxation through movement. Must be related to Lyric, Athletic, Bacchic, Pyrrhic, Choric, Ritual or Tragic.

Contemporary: Technically, work may reference recognised Contemporary technique and have a strong classical base. Work should show a reference to principles of contraction and release, fall and rebound, use of breath and gravity and successive or initiated movement. Only those dancers aged 13 and over can enter Contemporary solos, duets, trios and quartets.

Adjudicators

Jill Baldock

Qualifications: LIDTA, ARAD

Jill has a love and passion for all things theatrical. Her vast and full career has given her the knowledge and desire to inspire the next generation of performers.

Her training started at the Hylton Bromley School in Merseyside, where she gained several scholarships from the I.D.T.A. and continued her training at the Royal Academy of Dance and the Place (London's Contemporary School). During her early years Jill entered The Sunshine All England Competitions and gained 7 solo gold medals in the London Finals receiving the Sunshine, the Modern and the National Trophies. She was also invited to be a part of the Beryl Grey Workshops.

Jill worked as a professional dancer/performer for many years in TV, Film, Cabaret and the West End - shows included "Kiss Me Kate", "Carousel", "The King and I", "Oklahoma", "Fiddler on the Roof" and many more. She went on to become an international choreographer, director and producer of theatre and cabaret shows. Producing pantos, cruise shows, children's plays, summer seasons, even Shakespeare! At the same time developing her own theatrical/management agency. Her love of teaching took her back to the studio and worked for the Italia Conti School, the Arts Council, Pineapple, whilst running her own performing arts school.

She then diverted her career into the music business, producing for EMI, Virgin, Carlton and recorded many artistes - Shirley Bassey, Howard Keel, Petula Clarke, the London Philharmonic and many, many more. She had the honour of producing the official recording for the Queen Mother's 100th birthday. During that time her music publishing & production company was awarded the coveted Ivor Novello Award.

'My life has become so varied and exciting. I now mentor students from the Royal Academy of Music with movement coaching and theatrical expression, I am also involved in encouraging movement to mature actors...… I love the mix of my theatrical challenges and cannot wait to adjudicate your fabulous festival... Good Luck to everyone!'

Jill is an adjudicator for both The British and International Federation of Festivals and All England Dance and has vast experience adjudicating both in theatres and online; having judges thousands of applicants for Dance World Cup.

Classes

All classes are available for entry this year.

The number of entries for most classes has been restricted. Please check the syllabus. If you wish to enter a class in which entries have closed, please contact the Dancing Secretary who will add the entrant to a waiting list. You will be contacted if space becomes available in the schedule.

Dancing Solos

Time Limits:

10 years and under, all dances maximum 1.5 minutes except Musical Theatre maximum 2 minutes.

11 years and over, all dances maximum 2 minutes except Musical Theatre maximum 2.5 minutes.

5001 Dancing Solo Babies: Classical (Age under 5)

Excluding Modern, Tap and Song and Dance

Can include Ballet, Narrative/Character, National and Greek

Award: THE KATIE BURRIN CUP presented by Mrs P B Cozens

Fee £8.50

Up to 1.5 mins

5002 Dancing Solo Babies: Cabaret (Age under 5)

Modern, Tap

Award: THE PEGGY ADAMS MEMORIAL CUP

Fee £8.50

Up to 1.5 mins

5003 Dancing Solo Babies: Musical Theatre (Age under 5)

Award: THE HASTINGS MUSICAL FESTIVAL DANCING CUP

Fee £8.50

Up to 2 mins

5004 Dancing Solo Babies: Classical (Age 5)

Excluding Modern, Tap and Song and Dance

Can include Ballet, Character, National and Greek

Award: THE HASTINGS MUSICAL FESTIVAL DANCING CUP

Fee £8.50

Up to 1.5 mins

5005 Dancing Solo Babies: Cabaret (Age 5)

Modern, Tap

Award: THE HASTINGS MUSICAL FESTIVAL DANCING CUP

Fee £8.50

Up to 1.5 mins

5006 Dancing Solo Babies: Musical Theatre (Age 5)

Award: THE HASTINGS MUSICAL FESTIVAL DANCING CUP

Fee £8.50

Up to 2 mins

5007 Dancing Solo: Ballet (Age 6)

Fee £8.50

Up to 1.5 mins

5008 Dancing Solo: Narrative/Character (Age 6)

Fee £8.50

Up to 1.5 mins

5009 Dancing Solo: Global (Age 6)

Fee £8.50

Up to 1.5 mins

5010 Dancing Solo: Greek (Age 6)

Fee £8.50

Up to 1.5 mins

5011 Dancing Solo: Modern (Age 6)

Fee £8.50

Up to 1.5 mins

5012 Dancing Solo: Tap (Age 6)

Fee £8.50

Up to 1.5 mins

5014 Dancing Solo: Ballet (Age 7)

Fee £8.50

Up to 1.5 mins

5015 Dancing Solo: Narrative/Character (Age 7)

Fee £8.50

Up to 1.5 mins

5016 Dancing Solo: Global (Age 7)

Fee £8.50

Up to 1.5 mins

5017 Dancing Solo: Greek (Age 7)

Fee £8.50

Up to 1.5 mins

5018 Dancing Solo: Modern (Age 7)

Fee £8.50

Up to 1.5 mins

5019 Dancing Solo: Tap (Age 7)

Fee £8.50

Up to 1.5 mins

5021 Dancing Solo: Ballet (Age 8)

Fee £8.50

Up to 1.5 mins

5022 Dancing Solo: Narrative/Character (Age 8)

Fee £8.50

Up to 1.5 mins

5023 Dancing Solo: Global (Age 8)

Fee £8.50

Up to 1.5 mins

5024 Dancing Solo: Greek (Age 8)

Fee £8.50

Up to 1.5 mins

5025 Dancing Solo: Modern (Age 8)

Fee £8.50

Up to 1.5 mins

5026 Dancing Solo: Tap (Age 8)

Fee £8.50

Up to 1.5 mins

5027 Dancing Solo: Musical Theatre (Age under 9)

Fee £8.50

Up to 2 mins

5028 Dancing Solo: Ballet (Age 9)

Fee £8.50

Up to 1.5 mins

5029 Dancing Solo: Narrative/Character (Age 9)

Fee £8.50

Up to 1.5 mins

5030 Dancing Solo: Global (Age 9)

Fee £8.50

Up to 1.5 mins

5031 Dancing Solo: Greek (Age 9)

Fee £8.50

Up to 1.5 mins

5032 Dancing Solo: Modern (Age 9)

Fee £8.50

Up to 1.5 mins

5033 Dancing Solo: Tap (Age 9)

Fee £8.50

Up to 1.5 mins

5034 Dancing Solo: Musical Theatre (Age 9)

Fee £8.50

5036 Dancing Solo: Ballet (Age 10)

Fee £8.50

Up to 1.5 mins

5037 Dancing Solo: Narrative/Character (Age 10)

Fee £8.00

Up to 1.5 mins

5038 Dancing Solo: Global (Age 10)

Fee £8.50

Up to 1.5 mins

5039 Dancing Solo: Greek (Age 10)

Fee £8.50

Up to 1.5 mins

5040 Dancing Solo: Modern (Age 10)

Fee £8.50

Up to 1.5 mins

5041 Dancing Solo: Lyrical (Age 10)

Fee £8.50

Up to 1.5 mins

5042 Dancing Solo: Tap (Age 10)

Fee £8.50

Up to 1.5 mins

5043 Dancing Solo: Musical Theatre (Age 10)

Fee £8.50

Up to 2 mins

5045 Dancing Solo: Ballet (Age 11)

Fee £8.50

Up to 2 mins

5046 Dancing Solo: Narrative/Character (Age 11)

Fee £8.50

Up to 2 mins

5047 Dancing Solo: Global (Age 11)

Fee £8.50

Up to 2 mins

5048 Dancing Solo: Greek (Age 11)

Fee £8.50

Up to 2 mins

5049 Dancing Solo: Modern (Age 11)

Fee £8.50

Up to 2 mins

5050 Dancing Solo: Lyrical (Age 11)

Fee £8.50

Up to 2 mins

5051 Dancing Solo: Tap (Age 11)

Fee £8.50

Up to 2 mins

5052 Dancing Solo: Musical Theatre (Age 11)

Fee £8.50

Up to 2 mins

5054 Dancing Solo: Ballet (Age 12)

Fee £8.50

Up to 2 mins

5055 Dancing Solo: Narrative/Character (Age 12)

Fee £8.00

Up to 2 mins

5056 Dancing Solo: Global (Age 12)

Fee £8.50

Up to 2 mins

5057 Dancing Solo: Greek (Age 12)

Fee £8.50

Up to 2 mins

5058 Dancing Solo: Modern (Age 12)

Fee £8.50

Up to 2 mins

5059 Dancing Solo: Lyrical (Age 12)

Fee £8.50

Up to 2 mins

5060 Dancing Solo: Tap (Age 12)

Fee £8.50

Up to 2 mins

5061 Dancing Solo: Musical Theatre (Age 12)

Fee £8.50

Up to 2.5 mins

5062 Dancing Solo: Classical Choreography (Age 12 and under)

Can be Ballet, Character, National or Greek

Fee £8.50

Up to 2 mins

5063 Dancing Solo: Modern Choreography (Age 12 and under)

Can be Modern, Tap or Lyrical

Fee £8.50

Up to 2 mins

5065 Dancing Solo: Ballet (Age 13)

Fee £8.50

Up to 2 mins

5066 Dancing Solo: Narrative/Character (Age 13)

Fee £8.50

Up to 2 mins

5067 Dancing Solo: Global (Age 13)

Fee £8.50

Up to 2 mins

5068 Dancing Solo: Greek (Age 13)

Fee £8.50

Up to 2 mins

5069 Dancing Solo: Modern (Age 13)

Fee £8.50

Up to 2 mins

5070 Dancing Solo: Lyrical (Age 13)

Fee £8.50

Up to 2 mins

5071 Dancing Solo: Tap (Age 13)

Fee £8.50

Up to 2 mins

5072 Dancing Solo: Contemporary (Age 13)

Fee £8.50

Up to 2 mins

5073 Dancing Solo: Musical Theatre (Age 13)

Fee £8.50

Up to 2.5 mins

5075 Dancing Solo: Ballet (Age 14)

Fee £8.50

Up to 2 mins

5076 Dancing Solo: Narrative/Character (Age 14)

Fee £8.50

Up to 2 mins

5077 Dancing Solo: Global (Age 14)

Fee £8.50

Up to 2 mins

5078 Dancing Solo: Greek (Age 14)

Fee £8.50

Up to 2 mins

5079 Dancing Solo: Modern (Age 14)

Fee £8.50

Up to 2 mins

5080 Dancing Solo: Lyrical (Age 14)

Fee £8.00

Up to 2 mins

5081 Dancing Solo: Tap (Age 14)

Fee £8.50

Up to 2 mins

5082 Dancing Solo: Contemporary (Age 14)

Fee £8.50

Up to 2 mins

5083 Dancing Solo: Musical Theatre (Age 14)

Fee £8.50

Up to 2.5 mins

5085 Dancing Solo: Ballet (Age 15)

Fee £8.50

Up to 2 mins

5086 Dancing Solo: Narrative/Character (Age 15)

Fee £8.50

Up to 2 mins

5087 Dancing Solo: Global (Age 15)

Fee £8.50

Up to 2 mins

5088 Dancing Solo: Greek (Age 15)

Fee £8.50

Up to 2 mins

5089 Dancing Solo: Modern (Age 15)

Fee £8.00

Up to 2 mins

5090 Dancing Solo: Lyrical (Age 15)

Fee £8.50

Up to 2 mins

5091 Dancing Solo: Tap (Age 15)

Fee £8.50

Up to 2 mins

5093 Dancing Solo: Contemporary (Age 15)

Fee £8.50

Up to 2 mins

5095 Dancing Solo: Ballet (Age 16 and under 21)

Fee £9.00

Up to 2 mins

5096 Dancing Solo: Narrative/Character (Age 16 and under 21)

Fee £9.00

Up to 2 mins

5097 Dancing Solo: Global (Age 16 and under 21)

Fee £9.00

Up to 2 mins

5098 Dancing Solo: Greek (Age 16 and under 21)

Fee £9.00

Up to 2 mins

5099 Dancing Solo: Modern (Age 16 and under 21)

Fee £9.00

Up to 2 mins

5100 Dancing Solo: Lyrical (Age 16 and under 21)

Fee £9.00

Up to 2 mins

5101 Dancing Solo: Tap (Age 16 and under 21)

Fee £9.00

Up to 2 mins

5102 Dancing Solo: Musical Theatre (Age 16 and under 21)

Fee £9.00

Up to 2.5 mins

5103 Dancing Solo: Contemporary (Age 16 and under 21)

Fee £9.00

Up to 2 mins

5105 Dancing Solo: Classical Choreography (Age 21 and under)

Can be Ballet, Character, National, Greek or Contemporary

Fee £9.00

Up to 2 mins

5106 Dancing Solo: Modern Choreography (Age 21 and under)

Can be Modern, Tap or Lyrical

Fee £9.00

Up to 2 mins

Dancing Medals

Gold Medal class: If the winner achieves a mark of 87 a trophy is presented and a prize of £150. The Gold medal will only be awarded if the dancer achieves 90 marks (exceptional plus if we are using the new marking scheme).

The entry qualifications for entry to the Bronze and Silver Medals have changed. For the Bronze Medal you are aged 9, 10 or 11yrs and will have to qualify by obtaining a mark of 83 in both ballet and character (in the new marking system this will be distinction, honours or exceptional if we are using it). For the Silver Medal you are aged 12, 13 or 14 yrs and will have to qualify by obtaining a mark of 87 (in the new marking scheme this will be distinction plus, honours or exceptional if we are using it) in both ballet and character

5108 Dancing Solo: Bronze Medal (Age 9, 10 and 11)

Set Pieces:

1. Ballet: Ages 9 and 10 - 1.5 mins, Age 11 - 2 mins
2. Character: Ages 9 and 10 - 1.5 mins, Age 11 - 2 mins

An aggregate mark of at least 85 is required for the award of the Bronze Medal

Entrants for this class will have qualified by obtaining a mark of at least 83 in both ballet and character classes: 9yr olds 5028 and 5029; 10yr olds 5036 and 5037; 11yr olds 5045 and 5046. If

nominated, and having received an entry form from the Dancing Secretary, please report immediately to the General Secretary to pay the entry fee shown in the syllabus. Eligible entrants will not be allowed to dance if the fee is not paid. Eligible entrants must have danced in both the ballet and character classes and must repeat the same dances in this medal class. Please do not enter this class until the dancer has been nominated.

Award: BRONZE MEDAL

Fee £12.00

5109 Dancing Solo: Silver Medal (Age 12, 13 and 14)

Set pieces:

1. Ballet: 2 minutes
2. Character: 2 minutes

An aggregate mark of at least 87 is required for the award of the Silver Medal

Entrants for this class will have qualified by obtaining a mark of at least 85 in both ballet and character classes: 12yr olds 5054 and 5055; 13yr olds 5065 and 5066; 14yr olds 5075 and 5076. If nominated, and having received an entry form from the Dancing Secretary, please report immediately to the General Secretary to pay the entry fee shown in the syllabus. Eligible entrants will not be allowed to dance if the fee is not paid. Eligible entrants must have danced in both the ballet and character classes and must repeat the same dances in this medal class. Please do not enter this class until the dancer has been nominated.

Award: SILVER MEDAL

Fee £16.00

5110 Dancing Solo: Gold Medal and the Phyllis Godfrey Championship (Age 15 and under 21) OPEN

Ballet 2 minutes

Character 2 minutes

Gold Medal awarded if a mark of 90 is achieved.

£150 and the trophy is awarded if a mark of 87 is achieved.

To be eligible to dance in this class the following steps are compulsory:

For girls:- double pirouettes en pointe, a percentage of batterie and sustained releve on one leg.

For boys:- double tour en l'air, batterie and pirouettes.

If there are fewer than 3 entries, this class will not run.

Award: GOLD MEDAL & THE DANCING TEACHERS' TROPHY presented by Local Area Dancing Teachers; plus a prize of £150

Fee £20.00

Up to 4 mins

Dancing Duets

The age of the eldest performer determines the correct age.
Performers may dance only ONCE in each class.

5120 Dancing Duet: Classical (Age 7 and under)

Ballet, Character, Greek and National

Fee £14.00 per duo

Group of 2 people

Up to 2.5 mins

5121 Dancing Duet: Modern or Tap (Age 7 and under)

Fee £14.00 per duo

Group of 2 people

Up to 2.5 mins

5123 Dancing Duet: Ballet (Age 10 and under)

No characterisation

Award: THE FREDA HILLS MEMORIAL CUP

Fee £14.00 per duo

Group of 2 people

Up to 2.5 mins

5124 Dancing Duet: Narrative/Character (Age 10 and under)

Fee £14.00 per duo

Group of 2 people

Up to 2.5 mins

5125 Dancing Duet: Global (Age 10 and under)

Fee £14.00 per duo

Group of 2 people

Up to 2.5 mins

5126 Dancing Duet: Greek (Age 10 and under)

Fee £14.00 per duo

Group of 2 people

Up to 2.5 mins

5127 Dancing Duet: Musical Theatre (Age 10 and under)

Fee £14.00 per duo

Group of 2 people

Up to 3 mins

5128 Dancing Duet: Tap (Age 10 and under)

Fee £14.00 per duo

Group of 2 people

Up to 2.5 mins

5129 Dancing Duet: Modern (Age 10 and under)

Fee £14.00 per duo

Group of 2 people

Up to 2.5 mins

5131 Dancing Duet: Modern Choreography (Age 12 and under)

Can be Modern, Tap or Lyrical

Fee £14.00 per duo

Group of 2 people

Up to 2.5 mins

5132 Dancing Duet: Classical Choreography (Age 12 and under)

Can be Ballet, Character, National or Greek

Fee £14.00 per duo

Group of 2 people

Up to 2.5 mins

5133 Dancing Duet: Contemporary (Age 13 and under 22)

Fee £14.00 per duo

Group of 2 people

Up to 2.5 mins

5135 Dancing Duet: Ballet (Age 14 and under)

No characterisation

Award: THE MOLLY VIDLER MEMORIAL CUP

Fee £14.00 per duo

Group of 2 people

Up to 2.5 mins

5136 Dancing Duet: Greek (Age 14 and under)

Fee £14.00 per duo

Group of 2 people

Up to 2.5 mins

5137 Dancing Duet: Narrative/Character (Age 14 and under)

Award: THE RYE DANCE CENTRE SILVER SALVER presented by The Pupils of the Rye Dance Centre

Fee £14.00 per duo

Group of 2 people

Up to 2.5 mins

5138 Dancing Duet: Global (Age 14 and under)

Fee £14.00 per duo

Group of 2 people

Up to 2.5 mins

5139 Dancing Duet: Modern (Age 14 and under)

Fee £14.00 per duo

Group of 2 people

Up to 2.5 mins

5140 Dancing Duet: Tap (Age 14 and under)

Fee £14.00 per duo

Group of 2 people

Up to 2.5 mins

5141 Dancing Duet: Lyrical (Age 14 and under)

Fee £14.00 per duo

Group of 2 people

Up to 2.5 mins

5142 Dancing Duet: Musical Theatre (Age 14 and under)

Fee £14.00 per duo

Group of 2 people

Up to 3 mins

5144 Dancing Duet: Classical Choreography (Age 21 and under)

Can be Ballet, Character, National, Greek or Contemporary

Fee £14.00 per duo

Group of 2 people

Up to 2.5 mins

5145 Dancing Duet: Modern Choreography (Age 21 and under)

Can be Modern, Tap or Lyrical

Fee £14.00 per duo

Group of 2 people

Up to 2.5 mins

5148 Dancing Duet: Ballet (Age 21 and under)

No characterisation

Award: THE BRENDA BLAKESLEY CHALLENGE CUP

Fee £14.00 per duo

Group of 2 people

Up to 2.5 mins

5149 Dancing Duet: Narrative/Character (Age 21 and under)

Fee £14.00 per duo

Group of 2 people

Up to 2.5 mins

5150 Dancing Duet: Global (Age 21 and under)

Fee £14.00 per duo

Group of 2 people

Up to 2.5 mins

5151 Dancing Duet: Greek (Age 21 and under)

Fee £14.00 per duo

Group of 2 people

Up to 2.5 mins

5152 Dancing Duet: Modern (Age 21 and under)

Fee £14.00 per duo

Group of 2 people

Up to 2.5 mins

5153 Dancing Duet: Tap (Age 21 and under)

Fee £14.00 per group

Group of any size

Up to 2.5 mins

5154 Dancing Duet: Lyrical (Age 21 and under)

Fee £14.00 per duo

Group of 2 people

Up to 2.5 mins

5155 Dancing Duet: Song & Dance/Musical Theatre (Age 21 and under)

Fee £14.00 per duo

Group of 2 people

Up to 3 mins

Dancing Trios and Quartets

The age of the eldest performer determines the correct age group.

Performers may dance only ONCE in each class.

5157 Dancing Trios and Quartets: Ballet (Age 10 and under)

No characterisation

Fee £17.00 per group

Group of 3 to 4 people

Up to 2.5 mins

5158 Dancing Trios and Quartets: Narrative/Character (Age 10 and under)

Fee £17.00 per group

Group of 3 to 4 people

Up to 2.5 mins

5159 Dancing Trios and Quartets: Global (Age 10 and under)

Fee £17.00 per group

Group of 3 to 4 people

Up to 2.5 mins

5160 Dancing Trios and Quartets: Greek (Age 10 and under)

Fee £17.00 per group
Group of 3 to 4 people
Up to 2.5 mins

5161 Dancing Trios and Quartets: Modern (Age 10 and under)

Fee £17.00 per group
Group of 3 to 4 people
Up to 2.5 mins

5162 Dancing Trios and Quartets: Tap (Age 10 and under)

Fee £17.00 per group
Group of 3 to 4 people
Up to 2.5 mins

5163 Dancing Trios and Quartets: Musical Theatre (Age 10 and under)

Fee £17.00 per group
Group of 3 to 4 people
Up to 3 mins

5165 Dancing Trios and Quartets: Ballet (Age 14 and under)

No Characterisation
Award: THE JANICE FULLMAN TROPHY
Fee £17.00 per group
Group of 3 to 4 people
Up to 2.5 mins

5166 Dancing Trios and Quartets: Narrative/Character (Age 14 and under)

Fee £17.00 per group
Group of 3 to 4 people
Up to 2.5 mins

5167 Dancing Trios and Quartets: Global (Age 14 and under)

Fee £17.00 per group
Group of 3 to 4 people
Up to 2.5 mins

5168 Dancing Trios and Quartets: Greek (Age 14 and under)

Fee £17.00 per group
Group of 3 to 4 people
Up to 2.5 mins

5169 Dancing Trios and Quartets: Modern (Age 14 and under)

Fee £17.00 per group
Group of 3 to 4 people
Up to 2.5 mins

5170 Dancing Trios and Quartets: Lyrical (Age 14 and under)

Fee £17.00 per group
Group of 3 to 4 people
Up to 2.5 mins

5171 Dancing Trios and Quartets: Tap (Age 14 and under)

Fee £17.00 per group
Group of 3 to 4 people
Up to 2.5 mins

5172 Dancing Trios and Quartets: Musical Theatre (Age 14 and under)

Fee £17.00 per group
Group of 3 to 4 people
Up to 3 mins

5174 Dancing Trios and Quartets: Ballet (Age 21 and under)

No characterisation
Fee £18.00 per group
Group of 3 to 4 people
Up to 2.5 mins

5175 Dancing Trios and Quartets: Narrative/Character (Age 21 and under)

Fee £18.00 per group
Group of 3 to 4 people
Up to 2.5 mins

5176 Dancing Trios and Quartets: Global Age 21 and under)

Fee £18.00 per group
Group of 3 to 4 people
Up to 2.5 mins

5177 Dancing Trios and Quartets: Greek (Age 21 and under)

Fee £18.00 per group
Group of 3 to 4 people
Up to 2.5 mins

5178 Dancing Trios and Quartets: Modern (Age 21 and under)

Fee £18.00 per group
Group of 3 to 4 people
Up to 2.5 mins

5179 Dancing Trios and Quartets: Lyrical (Age 21 and under)

Fee £18.00 per group
Group of 3 to 4 people
Up to 2.5 mins

5180 Dancing Trios and Quartets: Tap (Age 21 and under)

Fee £18.00 per group
Group of 3 to 4 people
Up to 2.5 mins

5181 Dancing Trios and Quartets: Musical Theatre (Age 21 and under)

Fee £18.00 per group
Group of 3 to 4 people
Up to 3 mins

5182 Dancing Trios and Quartets: Contemporary (Age 13 to 21)

Fee £18.00 per group
Group of 3 to 4 people
Up to 2.5 mins

Small Dancing Groups 5-10 dancers

5-10 dancers

5184 Small Dancing Groups: Classical (Age 10 and under)

5-10 dancers
Ballet, Character, Greek and National
Award: THE HASTINGS MUSICAL FESTIVAL JUNIOR GROUP DANCING CUP
Fee £19.00 per group
Group of 5 to 10 people
Up to 4 mins

5185 Small Dancing Groups: Modern, Tap or Musical Theatre (Age 10 and under) 4 Mins/M.T. 4.5 Mins

5-10 dancers.
Time limit of 4 minutes for Modern and Tap; 4.5 minutes for Musical Theatre.
Fee £19.00 per group
Group of 5 to 10 people

5186 Small Dancing Groups: Classical (Age 14 and under)

5-10 dancers
Ballet, Character, Greek and National
Fee £19.00 per group
Group of 5 to 10 people
Up to 4 mins

5187 Small Dancing Groups: Modern, Tap or Musical Theatre (Age 14 and under) 4 Mins/M.T. 4.5 Mins

5-10 dancers.
Time limit of 4 minutes for Modern and Tap; 4.5 minutes for Musical Theatre.
Fee £19.00 per group
Group of 5 to 10 people

5188 Small Dancing Groups: Contemporary (Age 14 and under)

5-10 dancers

Fee £19.00 per group

Group of 5 to 10 people

Up to 4 mins

5189 Small Dancing Groups: Classical (Age 21 and under)

5 -10 dancers

Ballet, Character, Greek and National

Fee £19.00 per group

Group of 5 to 10 people

Up to 4 mins

5190 Small Dancing Groups: Modern, Tap or Musical Theatre (Age 21 and under) 4 Mins/M.T. 4.5 Mins

5-10 dancers.

Time limit of 4 minutes for Modern and Tap; 4.5 minutes for Musical Theatre.

Fee £19.00 per group

Group of 5 to 10 people

5191 Small Dancing Groups: Contemporary (Age 21 and under)

5-10 dancers

Fee £19.00 per group

Group of 5 to 10 people

Up to 4 mins

Large Dancing Groups 11-30 dancers

Not less than 11 dancers and not more than 30 dancers per group. Tap or Modern are not acceptable in Classical Classes. Up to 3 groups per school per class are allowed. Please note that All England rules restrict numbers of dancers to 24 per group.

The same dancers can dance in up to 2 groups per class.

Please enter groups under the name of the Dancing School. Titles can be added on your entry sheet.

THE ENTRY FEE FOR ALL DANCING GROUPS IS £1 PER HEAD WITH A MINIMUM OF £25.

5193 Large Dancing Groups: Classical (Age 10 and under)

Ballet, Character, National and Greek

11-30 dancers

Award: THE CONIBEAR CUP presented by Miss Dorothy Conibear

Fee £27.00 per group

Group of 11 to 30 people

Up to 4 mins

5194 Large Dancing Groups: Modern (Age 10 and under)

11-30 dancers modern

Fee £27.00 per group

Group of 11 to 30 people

Up to 4 mins

5195 Large Dancing Groups: Tap (Age 10 and under)

11-30 dancers

Fee £27.00 per group

Group of 11 to 30 people

Up to 4 mins

5196 Large Dancing Groups: Musical Theatre (Age 10 and under)

11-30 dancers

Fee £27.00 per group

Group of 11 to 30 people

Up to 4.5 mins

5198 Large Dancing Groups: Ballet (Age 14 and under)

No Characterisation

11-30 dancers

Award: THE MILDRED ELDRIDGE CUP

Fee £27.00 per group

Group of 11 to 30 people

Up to 4 mins

5199 Large Dancing Groups: Narrative/Character (Age 14 and under)

11-30 dancers

Fee £27.00 per group

Group of 11 to 30 people

Up to 4 mins

5200 Large Dancing Groups: Gobal (Age 14 and under)

11-30 dancers

Fee £27.00 per group

Group of 11 to 30 people

Up to 4 mins

5201 Large Dancing Groups: Greek (Age 14 and under)

11-30 dancers

Fee £27.00 per group

Group of 11 to 30 people

Up to 4 mins

5202 Large Dancing Groups: Modern (Age 14 and under)

11-30 dancers

Award: LATON ASH SILVER SALVER 'A'

Fee £27.00 per group

Group of 11 to 30 people

Up to 4 mins

5203 Large Dancing Groups: Lyrical (Age 14 and under)

11-30 dancers

Fee £27.00 per group

Group of 11 to 30 people

Up to 4 mins

5204 Large Dancing Groups: Tap (Age 14 and under)

11-30 dancers

Fee £27.00 per group

Group of 11 to 30 people

Up to 4 mins

5205 Large Dancing Groups: Musical Theatre (Age 14 and under)

11-30 dancers

Award: THE SIMON CUP presented by Pauline and Bernard Simon

Fee £27.00 per group

Group of 11 to 30 people

Up to 4.5 mins

5208 Large Dancing Groups: Ballet (Age 21 and under)

No Characterisation

11-30 dancers

Award: THE PHYLLIS GODFREY CUP presented by Miss Phyllis Godfrey

Fee £27.00 per group

Group of 11 to 30 people

Up to 4 mins

5209 Large Dancing Groups: Narrative/Character (Age 21 and under)

11-30 dancers

Award: THE AGNES EASTMAN CUP presented by H.V. Eastman

Fee £27.00 per group

Group of 11 to 30 people

Up to 4 mins

5210 Large Dancing Groups: Global (Age 21 and under)

11-30 dancers

Fee £27.00 per group

Group of 11 to 30 people

Up to 4 mins

5211 Large Dancing Groups: Greek (Age 21 and under)

11-30 dancers

Fee £27.00 per group

Group of 11 to 30 people

Up to 4 mins

5212 Large Dancing Groups: Modern (Age 21 and under)

11-30 dancers

Award: THE LATON ASH SILVER SALVER 'B'

Fee £27.00 per group

Group of 11 to 30 people

Up to 4 mins

5213 Large Dancing Groups: Lyrical (Age 21 and under)

11-30 dancers

Fee £27.00 per group

Group of 11 to 30 people

Up to 4 mins

5214 Large Dancing Groups: Tap (Age 21 and under)

11-30 dancers

Fee £27.00 per group

Group of 11 to 30 people

Up to 4 mins

5215 Large Dancing Groups: Musical Theatre (Age 21 and under)

11-30 dancers

Award: THE PEGGY HARRISON CUP

Fee £27.00 per group

Group of 11 to 30 people

Up to 4.5 mins

5216 Large Dancing Groups: Contemporary (Age 21 and under)

11-30 dancers

Award: THE MILFORD FAMILY CUP presented by Vicki Milford, Rebecca Tromans and Claire Hart

Fee £27.00 per group

Group of 11 to 30 people

Up to 4 mins

5219 Large Dancing Groups Adult: Any Style (Age 18 and over)

Dance can be Modern, Tap, Classical or Song and Dance

Note : The entry fee is a £1 per head with a minimum of £27

Fee £27.00 per group

Group of 11 to 30 people

Up to 5 mins

5092 Dancing Solo: Musical Theatre (Age 15)

Fee £8.50

Up to 2.5 mins

5206 Large Dancing Groups: Contemporary (Age 14 and under)

11-30 dancers

Fee £27.00 per group

Group of 11 to 30 people

Up to 4 mins

5218 Cabaret Class (Any age)

Up to 30 performers

Time: Minimum 5 minutes/Maximum 10 minutes

Own choice; to include singing, dancing and some dialogue. Dialogue to be limited.

No backing vocals are allowed. Hand props only, no large scenery allowed.

No performer may take part in more than one group performance in this class.

Award: Two Awards: THE HMF CUP for the Winning Group and THE HMF CUP for the Most Outstanding Individual Performance (not necessarily in the winning group)

Fee £34.00 per group

Group of 5 to 30 people
Up to 10 mins

Instrumental Syllabus

Welcome to the Instrumental Section of Hastings Musical Festival 2024. The proposed dates for this section are Monday 4th March 2024 to Friday 8th March 2024 inclusive. There have been some changes to the syllabus, so please take your time to read through the sections. We have introduced some new classes, combined others and hopefully you will find something in here which you would like to enter.

Some of the new classes include teacher and pupil duets. Hopefully this might encourage those who are a little nervous about getting on stage, to come along, and enjoy making music for us with their teacher!

The ages on the medal classes have been altered, with no lower age restrictions.

Performers can also enter twice in subjects where there are different instruments eg brass, woodwind, strings.

If you have any queries, I can be reached at ann.hastingsmf@aol.com

Looking forward to seeing you in 2024.

Ann Hohenkerk Instrumental Section Secretary

Rules

1 There will be no practising on the stage or piano before or during sessions.

2 Photocopies may not be used for performances. They may only be used by adjudicators and will be destroyed at the end of the session.

3 The following notes on Medals apply to all groups within the Instrumental Section.

Past prize winners in any Medal Class are not eligible to compete in the same class again.

Performers may not enter more than one medal class in the same instrumental section.

Medals will only be awarded if the winner achieves the following minimum marks: Gold Medal 90; Silver and Bronze Medals 85.

Gold Medal winners are eligible for free entry into Class 3604, Hastings Young Instrumentalist of the Year.

4 Entrants should provide their own music stands.

5 Photography and filming are strictly forbidden during a performance and could lead to disqualification of the performer.

6 All performers must be the stated age for their class on 1st September 2023.

In some classes we have added the school year to which this age group applies.

7 It is important that the General Rules and regulations in this syllabus are read carefully, particularly those which refer to 'pieces'.

Adjudicator

Roy Robinson MA, Dip Perf RCM, ARCM (P), ARCM (T), LRAM (T), LTCL (P)

Roy trained as a performer at the Royal College of Music and was a major prize winner: the Leslie Alexander - the highest award available on the viola. He was a dual first study viola pupil of

Frederick Riddle and piano pupil of Angus Morrison. He holds a complete suite of performing and teaching diplomas on his first instruments, plus a performing diploma on violin, and an MA in music. He also has a background as an organist and vast experience as a choir trainer and conductor.

Roy has spent most of his career combining teaching, performing, examining and adjudicating. He has taught academic music to A Level, his instruments to diploma level and the violin to RAM Exhibitioners. He has coached numerous orchestral and singing courses and festivals for children and has conducted many adult choral societies performances. He has arranged and composed countless pieces for choirs and instrumental combinations, and has several of his works published. Following appointments in various public schools, mostly as Director of Music, he is now enjoying a return to freelance life.

He has extensive experience as a performer, in orchestras and ensembles, and as accompanist and recitalist. He is a busy ABRSM grade, diploma and jazz examiner and has worked all over the world, including Malaysia, Hong Kong, Qatar, Jordan, South Africa, Namibia, USA, Bermuda, China and Germany (examining in German). He is the viola consultant for ABRSM, selector of the present viola syllabus, and has presented teacher meetings/training abroad.

As an adjudicator member of the British Federation of Music Festivals, Roy is in demand at some of the U.K.'s largest music festivals. He not only enjoys adjudicating his specialist areas, but also the complete range of classes as a generalist. He is also very happy to adjudicate online festivals.

Away from music, he can often be found looking after or driving one of his classic cars.

Classes

The Instrumental Section includes Brass; Chamber Music; Junior Concerto; Electronic Keyboard; Family Music; Hastings Young Instrumentalist of the Year; Orchestra; Original Composition; Performance Masterclass; Piano; Primary Schools First Access; Primary Schools Orchestra; Recorder; Strings; Classical Guitar; Woodwind; World Music.

The maximum number of entries for each class is 25.

PIANO

Note that in set pieces repeats will be optional unless specifically stated in this syllabus but all DC and DS marks must be observed.

Photocopies may not be used for performances. They may only be used by adjudicators and will be destroyed at the end of the session.

Medals. Entrants may not enter more than one medal class in the same instrumental group in the same year.

Duet Classes. A minimum age limit applies only to the elder performer.

3000 Beginners Piano Solo (Age under 9)

Open to those who have learnt for not more than 18 months. Performers entering this class cannot enter any other solo piano class.

Set piece: Any two pieces from Piano Star: Five-Finger Tunes (ABRSM)

Award: THE 247 BEGINNERS PIANO TROPHY presented by 247247 Taxis

Fee £8.00

3004 Beginners Piano Solo (Age 9 and under 15)

Open to those who have learnt for not more than 18 months. Performers entering this class cannot enter any other solo piano class.

Set piece: Any two pieces from Prep Course Solo Book Level B (Alfred)

Award: THE 247 PIANO TROPHY presented by 247247 Taxis

Fee £8.00

3008 Piano Solo (Age under 8)

Set piece: Spider Web Waltz by Sarah Watts, and This Old Man Trad. English arr. David Blackwell from Piano Star 2 ABRSM

Award: THE JAMES MORREN MEMORIAL CUP

Fee £8.00

3012 Piano Solo (Age 8 only)

Set piece: Creaky Floorboards by Edmund Joliffe, and Playing Ping-Pong by Christopher Norton from Piano Star 2 (ABRSM)

Award: THE CAIN SILVER CHALLENGE CUP presented by Miss Patricia Cain

Fee £8.00

3016 Piano Solo (Age 9 only)

Set piece: Cherry Blossom by David Blackwell, and Rigadoon by Henry Purcell arr. David Blackwell from Piano Star 3 (ABRSM)

Award: THE NYE CUP

Fee £8.00

3020 Piano Solo (Age 10 only)

Set piece: Special Place by Edmund Joliffe, and Carnival Time by Nikki Iles from Piano Star 3 (ABRSM)

Fee £8.00

3024 Piano Solo (Age 11 only)

Set piece: Waltz for Denise, and Finger Jogging Boogie by Stephen Duro from Finger Jogging Boogie (ABRSM)

Award: THE NANCY CORDERY CUP presented by Miss Nancy Cordery

Fee £8.00

3028 Piano Solo (Age 12 only)

Set piece: The Liberty Bell by J.P.Sousa arr Nicholas Scott-Burt from Piano Mix 2 (ABRSM)

Fee £8.00

3032 Piano Solo (Age 13 only)

Set piece: L'elephant by Camille Saint-Saens from Encore Book 2 (ABRSM)

Award: THE PEGGY DOWDELL CUP "A"

Fee £8.00

3036 Piano Solo (Age 14 only)

Set piece: Spanish Dance No.2 from Five Spanish Dances, Op.12 by Moritz Moszkowski, arr. Hywel Davies from Piano Mix 3 (ABRSM)

Fee £8.00

3040 Piano Solo (Age 15 only)

Set piece: Vivace Assia by Joseph Haydn from Encore Book 3 (ABRSM)

Award: THE LITOLFF SILVER CHALLENGE CUP presented by The Piena Music Company, London

Fee £8.00

3044 Piano Solo (Age 16 and under 18)

Set piece: Modulations by Mike Cornick from Encore Book 3 (ABRSM)

Award: THE KATHERINE BARKER-SAMPSON SILVER CHALLENGE CUP presented by Miss Marjory R. Perks

Fee £8.00

3048 Piano Solo (Age 18 and over)

Own choice

Award: THE FLORIAN WILLIAMS SILVER CHALLENGE CUP presented by Mr Cecil Baumer

Fee £11.00

Up to 5 mins

3052 Piano Solo Seniors (Age 60 and over)

Own choice

Fee £11.00

Up to 5 mins

3056 Primary Piano Solo Grade 1 (Any age)

Own Choice: Grade 1 standard.

Classes 3056-3073 :- Entrants may only enter one of these classes and the appropriate examining grades must be observed. The adjudicator reserves the right to transfer an entrant to another class should their chosen piece be inappropriate for the stated standard of the class.

Fee £8.00

Up to 2 mins

3060 Elementary Piano Solo Grade 2 (Any age)

Own Choice Grade 2 standard

Classes 3056-3073. Entrants may only enter one of these classes and the appropriate examining grades must be observed. The adjudicator reserves the right to transfer an entrant to another class should their chosen piece be inappropriate for the stated standard of the class.

Fee £8.00

Up to 2 mins

3064 Transitional Piano Solo Grade 3 (Any age)

Own Choice Grade 3 standard

Classes 3056-3073. Entrants may only enter one of these classes and the appropriate examining grades must be observed. The adjudicator reserves the right to transfer an entrant to another class should their chosen piece be inappropriate for the stated standard of the class.

Fee £8.00

Up to 3 mins

3068 Lower Piano Solo Grade 4 (Any age)

Own Choice: Grade 4 standard.

Classes 3056-3073. Entrants may only enter one of these classes and the appropriate examining grades must be observed. The adjudicator reserves the right to transfer an entrant to another class should their chosen piece be inappropriate for the stated standard of the class.

Award: THE COUNTESS BRASSEY CUP

Fee £8.00

Up to 3 mins

3072 Higher Piano Solo Grade 5 (Any age)

Own Choice: Grade 5 standard

Classes 3056-3073. Entrants may only enter one of these classes and the appropriate examining grades must be observed. The adjudicator reserves the right to transfer an entrant to another class should their chosen piece be inappropriate for the stated standard of the class.

Award: THE CURWEN TROPHY

Fee £8.00

Up to 3 mins

3073 Higher Piano Solo Grade 6 (Any age)

Own Choice: Grade 6 standard

Classes 3056-3073. Entrants may only enter one of these classes and the appropriate examining grades must be observed. The adjudicator reserves the right to transfer an entrant to another class should their chosen piece be inappropriate for the stated standard of the class.

Fee £8.00

Up to 4 mins

3076 Piano Solo Borough Residents (Age under 12)

Entrants must reside in Hastings or St. Leonards

Set piece: Just Chillin' and Pick 'n' Mix by Nikki Iles from Piano Star Grade 1 (ABRSM)

Award: THE GREENLEES CHALLENGE CUP

Fee £8.00

3080 Piano Solo Borough Residents (Age 12 and under 15)

Entrants must reside in Hastings or St. Leonards

Set piece: Valse Parisienne by Brian Chapple from On the Cool Side (Chester Music)

Award: THE PEGGY DOWDELL CUP "B"

Fee £8.00

3084 Piano Solo Sonatina (Age under 11)

Own Choice: Any Sonatina movement by Mozart, Clementi, Kuhlau, Dussek, Beethoven, Attwood, Samuel Wesley or similar.

Award: THE B&T TROPHY

Fee £8.00

Up to 5 mins

3088 Piano Solo Sonatina (Age 11 and under 13)

Own Choice: Any Sonatina movement by Mozart, Clementi, Kuhlau, Dussek, Beethoven, Attwood, Samuel Wesley or similar.

Award: THE CHARLES CRACKNELL MEMORIAL CUP

Fee £8.00

Up to 5 mins

3092 Piano Solo Sonatina (Age 13 and under 15)

Own Choice: Any Sonatina movement by Mozart, Clementi, Kuhlau, Dussek, Beethoven, Attwood, Samuel Wesley or similar.

Award: THE MARION TIGHE SILVER CHALLENGE TROPHY presented by Mr W. J. Hilder

Fee £8.00

Up to 5 mins

3096 Piano Solo Sonata (Age 15 and under 18)

Own Choice: Movement of any Sonata.

Award: THE MARJORIE SKELLORN SILVER CHALLENGE CUP presented by Miss Marjorie Skellorn

Fee £8.00

Up to 5 mins

3100 Piano Solo Sonata (Age 18 and over)

Own Choice: Movement of any Sonata.

Fee £11.00

Up to 5 mins

3104 Piano Solo Bach (Age under 12)

Own choice

Award: THE JOSEPH LYFORD TROPHY

Fee £8.00

Up to 5 mins

3108 Piano Solo Bach (Age 12 and under 16)

Own Choice

Award: THE HASTINGS MUSICAL FESTIVAL BACH CUP

Fee £8.00

Up to 5 mins

3112 Piano Solo Bach (Age 16 and over)

Own Choice

Award: THE A D'BRETHERTON SILVER CHALLENGE CUP presented by Miss A. D'Bretherton

Fee £11.00

Up to 6 mins

3116 Piano Solo Chopin (Age 16 and over) Open

Own Choice

Award: THE 247 PIANO TROPHY presented by 247247 Taxis

Fee £11.00

Up to 6 mins

3120 Piano Solo French Composer (Age 16 and over) Open

Own Choice

Award: THE EILEEN WARREN ROSE BOWL

Fee £11.00

Up to 6 mins

3121 Piano Solo Jazz (Age under 16)

Own Choice

Fee £8.00

Up to 4 mins

3122 Piano Solo Jazz (Age 16 and over)

Own choice which should include some improvisation.

Fee £11.00

Up to 6 mins

3124 Piano Solo Contemporary (Age under 12)

One or more pieces in a contemporary idiom, composed after 1960. Credit will be given for suitability of choice.

Award: THE JEAN LOCKYER CUP

Fee £8.00

Up to 3 mins

3128 Piano Solo Contemporary (Age 12 and under 16)

One or more pieces in a contemporary idiom, composed after 1960. Credit will be given for suitability of choice.

Award: THE JOHN LONGMIRE SILVER CHALLENGE CUP

Fee £8.00

Up to 4 mins

3132 Piano Solo Contemporary (Age 16 and over)

One or more pieces in a contemporary idiom, composed after 1960. Credit will be given for suitability of choice.

Award: THE THELMA HILL CHALLENGE CUP presented by Miss Thelma Hill

Fee £11.00

Up to 4 mins

3133 Piano Solo Early 20th Century (Age under 16)

Any 20th Century composition, written up to and including 1960.

Fee £8.00

Up to 4 mins

3134 Piano Solo Early 20th Century (Age 16 and over)

Any 20th Century composition, written up to and including 1960.

Fee £11.00

Up to 6 mins

3136 Piano Solo Popular Music (Age 18 and under)

One or more pieces of light drawing room or popular music (including ragtime but not jazz) published from 1850-1950.

Fee £8.00

Up to 4 mins

3140 Piano Solo Recital (Age under 16)

Own choice. More than one piece. Grade 5 and above.

Credit will be given for choice of programme, presentation, dress, deportment and personality. It is suggested that dress should be such as would be suitable for a lunch time concert. Timing will include any introduction and pauses between pieces.

Award: ALEXANDRIA JAGIELSKI CHALLENGE CUP presented by Mrs Alexandria Jagielski

Fee £11.00

Up to 15 mins

3144 Piano Solo Recital (Age 16 and over) Open

Own Choice: More than one piece. Grade 7 and above.

Credit will be given for choice of programme, presentation, dress, deportment and personality. It is suggested that dress should be such as would be suitable for a lunch time concert. Timing will include any introduction and pauses between pieces.

Award: THE GIPPS DIPLOMA CUP presented by Mrs Bryan and Miss Laura Gipps

Fee £21.50

Up to 15 mins

3156 Piano Solo Bronze Medal (Age 18 and under)

The Bronze Medal will be awarded subject to a minimum mark of 85 being achieved.

Set piece: An evening in the Village from 'Ten Easy Pieces' Sz.39 by Bela Bartok from The Best of Grade 5 Piano (Faber Music)

Award: BRONZE MEDAL

Fee £12.00

3160 Piano Solo Silver Medal (Age 18 and under)

The Silver Medal will be awarded subject to a minimum mark of 85 being achieved.

Set piece: Berceuse by Frank Bridge from Encore Book 4 (ABRSM)

Award: SILVER MEDAL

Fee £16.00

3164 Piano Solo Gold Medal (Any age) Open

Two contrasting pieces or movements of Grade 8 standard or above. 10 mins

The winner with a mark of 85 or over, if 18 or under, will qualify for entry into Class 3604 Hastings Young Instrumentalist of the Year and a chance to win £150.

The Gold Medal will be awarded subject to a minimum mark of 90 being achieved

Award: GOLD MEDAL

Fee £20.00

Up to 10 mins

3180 Piano Duet (Age under 11)

Set piece: Winter Song and Spring Song by D.G.Turk from Chester's Piano Duets 1 written and arranged by Carol Barratt (Chester Music)

Fee £13.00 per duo

Group of 2 people

3184 Piano Duet (Age 11 and under 15)

Set piece: Waltz in A Op.39 No.15 by Johannes Brahms from Real Repertoire Piano Duets for Grades 4-6 (Faber Music)

Award: THE JEAN TUCKNOTT CHALLENGE CUP presented by Miss Jean Tucknott

Fee £13.00 per duo

Group of 2 people

3187 Piano Duet (Any age)

Own Choice

Fee £16.00 per duo

Group of 2 people

Up to 5 mins

3189 Piano Trio (Any age)

Own Choice

Fee £16.00 per trio

Group of 3 people

Up to 5 mins

3190 Piano Duet for teacher and pupil. Pupil to be aged 11 and under.

Own choice. The adjudicator will only comment on the pupil's performance.

As the teacher will be acting in a supportive role, the entry fee is the same as a solo entry.

Fee £8.00

Up to 3 mins

3191 Piano Duet for teacher and pupil. Pupil to be aged 12 and under 15.

Own choice. The adjudicator will only comment on the pupil's performance.

As the teacher will be acting in a supportive role, the entry fee is the same as a solo entry.

Fee £8.00

Up to 3 mins

3192 Piano Duet for teacher and pupil. Pupil to be aged 15 and over.

Own choice. The adjudicator will only comment on the pupil's performance.

As the teacher will be acting in a supportive role, the entry fee is the same as a solo entry.

Fee £8.00

Up to 4 mins

STRINGS

Entrants need not adhere to the bowing and fingering in the copies but some change of position should be shown in all classes aged 15 and over. Da Capo and short repeats of eight bars or fewer should be observed.

Entrants who play more than one instrument may enter the same class twice.

Photocopies may not be used for performances. They may only be used by adjudicators and will be destroyed at the end of the session.

In Duet/Trio Classes, the minimum age limit applies only to the elder performer.

Performers can play one or more pieces up to the time limit, unless specified otherwise in the class description.

Entrants are not allowed to enter more than one medal class in any year, although they are permitted to play more than once in one medal class if they play different instruments. Medal winners may not enter the same medal class in following years.

3196 Beginners Strings Solo (Any age)

Violin, Viola, Violoncello, Double Bass or Harp.

Own Choice.

Open to those who have learnt for no more than 18 months.

Entrants may not play the instrument they play in this class in any other string solo class.

Award: THE 247 STRINGS TROPHY presented by 247247 Taxis

Fee £8.00

Up to 3 mins

3197 Strings Solo Unaccompanied (Age under 18)

Violin, Viola, Violoncello, Double Bass or Harp.

Own choice of a movement from any Sonata, Partita or Suite.

No time limit.

Fee £8.00

Up to 5 mins

3198 Strings Solo Sonata (Any age) Open

Violin, Viola, Violoncello, Double Bass or Harp.

Own Choice from Baroque or Classical period

Fee £11.00

Up to 8 mins

3199 Strings Solo Sonata (Any age) Open

Violin, Viola, Violoncello, Double Bass or Harp.

Own Choice, Romantic period and later.

Fee £11.00

Up to 8 mins

3200 Strings Solo Recital (Any age)

Violin, Viola, Violoncello, Double Bass, Guitar or Harp

Own Choice: More than one piece. Credit will be given for choice of programme, presentation, dress, deportment and personality. It is suggested that dress should be such as would be suitable for a lunch time concert. Timing will include any introduction and pauses between pieces.

Award: THE GEOFFREY SANDS MEMORIAL TROPHY presented by Mrs Brenda Bailey

Fee £16.50

Up to 15 mins

3204 Strings Solo Bronze Medal (Age 18 and under)

Own Choice: Grade 5 standard

The Bronze Medal will be awarded subject to a minimum mark of 85 being achieved.

Award: BRONZE MEDAL

Fee £12.00

Up to 6 mins

3208 Strings Solo Silver Medal (Age 18 and under)

Own choice. Grade 7 standard.

The Silver Medal will be awarded subject to a minimum mark of 85 being achieved.

Award: SILVER MEDAL

Fee £16.00

Up to 8 mins

3212 Strings Solo Gold Medal (Any age) Open

Two contrasting pieces or movements of Grade 8 standard or above.

The winner with a mark of 85 or over, if 18 or under, will qualify for entry into Class 3604 Hastings Young Instrumentalist of the Year and a chance to win £150.

The Gold Medal will be awarded subject to a minimum mark of 90 being achieved.

Award: GOLD MEDAL

Fee £20.00

Up to 10 mins

3214 Strings Solo Grade 0-1 (Any age)

Violin, Viola, Violoncello.

One or more pieces from Wagon Wheels by Katherine and Hugh Colledge. Boosey and Hawkes.

Award: THE 247 STRINGS TROPHY presented by 247247 Taxis

Fee £8.00

Up to 3 mins

3215 Strings Solo Grade 1-2 (Any age)

Violin, Viola, Violoncello.

One or more pieces from Fiddle/Viola/Cello Time Runners by Kathy and David Blackwell, Oxford.

Award: THE 247 STRINGS TROPHY presented by 247247 Taxis

Fee £8.00

Up to 3 mins

3216 Strings Solo Grade 2-3 (Any age)

Violin, Viola, Violoncello.

One or more pieces from Fiddle/Viola/Cello Time Sprinters by Kathy and David Blackwell, Oxford.

Award: THE 247 STRINGS TROPHY presented by 247247 Taxis

Fee £8.00

Up to 3 mins

3217 Strings Solo Grade 3-4 (Any age)

Violin, Viola, Violoncello.

One or more pieces from Solos for Young Violinists/Violists/Cellists Volume 1 Summy-Birchard Inc.

Award: THE 247 STRINGS TROPHY presented by 247247 Taxis

Fee £8.00

Up to 3 mins

3220 Strings Solo (not harp) (Age under 9)

Own Choice

Performers may enter twice if playing on two different instruments.

Award: THE 247 STRINGS TROPHY presented by 247247 Taxis

Fee £8.00

Up to 3 mins

3224 Strings Solo (not harp) (Age 9 and under 11)

Own Choice.

Performers may enter twice if playing on two different instruments.

Award: THE 247 STRINGS TROPHY presented by 247247 Taxis

Fee £8.00

Up to 3 mins

3228 Strings Solo (not harp) (Age 11 and under 13)

Own Choice.

Performers may enter twice if playing on two different instruments.

Award: THE ALAN DOONE CUP

Fee £8.00

Up to 4 mins

3232 Strings Solo (not harp) (Age 13 and under 15)

Own Choice.

Performers may enter twice if playing on two different instruments.

Award: THE EARL DE LA WARR CUP

Fee £8.00

Up to 5 mins

3236 Strings Solo (not harp) (Age 15 and under 17)

Own choice.

Performers may enter twice if playing on two different instruments.

Fee £8.00

Up to 5 mins

3237 Strings Solo (not harp) (Age 17 and over)

Own choice.

Performers may enter twice if playing on two different instruments.

Fee £11.00

Up to 6 mins

3324 Harp Solo Grade 1-2 (Any age)

Own choice.

Fee £8.00

Up to 3 mins

3328 Harp Solo Grade 3-5 (Any age)

Own choice.

Fee £8.00

Up to 4 mins

3332 Harp Solo Grade 6-7 (Any age)

Own choice.

Fee £8.00

Up to 5 mins

3336 Harp Solo Grade 8 (Any age)

Own choice.

Fee £11.00

Up to 6 mins

3338 Strings Duet/Trio - Accompanied (Age under 15)

Own choice

Performers may enter twice in this class, once in a duet and once in a trio.

Fee £13.00 per duo/trio

Group of 2 to 3 people

Up to 5 mins

3339 Strings Duet/Trio - Accompanied (Age 15 and over)

Own choice.

Competitors may enter twice, once in a duet and once in a trio.

Fee £16.00 per duo/trio

Group of 2 to 3 people

Up to 6 mins

3340 Strings Duet for teacher and pupil. Pupil to be aged 11 and under.

Own choice. The adjudicator will only comment on the pupil's performance. The pupil may enter the class twice if playing different a instrument. This class is for players of violin, viola, cello, double bass, harp and classical guitar.

As the teacher will be acting in a supportive role, the entry fee is the same as a solo entry.

Fee £8.00 per duo

Group of 2 people

Up to 3 mins

3341 Strings Duet for teacher and pupil. Pupil to be aged 12 and under 15.

Own choice. The adjudicator will only comment on the pupil's performance. The pupil may enter twice the class twice if playing a different instrument. This class is for players of violin, viola, cello, double bass, harp and classical guitar.

As the teacher will be acting in a supportive role, the entry fee is the same as a solo entry.

Fee £8.00 per duo

Group of 2 people

Up to 4 mins

3342 Strings Duet for teacher and pupil. Pupil to be aged 15 and over.

Own choice. The adjudicator will only comment on the pupil's performance. The pupil may enter the class twice if playing different a instrument. This class is for players of violin, viola, cello, double bass, harp and classical guitar.

As the teacher will be acting in a supportive role, the entry fee is the same as a solo entry.

Fee £8.00

Up to 4 mins

3344 Beginners Classical Guitar Solo (Any age)

Open to those who have learnt for no more than 18 months. Competitors entering this class cannot enter any other solo classical guitar classes.

Own choice.

Fee £8.00

Up to 3 mins

3346 Classical Guitar Solo (Age 11 and under)

Own choice

Fee £8.00

Up to 3 mins

3348 Classical Guitar Solo (Age 12 and under 15)

Own choice

Fee £8.00

Up to 3 mins

3350 Classical Guitar Solo (Age 15 and under 18)

Own choice

Fee £8.00

Up to 4 mins

3352 Classical Guitar Solo (Age 18 and over)

Fee £11.00

Up to 5 mins

3354 Classical Guitar Duet (Any age)

Own choice

Fee £13.00 per duo

Group of 2 people

Up to 5 mins

CHAMBER MUSIC

The minimum number of players in a chamber music ensemble is two and the maximum eight.

Performers may choose any combination of instruments.

There must be only one player to each part.

Solo Sonatas with an accompaniment derived from a figured bass are not acceptable.

Performers must provide their own music stands.

Photocopies may not be used for performances. They may only be used by adjudicators and will be destroyed at the end of the session.

3356 Chamber Music (Age under 15)

Own Choice

Fee £16.00 per group

Group of 2 to 8 people

Up to 10 mins

3358 Chamber Music (Age 15 and under 19)

Own choice.

Fee £16.00 per group

Group of 2 to 8 people

Up to 12 mins

3360 Chamber Music (Any age)

Own choice.

Award: THE ANN KENWOOD SILVER CHALLENGE TROPHY

Fee £21.50 per group

Group of 2 to 8 people

Up to 15 mins

ORCHESTRAS (other than Primary Schools First Access)

The Orchestras must consist of 9 or more players with a combination of any orchestral instruments.

One adult player is permitted. Music stands must be provided by the entrants.

Photocopies may not be used for performances. They may only be used by adjudicators and will be destroyed at the end of the session.

3363 Orchestra (Age under 14)

Own choice

Award: THE DIRECT DUCT CHALLENGE SHIELD

Fee £21.50 per group

Group of a minimum of 9 people

Up to 10 mins

3364 Orchestra (Age 14 and under 19)

Own Choice.

Fee £27.00 per group

Group of a minimum of 9 people

Up to 10 mins

3365 Strings Orchestra (School years 8 and below)

Own choice

Fee £21.50 per group

Group of any size

Up to 10 mins

3366 Strings Orchestra (School years 9 to 13)

Own choice. Group of any size.

Fee £27.00 per group

Group of any size

Up to 10 mins

RECORDER

Different key recorders are classed as different instruments. Performers may enter any solo recorder class twice provided they play a recorder of a different key. There is no limit to the number of classes a performer can enter providing the age limits are observed. Photocopies may not be used for performances. They may only be used by adjudicators and will be destroyed at the end of the session.

Recorder Duets: Any minimum age requirement applies to the elder performer.

Medal Classes: Performers may only enter one medal class in a year. They can however enter the same medal class twice provided they play a recorder of a different key.

3372 Beginners Recorder Solo (Any age)

Own choice.

For those who have learnt for no more than 18 months. Performers entering this class cannot enter any other solo recorder class.

Fee £8.00

Up to 2 mins

3380 Recorder Solo (Age under 9)

Own choice

Award: THE FAIRLIGHT TROPHY presented by Mrs Ann Hohenkerk

Fee £8.00

Up to 2 mins

3384 Recorder Solo (Age 9 and under 11)

Own choice

Fee £8.00

Up to 2.5 mins

3388 Recorder Solo (Age 11 and under 13)

Own Choice

Fee £8.00

Up to 2.5 mins

3392 Recorder Solo (Age 13 and under 15)

Own choice

Award: THE V HARVEY TROPHY 'A' presented by Mrs V. Harvey

Fee £8.00

Up to 3 mins

3396 Recorder Solo (Age 15 and under 17)

Own choice

Award: THE BLAIRMONT TROPHY presented by Mrs Ann Hohenkerk

Fee £8.00

Up to 5 mins

3400 Recorder Solo (Age 17 and over)

Own choice

Award: THE MISS M GIBB CHALLENGE CUP

Fee £11.00

Up to 5 mins

3401 Recorder Solo Recital (Any age)

Own Choice: More than one piece. Credit will be given for choice of programme, presentation, dress, deportment and personality. It is suggested that dress should be such as would be suitable for a lunch time concert. Timing will include any introduction and pauses between pieces.

Award: THE LAURELS TROPHY

Fee £16.50

Up to 15 mins

3420 Recorder Solo Bronze Medal (Age 18 and under)

Own choice: Two contrasting pieces or movements.

Grade 5 standard.

Competitors may only enter one medal class in a year.

The Bronze Medal will be awarded subject to a minimum mark of 85 being achieved.

Award: BRONZE MEDAL

Fee £12.00

Up to 6 mins

3424 Recorder Solo Silver Medal (Age 18 and under)

Own choice . Two contrasting pieces or movements of Grade 7 standard.

Competitors may only enter one medal class in a year.

The Silver Medal will be awarded subject to a minimum mark of 85 being achieved.

Award: SILVER MEDAL

Fee £16.00

Up to 8 mins

3428 Recorder Solo Gold Medal (Any age) Open

Own choice. Two contrasting pieces or movements of Grade 8 standard or above.

Competitors may only enter one medal class in a year.

The winner with a mark of 85 or over, if aged 18 or under, will qualify for entry into Class 3604 Hastings Young Instrumentalist of the Year and a chance to win £150.

The Gold Medal will be awarded subject to a minimum mark of 90 being achieved

Award: GOLD MEDAL

Fee £20.00

Up to 10 mins

3432 Recorder Duet/Trio (Age 11 and under)

Performers can enter twice, once in a duet and once in a trio.

Own choice. Two contrasting pieces or movements.

Fee £13.00 per duo

Group of 2 people

Up to 5 mins

3436 Recorder Duet /Trio (Age 12 and under 16)

Performers can enter twice, once in a duet and once in a trio.

Own choice. Two contrasting pieces or movements.

Fee £13.00 per duo/trio

Group of 2 to 3 people

Up to 5 mins

3440 Recorder Duet/Trio (Age 16 and over)

Performers can enter twice, once in a duet and once in a trio.

Own choice Two contrasting pieces or movements.

Fee £13.00 per duo/trio

Group of 2 to 3 people

Up to 6 mins

3453 Recorder Duet for teacher and pupil. Pupil to be aged 11 and under.

Own choice. The adjudicator will only comment on the pupil's performance. The pupil may enter the class twice if playing a different instrument. As the teacher will be acting in a supportive role, the entry fee is the same as a solo entry.

Fee £8.00

Up to 3 mins

3454 Recorder Duet for teacher and pupil. Pupil to be aged 12 and under 15.

Own choice. The adjudicator will only comment on the pupil's performance. The pupil may enter the class twice if playing a different instrument. As the teacher will be acting in a supportive role, the entry fee is the same as a solo entry.

Fee £8.00

Up to 3 mins

3455 Recorder Duet for teacher and pupil. Pupil to be aged 15 and over.

Own choice. The adjudicator will only comment on the pupil's performance. The pupil may enter the class twice if playing a different instrument. As the teacher will be acting in a supportive role, the entry fee is the same as a solo entry.

Fee £8.00

Up to 4 mins

3460 Recorder Band (School years 4 and below)

Own choice.

Fee £16.00 per group

Group of any size

Up to 5 mins

3464 Recorder Band (School year 5)

Own choice

Fee £16.00 per group

Group of a minimum of 4 people

Up to 6 mins

3468 Recorder Band (School year 6)

Own choice.

Award: THE PIPEAUX SHIELD

Fee £16.00 per group

Group of a minimum of 4 people

Up to 6 mins

3472 Recorder Band (School years 7 to 9)

Own choice.

Award: THE FAIRLIGHT SHIELD

Fee £16.00 per group

Group of a minimum of 4 people

Up to 6 mins

3476 Recorder Band (School years 10 to 13)

Own choice.

Fee £21.50 per group

Group of a minimum of 4 people

Up to 6 mins

3480 Recorder Band (Any age)

Own choice.

Award: THE FRANK BOUQUET SILVER CHALLENGE CUP presented by Mrs M. Bouquet

Fee £21.50 per group

Group of a minimum of 4 people

Up to 8 mins

WOODWIND (other than recorder)

Woodwind classes are open to any woodwind instrument such as bassoon; clarinet in Bb or C; flute; oboe; piccolo; saxophone.

Entrants who play more than one instrument may enter the same class twice.

Photocopies may not be used for performances. They may only be used by adjudicators and will be destroyed at the end of the session.

Duet Classes. A minimum age limit applies only to the elder partner.

Medals. Entrants may not enter more than one medal class in the same year, although they are permitted to play more than once in one medal class if they play different instruments.

3481 Woodwind Solo Grade 1-2 (Any age)

Own choice of one or more pieces from:

Flute: Winner Scores All for Flute (Brass Wind)

Oboe: Winner Scores All for Oboe (Brass Wind)

Clarinet : First Book of Clarinet Solos (Faber Bb or C editions)

Saxophone: Time Travels for Saxophone (Astute Music)

Bassoon: Time Pieces for Bassoon Vol.1 arr. Denley

(ABRSM: standard/mini -bassoon)

Award: THE 247 WOODWIND TROPHY presented by 247247 Taxis

Fee £8.00

Up to 4 mins

3482 Woodwind Solo Grade 3-4 (Any age)

Own choice of one or more pieces from:

Flute: Harlequin Book 1 (Cramer)

Oboe: Going Solo for Oboe (Faber)

Clarinet: Great Winners for Clarinet (Brass Wind)

Saxophone: Winner Score All for Saxophone (Brass Wind)

Bassoon: Going Solo for Bassoon (Faber)

Award: THE 247 WOODWIND TROPHY presented by 247247 Taxis

Fee £8.00

Up to 4 mins

3484 Beginners Woodwind Solo (Age under 12)

Own choice.

Open to those who have learnt for no more than 18 months.

Entrants for this class cannot enter any other class for solo woodwind unless they are performing on a different instrument which they have been learning for longer than 18 months.

Award: THE 247 WOODWIND TROPHY presented by 247247 Taxis

Fee £8.00

Up to 3 mins

3486 Beginners Woodwind Solo (Age 12 and over)

Own choice

Open to those who have learnt for no more than 18 months.

Entrants for this class cannot enter any other class for solo woodwind, unless they are performing on a different instrument which they have been learning for longer than 18 months.

Award: THE 247 WOODWIND TROPHY presented by 247247 Taxis

Fee £8.00

Up to 4 mins

3487 Woodwind Solo (Age under 12)

Own choice.

Award: THE V HARVEY 'B' TROPHY presented by Mrs V M Harvey

Fee £8.00

Up to 4 mins

3488 Woodwind Solo (Age 12 and under 14)

Own Choice.

Award: THE 247 WOODWIND TROPHY presented by 247247 Taxis

Fee £8.00

Up to 4 mins

3490 Woodwind Solo (Age 14 and under 16)

Own choice

Fee £8.00

Up to 5 mins

3494 Woodwind Solo (Age 16 and over)

Own choice. Two contrasting pieces.

Fee £11.00

Up to 10 mins

3496 Woodwind Ensemble (Age under 14)

Own choice

Award: THE 247 WOODWIND TROPHY presented by 247247 Taxis

Fee £16.00 per group

Group of any size

Up to 5 mins

3498 Woodwind Ensemble (Age 14 and over)

Own choice.

Fee £21.50 per group

Group of any size

Up to 10 mins

3504 Woodwind Solo Bronze Medal (Age 18 and under)

Own choice.

Two contrasting pieces or movements of Grade 5 standard.

The Bronze Medal will be awarded subject to a minimum mark of 85 being achieved.

Award: BRONZE MEDAL

Fee £12.00

Up to 6 mins

3506 Woodwind Solo Silver Medal (Age 18 and under)

Own Choice.

Two contrasting pieces of Grade 7 standard.

The Silver Medal will be awarded subject to a minimum mark of 85 being achieved.

Award: SILVER MEDAL

Fee £16.00

Up to 8 mins

3507 Woodwind Solo Gold Medal (Any age) Open

Own choice of two contrasting pieces or movements of Grade 8 standard or above.

The winner with a mark of 85 or over, if age 18 or under, will qualify for entry into Class 3604 Hastings Young Instrumentalist of the Year and a chance to win £150.

The Gold Medal will be awarded subject to a minimum mark of 90 being achieved.

Award: GOLD MEDAL

Fee £20.00

Up to 10 mins

3508 Woodwind Solo Recital (Any age)

Own Choice. More than one piece. Credit will be given for choice of programme, presentation, dress, deportment and personality. It is suggested that dress should be such as would be suitable for a lunch time concert. Timing will include any introduction and pauses between pieces.

Award: THE WOODWIND CUP

Fee £16.50

Up to 15 mins

3509 Woodwind Duet for teacher and pupil. Pupil to be aged 11 and under.

The adjudicator will only comment on the pupil's performance. The pupil may enter the class twice if playing a different instrument. As the teacher will be acting in a supportive role, the entry fee is the same as a solo entry.

Fee £8.00

Up to 3 mins

3510 Woodwind Duet for teacher and pupil . Pupil to be aged 12 and under 15.

Own choice. The adjudicator will only comment of the pupil's performance. The pupil may enter the class twice if playing a different instrument. As the teacher will be acting in a supportive role, the entry fee is the same as a solo entry.

Fee £8.00

Up to 3 mins

3511 Woodwind Duet for teacher and pupil. Pupil to be aged 15 and over.

Own choice. The adjudicator will only comment on the pupil's performance. The pupil may enter the class twice if playing a different instrument. As the teacher will be acting in a supportive role, the entry fee is the same as a solo entry.

Fee £8.00

Up to 4 mins

BRASS

Brass classes are open to cornet; trumpet; horn; trombone; euphonium; tuba. Entrants who play more than one instrument may enter the same class twice.

Photocopies may not be used for performances. They may only be used by adjudicators and will be destroyed at the end of the session.

In Duet/Trio Classes, the minimum age limit applies only to the elder performer.

Performers can play one or more pieces up to the time limit, unless specified otherwise in the class description.

Entrants are not allowed to enter more than one medal class in any year, although they are permitted to play more than once in one medal class if they play different instruments. Medal winners may not enter the same medal class in following years.

3516 Beginners Brass Solo (Age under 15)

Own Choice

Open to those who have learnt for no more than 18 months.

Entrants cannot play the instrument they play in this class in any other brass solo class.

Fee £8.00

Up to 2.5 mins

3520 Beginners Brass Solo (Age 15 and over)

Own choice

Open to those who have learnt for no more than 18 months.

Entrants cannot play the instrument they play in this class in any other brass solo class.

Fee £8.00

Up to 3 mins

3524 Brass Solo (Age under 15)

Own Choice.

Fee £8.00

Up to 4 mins

3528 Brass Solo (Age 15 and over)

Own choice.

Fee £8.00

Up to 5 mins

3532 Brass Duet/Trio (Age under 13)

Own choice. Competitors may enter the class twice; once in a duet and once in a trio.

Fee £13.00 per duo/trio

Group of 2 to 3 people

Up to 5 mins

3536 Brass Duet/Trio (Age 13 and under 19)

Own choice. Competitors may enter the class twice; once in a duet and once in a trio.

Fee £13.00 per duo/trio

Group of 2 to 3 people

Up to 6 mins

3540 Brass Duet/Trio (Age 19 and over)

Own choice. Competitors may enter the class twice; once in a duet and once in a trio.

Fee £16.00 per duo/trio

Group of 2 to 3 people

Up to 7 mins

3556 Brass Solo Primary (Any age)

Own Choice. Grade 1 standard.

Fee £8.00

Up to 3 mins

3560 Brass Solo Elementary (Any age)

Own Choice. Grade 2 standard.

Fee £8.00

Up to 3 mins

3564 Brass Solo Transitional (Any age)

Own choice. Grade 3 standard.

Fee £8.00

Up to 4 mins

3568 Brass Solo Intermediate (Any age)

Own Choice. Grade 4 standard.

Fee £8.00

Up to 4 mins

3572 Brass Solo Bronze Medal (Age 18 and under)

Own Choice. Two contrasting pieces Grade 5 standard.

The Bronze Medal will be awarded subject to a minimum mark of 85 being achieved.

Award: BRONZE MEDAL

Fee £12.00

Up to 6 mins

3576 Brass Solo Silver Medal (Age 18 and under)

Own choice. Two contrasting pieces of Grade 6/7 standard.

The Silver Medal will be awarded subject to a minimum mark of 85 being achieved.

Award: SILVER MEDAL

Fee £16.00

Up to 8 mins

3580 Brass Solo Gold Medal (Any age) Open

Own choice. Two contrasting pieces or movements of Grade 8 standard or above.

The winner with a mark of 85 or over, if aged 18 or under, will qualify for entry into Class 3604 Hastings Young Instrumentalist of the Year and a chance to win £150.

The Gold Medal will be awarded subject to a minimum mark of 90 being achieved

Award: GOLD MEDAL

Fee £20.00

Up to 10 mins

3581 Brass Solo Recital (Any age)

Own Choice. More than one piece. Credit will be given for choice of programme, presentation, dress, deportment and personality. It is suggested that dress should be such as would be suitable for a lunch time concert. Timing will include any introduction and pauses between pieces.

Award: THE 247 BRASS TROPHY presented by 247247 Taxis

Fee £16.50

Up to 15 mins

3588 Brass Ensemble (Age under 14)

Own Choice.

One adult allowed.

Award: THE BATTLE TOWN BAND TROPHY presented by Battle Town Band

Fee £16.00 per group

Group of a minimum of 4 people

Up to 10 mins

3592 Brass Ensemble (Age 14 and under 19)

Own choice.

One adult allowed.

Award: THE SUSSEX BRASS TROPHY presented by Battle Town Band

Fee £21.50 per group

Group of a minimum of 4 people

Up to 10 mins

3596 Brass Ensemble (Any age)

Own choice.

Fee £21.50 per group

Group of a minimum of 4 people

Up to 10 mins

3597 Brass Duet for teacher and pupil. The pupil to be aged 11 and under.

Own choice. The adjudicator will only comment on the pupil's performance. The pupil may enter the class twice if playing a different instrument. As the teacher will be acting in a supportive role, the entry fee is the same as a solo entry.

Set piece: Own choice

Fee £8.00

Up to 3 mins

3598 Brass Duet for teacher and pupil. The pupil to be aged 12 and under 15.

Own choice. The adjudicator will only comment on the pupil's performance. The pupil may enter the class twice if playing different a instrument. As the teacher will be acting in a supportive role, the entry fee is the same as a solo entry.

Set piece: Own choice.

Fee £8.00 per duo

Group of 2 people

Up to 3 mins

3599 Brass Duet for teacher and pupil. The pupil to be aged 15 and over.

Own choice. The adjudicator will only comment on the pupil's performance. The pupil may enter the class twice if playing different a instrument. As the teacher will be acting in a supportive role, the entry fee is the same as a solo entry.

Fee £8.00 per duo

Group of 2 people

Up to 4 mins

CONCERTOS

Due to the uncertainly over venues when the syllabus was set, we are sorry to say that we cannot offer our junior concerto classes to pianists for the 2024 festival. This is because we will not have two pianos available to us this year. We are so sorry about this but hope to have it reinstated for 2025.

Entrants may enter the same class twice on different instruments and must provide their own accompanists and music stand.

Photocopies may not be used for performances. They may only be used by adjudicators and will be destroyed at the end of the session.

3600 Instrumental Concerto Solo (Age under 14)

Any movement from any concerto for brass, classical guitar, percussion, recorder, strings, woodwind. Competitors may enter the class twice if playing a different instrument.

Award: £150 (subject to a minimum mark of 85 being achieved and a minimum of 5 entrants)

Fee £21.50

Up to 10 mins

3602 Instrumental Concerto Solo (Age 14 and under 19)

Any movement from any concerto for brass, classical guitar, percussion, recorder, strings, woodwind. Competitors may enter the class twice if playing a different instrument.

Award: £150 (subject to a minimum mark of 85 being achieved and a minimum of 5 entrants)

Fee £27.00

Up to 15 mins

HASTINGS YOUNG INSTRUMENTALIST OF THE YEAR

Entrants will be nominated by the adjudicator who will be looking for memorable, outstanding performances across the solo classes and age groups.

Gold Medal winners will automatically qualify. Performers will usually be required to play the same pieces with which they won their Festival Class with the exception of concerto winners.

3604 Hastings Young Instrumentalist of the Year (Age 18 and under)

First Prize: £150.00

Runner up: £50.00

Award: THE HASTINGS YOUNG INSTRUMENTALIST OF THE YEAR TROPHY and £150. Runner Up £50.

Fee £0.00

FAMILY MUSIC

Any number of performers who are related.

One piano will be available.

Must include at least one other instrument apart from optional piano. Voices optional.

Photocopies may not be used for performances. They may only be used by adjudicators and will be destroyed at the end of the session.

3876 Family Music Making (Any age)

Own choice.

Award: THE HORACE FUNNELL CUP presented by Mr Stanley Parsons

Fee £16.00 per group

Group of any size

Up to 7 mins

WORLD MUSIC

Any combination of ethnic instruments such as bagpipes; bells; bongos; gamelan; sitars; steel drums.

3880 World Music (Any age)

Own Choice

Fee £21.50 per group

Group of any size

Up to 10 mins

PRIMARY SCHOOLS FIRST ACCESS

Large Primary School Ensembles for First Access Classes. FREE to enter.

Any instruments permitted. Teachers are welcome to perform as members of the ensemble. A piano will be available. Please let the section secretary know prior to the competition day if you are using a CD. Schools must bring their own music stands and photocopies are not allowed for the performance. Backing tracks can be uploaded onto Play and Perform

Each Primary School will receive a donation from the John and Irene Foster Charitable Trust towards the purchase of musical instruments, music or travel expenses.

The date for this class is to be advised.

3900 Primary Schools Class Instrumental Lessons

Own Choice

Award: THE PRIMARY SCHOOLS TROPHY presented by Mrs Ann Hohenkerk

Fee £0.00 per group

Group of any size

Up to 10 mins

PRIMARY SCHOOLS FIRST ACCESS ORCHESTRA

Primary School Orchestras, open only to Primary Schools First Access. Free to enter. Must consist of 9 or more players with a combination of any orchestral instruments. One adult player is permitted.

Schools must bring their own music stands and photocopies may not be used for performances. They may only be used by the adjudicator and will be destroyed at the end of the session.

Each Primary School will receive a donation from the John and Irene Foster Charitable Trust towards the purchase of musical instruments, music or travel expenses.

3901 Primary Schools First Access Orchestra

The Orchestra must consist of 9 or more Primary School players with any combination of orchestral instruments. One adult player is permitted.

Award: THE MORTON AWARD

Fee £0.00 per group

Group of a minimum of 9 people

Up to 10 mins

ELECTRONIC KEYBOARDS

Entrants must provide their own keyboards.

Photocopies may not be used for performances. They may only be used by adjudicators and will be destroyed at the end of the session.

Duet Classes: Age limit applies only to the elder performer.

Performers may play one or more pieces up to the time limit, unless specified in the class description.

Performers may only enter one medal class in any one year. Previous medal winners may not enter the same medal class in following years.

3902 Beginners Electronic Keyboard Solo (Age under 12)

Own Choice. Open to those who have not learnt for more than 18 months. Competitors may not enter any other solo keyboard class.

Award: THE B&T TROPHY

Fee £8.00

Up to 3 mins

3906 Beginners Electronic Keyboard Solo (Age 12 and over)

Own choice. Open to those who have not learnt for more than 18 months. Competitors may not enter any other solo keyboard class.

Award: THE JACKIE BROWNE CHALLENGE CUP

Fee £8.00

Up to 4 mins

3908 Electronic Keyboard Solo (Age under 12)

Own choice.

Award: THE BONNER TROPHY

Fee £8.00

Up to 5 mins

3911 Electronic Keyboard Solo (Age 12 and over)

Own Choice

Award: THE JACKIE BROWNE MEMORIAL TROPHY

Fee £8.00

Up to 5 mins

3919 Electronic Keyboard Solo Bronze Medal (Age 18 and under)

Own choice of two contrasting pieces from a current Grade 5 syllabus.

The Bronze Medal will be awarded subject to a minimum mark of 85 being achieved.

Award: BRONZE MEDAL

Fee £12.00

Up to 6 mins

3920 Electronic Keyboard Solo Silver Medal (Age 18 and under)

Own choice of two contrasting pieces from a current Grade 7 syllabus.

The Silver Medal will be awarded subject to a minimum mark of 85 being achieved.

Award: SILVER MEDAL

Fee £16.00

Up to 8 mins

3921 Electronic Keyboard Solo Gold Medal (Any age) Open

Own choice of 2 contrasting pieces or movements of Grade 8 standard or above.

The winner with a mark of 85 or over, if aged 18 or under, will qualify for entry into Class 3604 Hastings Young Instrumentalist of the Year and a chance to win £150.

The Gold Medal will be awarded subject to a minimum mark of 90 being achieved.

Award: GOLD MEDAL

Fee £20.00

Up to 10 mins

3922 Electronic Keyboard Duet (Two Keyboards) (Age under 12)

Own choice

Award: THE RASHA TROPHY

Fee £13.00 per duo

Group of 2 people

Up to 4 mins

3923 Electronic Keyboard Duet (Two Keyboards) (Age 12 and over)

Own choice

Award: THE HASTINGS YAMAHA MUSIC SCHOOL CHALLENGE CUP

Fee £13.00 per duo

Group of 2 people

Up to 5 mins

3932 Electronic Keyboard Solo Classical (Age under 12)

Own choice

Fee £8.00

Up to 5 mins

3933 Electronic Keyboard Solo Classical (Age 12 and over)

Own Choice

Fee £8.00

Up to 5 mins

PERFORMANCE MASTERCLASS

This is a non-competitive class intended to encourage performers who have not entered any competitive class in this 2024 Festival. The adjudicator will give a short Master Class on the importance of performance.

Entrants of any age or ability will have the opportunity to play an instrument of their choice to an audience.

A written adjudication and certificate will be available but no marks or placings will be given.

Dress should be appropriate as for a lunchtime concert. School uniform may be worn.

Music may be used (no photocopies allowed) for the performance and a copy must be given to the adjudicator.

3990 Performance Masterclass (Non-competitive) Any Age

Fee £8.00

Up to 5 mins

ORIGINAL COMPOSITION

3991 Original Composition Solo (Age under 17)

The original composition may be written for any instrument, with or without accompaniment, and will be performed by the composer or a nominated person at the festival. The original manuscript will be used for the performance and a copy will be handed to the adjudicator.

Award: THE W. H. DYER COMPOSITION CUP

Fee £8.00

Up to 4 mins

3992 Original Composition Solo (Age 17 and over) OPEN

The original composition may be written for any instrument, with or without accompaniment, and will be performed by the composer or a nominated person at the festival. The original manuscript will be used for the performance and a copy will be handed to the adjudicator.

Fee £11.00

Up to 6 mins

Singing Syllabus

Welcome to the Singing Syllabus for the 2024 Hastings Musical Festival!

There have been a number of changes to the singing syllabus so please make sure you read it carefully.

We hope to be back in The White Rock Theatre again for 2024 but if not we have made arrangements to use a separate venue in Hastings for Singing.

I look forward to seeing you all in 2024.

Donna Barton. Email: festivalads7@gmail.com

Rules

1 Please read these rules carefully - they may change from year to year. Any variation from these rules may result in disqualification. Also see the General Regulations. Age Limits: we have standardised the date across all the Sections so that all competitors must now be the stated age for their class on 31st August 2023. In some classes we have added the school year to which this age group applies.

2 Dates:

Dates for Singing Classes are: Monday 11th March to Saturday 16th March inclusive.

Friday 14th is Primary Showcase Choir in Main Hall and other classes in Sussex Hall

Friday 15th March is Choirs Day.

3 Dress/Costume:

Appropriate dress for appearing on stage is encouraged!

No Costumes allowed unless otherwise stated. Props are only allowed for certain classes, and this will be shown in the syllabus.

4 Use of copies:

Solo Singers are expected to memorise their songs except in Oratorio classes (Classes 2160 and 2162) or in Class 2038 (Seniors age 60 and under 70), and Class 2040 (Seniors age 70 and over) when copies can be used.

Choirs competing in classes 2204, 2206, 2208 and 2210 are permitted to use copies if necessary. Other choirs should sing from memory.

Copies of the music being used in all classes, apart from Pop Vocals, are to be handed in at the adjudicator's table before the commencement of the relevant class.

5 Own Choice pieces:

The same song may not be sung in different classes by the same performer, unless specifically stated in the syllabus.

For "Own Choice" pieces, suitability must be considered with regard to age group. "Adult" or offensive material is not acceptable and the Adjudicators will be advised to take this into account when marking. They will also have authority to stop any performance at their discretion which would lead to disqualification.

In Junior singing classes (age under 18) own choices may be sung in any key, and transpositions are allowed.

6 Accompaniments:

Backing tracks, without any vocals on them, are permitted in Pop Vocals and choir classes. For all other classes, live piano accompaniment is to be used, unless otherwise stated.

7 Non-transferable entries and substitutes:

Teachers please note: Solo entries are not transferable, although substitutes are permitted in duet, trio and ensemble classes.

Adjudicator

Neil Jenkins

Neil has been singing all his life, joining his first choir at the age of 6. He was a Chorister at Westminster Abbey, and then a Choral Scholar at King's College Cambridge. Whilst there he was the first tenor in the vocal group 'The Kings Singers', and sang in the first concerts given by John Eliot Gardiner's 'Monteverdi Choir'. He has been singing professionally for more than 50 years, having made his debut at London's South Bank centre in 1967. He is now an internationally renowned tenor, conductor and music editor and has recorded over 60 discs of opera, oratorio and song with many of the world's leading conductors and musicians, including Benjamin Britten, Leonard Bernstein, Alfred Deller, Riccardo Chailly, Sir Charles Mackerras, Sir Andrew Davies, Sir Roger Norrington, Sir Neville Marriner, Richard Hickox, Andrew Parrott, Kent Nagano and Hans Werner Henze.

In the 1970s he was appointed as an RCM singing professor by Sir David Willcocks, for whom he became a regular soloist with the London Bach Choir, especially as the Evangelist in the Bach Passions, performed annually at the Royal Festival Hall.

Neil has carved out a unique career, being equally at home as an Operatic, Oratorio and Recital singer, combining this with an increasingly important role as a musicologist. He has translated and edited Bach's major choral works for the New Novello Choral Edition, and has produced other editions for OUP, Kevin Mayhew and Barn End Press. For 12 years he ran his own international summer school for singers every August, and now gives a regular series of master classes, is a well-known Music Festival adjudicator, and sits on international singing juries. Neil has written the biography of the Handelian singer and first great English tenor, John Beard, and recently curated an exhibition about the singer at the Handel House Museum. His memoirs were published by Barn End Press in May 2021.

Classes

SINGING - SOLOS

2000 Singing Solo (Age under 8)

OWN CHOICE

Solo Song. Not Musical Theatre, Film or Pop Song.

Award: THE MAUREEN AUMONIER MEMORIAL CUP presented by A Friend

Fee £8.00

Up to 2 mins

2001 Singing Solo (Age 8 and 9)

OWN CHOICE: not Musical Theatre, Film or Pop Song

Fee £8.00

Up to 2 mins

2002 Singing Solo (Age 10 and 11)

OWN CHOICE: not Musical Theatre, Film or Pop Song.

Award:

Fee £8.00

Up to 2.5 mins

2003 Singing Solo (Age 12 to 14)

OWN CHOICE: not Musical Theatre, Film or Pop Song

Award: THE ERIC THIMAN SILVER CHALLENGE CUP

Fee £8.00

Up to 3 mins

2004 Singing Solo (Age 15 and under 18)

OWN CHOICE

Not Musical Theatre, Film or Pop Song

Award: THE CLIFFORD GLAZIER SILVER CHALLENGE CUP presented by Mr & Mrs A J Glazier.

Fee £8.00

Up to 4 mins

2006 English Song Solo (Age 14 and under 18)

Own choice. Vaughan Williams, Quilter, Britten, M. Dring, C. Liddell, R.R. Bennett or similar.

Award: THE BRENDA BENTALL CUP presented by The Bentall Family

Fee £8.00

Up to 4 mins

2008 Verse and Song Solo (Age under 12)

Own Choice: English Art Song.

Words to be recited first as a poem and then sung.

Time limit to include introduction, poem and song.

Award: THE HILDEN GRANGE CUP presented by Hilden Grange School.

Fee £8.00

Up to 5 mins

2010 Verse and Song Solo (Age 12 and under 18)

Own Choice: English Art Song

Words to be recited first as a poem then sung.

Time limit to include introduction, poem and song.

Award: THE KEN JOHNSON TROPHY presented by Ken Johnson

Fee £8.00

Up to 5 mins

2012 Verse and Song Solo (Age 18 and over)

Own Choice: English Art Song

Words to be recited first as a poem, then sung. Time limit to include introduction, poem and song.

Award: THE ATKINSON CUP presented by Judy Atkinson.

Fee £11.00

Up to 5 mins

2014 Sacred Song Solo (Age 12 and under 18)

Own Choice: One Song (can be from Oratorio). Note: to be sung from memory.

Award: THE GEORGE SAUNDERS MEMORIAL ROSE BOWL presented by Miss Beryl Saunders.

Fee £8.00

Up to 4 mins

2016 Gilbert & Sullivan Solo, Duet or Ensemble (Age under 18)

Any Solo, Duet, Trio or Quartet from an Opera by Gilbert & Sullivan.

Soloists may also enter this class in a duet, trio or quartet as a separate entry.

Up to 4 minutes.

Award: THE JUNIOR GILBERT & SULLIVAN TROPHY presented by Supporters Anonymous

Fee Solo: £8.00

Group: £13.00 per group

Up to 4 mins

2018 Foreign Language Song Solo (Age 12 and under 18)

Own Choice: Any classical solo song in a foreign language. Not Mother Tongue.

Award: THE GERTRUDE ROSSA SHIELD presented by Mrs. Karen McNally

Fee £8.00

Up to 4 mins

2020 Humorous Song Solo (Age under 9)

Own Choice: Not Show Song. Costume and hand-held props acceptable. Accompaniment can be by any solo instrument.

Award: THE PAULINE BARTON CUP presented by Her Family.

Fee £8.00

Up to 3 mins

2022 Humorous Song Solo (Age 9 and under 12)

Own choice, not Show Song. Costume and hand-held props are acceptable. Accompaniment can be by any solo instrument.

Fee £8.00

Up to 4 mins

2024 Humorous Song Solo (Age 12 and under 15)

Own choice, not Show Song. Costume and hand-held props acceptable. Accompaniment can be by any solo instrument.

Fee £8.00

Up to 4 mins

2026 Humorous Song Solo (Age 15 and under 18)

Own choice, not Show Song. Costume and hand-held props acceptable. Accompaniment can be by any solo instrument.

Fee £8.00

Up to 4 mins

2028 Humorous Song Solo (Age 18 and over)

Own Choice: Not Show Song. Costume and hand-held props acceptable. Accompaniment can be by any solo instrument.

Up to 5 minutes.

Award: THE COLIN BARTON CUP presented by His Family.

Fee £11.00

Up to 5 mins

2030 English Art Song Solo 20th and 21st Century (Age 18 and over) OPEN

Own choice: Vaughan Williams, Quilter, Britten, M. Dring, C. Liddell, R.R. Bennett or similar. (See also Class 2056 Verse and Song class for Age 16 and over)

Anyone who gains a mark of 87 and over in this class is eligible to enter the Gold Medal Class .

Award: THE MOLLY TOWNSON CUP

Fee £11.00

Up to 4 mins

2032 Sacred Song Solo (Not Oratorio) (Age 18 and over)

Own Choice.

Award: THE PERCY WILLIAM MACEY CHALLENGE CUP

Fee £11.00

Up to 5 mins

2034 International Art Song Solo 20th and 21st Century (Age 18 and over) OPEN

Own Choice: Any solo Art song not from the British Isles: Grieg, Sibelius, John Duke, Barber, Granados, De Falla, Respighi, or similar. (Excluding French and Lieder.) May be sung in original language or in translation.

Award: THE PAUL HAMBURGER CUP presented by Miss Jane Metcalfe.

Fee £11.00

Up to 4 mins

2036 Vintage Song Solo (Age under 18)

Own Choice. Popular song from 1870-1945, including Music Hall, Drawing Room Ballad, wartime standards and jazz standards from that era. . No costume.

Fee £8.00

Up to 4 mins

2037 Vintage Song Solo (Age 18 and over)

Own Choice. Popular song from 1870-1945, including Music Hall, Drawing Room Ballad, wartime standards and jazz standards from that era. Period costume optional but encouraged. Performers may invite audience participation where appropriate.

Fee £11.00

Up to 5 mins

2038 Singing Senior Solo (Age 60 and under 70) OPEN

Own Choice. Copies may be used.

Up to 4 minutes.

Award: THE HELEN HENSCHER CHALLENGE CUP

Fee £11.00

Up to 4 mins

2040 Singing Senior Solo (Age 70 and over)

Own Choice. Copies may be used.

Up to 4 minutes.

Award: THE ANN DALTON ROSE BOWL

Fee £11.00

Up to 4 mins

SINGING - MUSICAL THEATRE/FILM - SOLOS

Please note the changes from age groups to school year groups. Performers must be in the relevant school year groups when performing.

Performers will be expected to show an understanding of their character through their singing, movement (not dance) and dramatic content.

2041 Musical Theatre/Film Solo (Year 1)

Own Choice: Solo song from any musical show or film. Suitability of choice must be considered which regards to age group. Performers will be expected to show an understanding of their character through their singing, movement (not dance) and dramatic content. One hand prop is allowed but no costumes.

Fee £8.00

Up to 3 mins

2042 Musical Theatre/Film Solo (Year 2)

Own Choice: Solo song from any musical show or film. Suitability of choice must be considered which regards to age group. Performers will be expected to show an understanding of their character through their singing, movement (not dance) and dramatic content. One hand prop is allowed but no costumes.

Award: PHEEBS' JUNIOR MUSICAL THEATRE CUP presented by Pheeb's Sing School

Fee £8.00

Up to 3 mins

2043 Musical Theatre/Film Solo (Year 3)

Own Choice: Solo song from any musical show or film. Suitability of choice must be considered which regards to age group. Performers will be expected to show an understanding of their character through their singing, movement (not dance) and dramatic content. One hand prop is allowed but no costumes.

Fee £8.00

Up to 3 mins

2044 Musical Theatre/Film Solo (Year 4)

Own Choice: Solo song from any musical show or film. Suitability of choice must be considered which regards to age group. Performers will be expected to show an understanding of their character through their singing, movement (not dance) and dramatic content. One hand prop is allowed but no costumes.

Award: THE PRIMARY SHOW SONG CUP presented in memory of Mr. Peter Rickets.

Fee £8.00

Up to 3 mins

2046 Musical Theatre/Film Solo (Year 5)

Own Choice: Solo song from any musical show or film. Suitability of choice must be considered which regards to age group. Performers will be expected to show an understanding of their character through their singing, movement (not dance) and dramatic content. One hand prop is allowed but no costumes.

Award: THE JOAN POTTER AWARD

Fee £8.00

Up to 3.5 mins

2048 Musical Theatre/Film Solo (Year 6)

Own Choice: Solo song from any musical show or film. Suitability of choice must be considered which regards to age group. Performers will be expected to show an understanding of their character through their singing, movement (not dance) and dramatic content. One hand prop is allowed but no costumes.

Award: THE APS CUP presented by Advanced Plumbing Solutions.

Fee £8.00

Up to 3.5 mins

2050 Musical Theatre/Film Solo (Year 7)

Own Choice: Solo song from any musical show or film. Suitability of choice must be considered which regards to age group. Performers will be expected to show an understanding of their character through their singing, movement (not dance) and dramatic content. One hand prop is allowed but no costumes.

Fee £8.00

Up to 4 mins

2052 Musical Theatre/Film Solo (Year 8)

Own Choice: Solo song from any musical show or film. Suitability of choice must be considered which regards to age group. Performers will be expected to show an understanding of their character through their singing, movement (not dance) and dramatic content. One hand prop is allowed but no costumes.

Award: THE BATTLE ABBEY SCHOOL TROPHY presented by Battle Abbey

Fee £8.00

Up to 4 mins

2054 Musical Theatre/Film Solo (Year 9)

Own Choice: Solo song from any musical show or film. Suitability of choice must be considered which regards to age group. Performers will be expected to show an understanding of their character through their singing, movement (not dance) and dramatic content. One hand prop is allowed but no costumes.

Fee £8.00

Up to 4 mins

2055 Musical Theatre/Film Solo (Year 10)

Own Choice: Solo song from any musical show or film. Suitability of choice must be considered which regards to age group. Performers will be expected to show an understanding of their character through their singing, movement (not dance) and dramatic content. One hand prop is allowed but no costumes.

Fee £8.00

Up to 4 mins

2056 Musical Theatre/Film Solo (Year 11)

Own Choice: Solo song from any musical show or film. Suitability of choice must be considered which regards to age group. Performers will be expected to show an understanding of their character through their singing, movement (not dance) and dramatic content. One hand prop is allowed but no costumes.

Fee £8.00

Up to 4 mins

2057 Musical Theatre/Film Solo (Year 12)

Own Choice: Solo song from any musical show or film. Suitability of choice must be considered which regards to age group. Performers will be expected to show an understanding of their character through their singing, movement (not dance) and dramatic content. One hand prop is allowed but no costumes.

Fee £8.00

Up to 4 mins

2058 Musical Theatre/Film Solo (Year 13)

Own Choice Solo song from any Musical show or film (not including Gilbert and Sullivan). Performers will be expected to show an understanding of their character through their singing, movement (not dance), and dramatic content. One hand prop is allowed, but no costumes.

Award: THE THEATRE SENSE CUP

Fee £8.00

Up to 4 mins

2059 Musical Theatre/Film Solo (Age 18 and over) OPEN

Own Choice: Solo song from any musical show or film. Suitability of choice must be considered which regards to age group. Performers will be expected to show an understanding of their character through their singing, movement (not dance) and dramatic content. One hand prop is allowed but no costumes.

Award: THE LESLIE FELSTEAD MEMORIAL TROPHY presented by Miss Norma Redfern.

Fee £11.00

Up to 5 mins

2060 Cabaret Standard Solo (Age 13 to under 18)

Solo Cabaret or Standard song; a song not written for or performed in a musical. Post 1940 to present day. Suitability of song must be considered with regard to the festival and age of class. No costume.

Fee £8.00

Up to 4 mins

2062 Singing Solo Early 20th Century Music Theatre (Age 13 and under 18)

Own Choice: Any song written by Ivor Novello, Irving Berlin, Gershwin, Jerome Kern or similar, pre 1945. Performers will be expected to show an understanding of their character through their singing, movement (not dance) and dramatic content. One hand prop is allowed, but no costumes.

Award: THE IVORA REES TROPHY. Presented by Ivora Rees.

Fee £8.00

Up to 4 mins

SINGING - SHOW SONG - DUETS AND ENSEMBLES

An ensemble (as opposed to a choir) is defined as one voice per part. Any minimum age limit will apply only to the eldest performer. Performers may only appear once in each class, unless otherwise stated. Appropriate arrangements are allowed.

2064 Musical Theatre/Film Duet or Ensemble (Age under 12)

Own Choice: Duet or ensemble from any musical show or film. No props or costume allowed. Singers may enter this class twice - once in a duet, and once more in a larger group.

Fee £13.00 per group

Group of any size

Up to 4 mins

2066 Musical Theatre/Film Duet or Ensemble (Age 12 and under 15)

Own Choice: Duet or ensemble from any musical show or film. No props or costume allowed. Singers may enter this class twice - once in a duet, and once more in a larger group.

Fee £13.00 per group

Group of any size

Up to 4 mins

2068 Musical Theatre/Film Duet or Ensemble (Age 15 and under 18)

Own Choice: Duet or ensemble from any musical show or film. No props or costume allowed. Singers may enter this class twice - once in a duet, and once more in a larger group.

Fee £13.00 per group

Group of any size

Up to 4.5 mins

2070 Musical Theatre/Film Duet or Ensemble (Age 18 and over) OPEN

Own Choice. Any duet or ensemble from any musical show or film. No props or costumes allowed. Singers may enter the class twice - once in a duet, and once more in a larger group.

Award: THE W. FRANK FREEMAN CUP

Fee £13.00 per group

Group of any size

Up to 5 mins

2072 Musical Theatre Showcase (Any age)

Adjudication for this class will be based on all elements of singing, acting and choreography. Hand held props are allowed but no costumes. Performers may enter this class more than once, in different groups. Own Choice: extract or highlights from any one musical. Any number of performers. Backing track CD allowed for accompaniment (instrumental only) or piano.

Award: THE MUSIC THEATRE CUP presented by Mad Fish.

Fee £32.50 per group

Group of any size

Up to 15 mins

SINGING - POPULAR MUSIC VOCAL - SOLOS AND ENSEMBLES

Performers may choose from a wide range of genres, such as jazz, blues, rock etc. All songs must be suitable for performance at the festival - offensive lyrics will not be allowed and the adjudicator will have the power to stop any performance deemed unsuitable.

A professional PA system and sound engineer will be available, together with a piano. Performers may be accompanied by a guitar.

If performers are using backing tracks, these should be uploaded onto Play and Perform before the entries close.

2074 Popular Music Vocal Solo (Years 2 and 3)

Own choice: any popular song. Not Show Song (if a song was originally written for a musical it is not allowable).

Performers may choose from a wide variety of genres such as jazz, blues, rock etc. All songs must be suitable for performance at the festival - offensive lyrics will not be allowed and the adjudicator will have the power to stop any performances deemed unsuitable. A professional PA system and sound engineer will be available, together with a piano. Performer may be accompanied by a guitar. If performers are using backing tracks, they need to be uploaded onto Play and Perform before the entries close.

Fee £8.00

Up to 4 mins

2075 Popular Music Vocal Solo (Year 4)

Own choice: any popular song. Not Show Song (if a song was originally written for a musical it is not allowable).

Performers may choose from a wide variety of genres such as jazz, blues, rock etc. All songs must be suitable for performance at the festival - offensive lyrics will not be allowed and the adjudicator will have the power to stop any performances deemed unsuitable. A professional PA system and sound engineer will be available, together with a piano. Performer may be accompanied by a guitar. If performers are using backing tracks, they need to be uploaded onto Play and Perform before the entries close.

Fee £8.00

Up to 4 mins

2076 Popular Music Vocal Solo (Year 5)

Own choice: any popular song. Not Show Song (if a song was originally written for a musical it is not allowable).

Performers may choose from a wide variety of genres such as jazz, blues, rock etc. All songs must be suitable for performance at the festival - offensive lyrics will not be allowed and the adjudicator will have the power to stop any performances deemed unsuitable. A professional PA system and sound engineer will be available, together with a piano. Performer may be accompanied by a guitar. If performers are using backing tracks, they need to be uploaded onto Play and Perform before the entries close.

Fee £8.00

Up to 4 mins

2077 Popular Music Vocal Solo (Year 6)

Own choice: any popular song. Not Show Song (if a song was originally written for a musical it is not allowable).

Performers may choose from a wide variety of genres such as jazz, blues, rock etc. All songs must be suitable for performance at the festival - offensive lyrics will not be allowed and the adjudicator will have the power to stop any performances deemed unsuitable. A professional PA system and sound engineer will be available, together with a piano. Performer may be accompanied by a guitar. If performers are using backing tracks, they need to be uploaded onto Play and Perform before the entries close.

Fee £8.00

Up to 4 mins

2078 Popular Music Vocal Solo (Year 7)

Own choice: any popular song. Not Show Song (if a song was originally written for a musical it is not allowable).

Performers may choose from a wide variety of genres such as jazz, blues, rock etc. All songs must be suitable for performance at the festival - offensive lyrics will not be allowed and the adjudicator will have the power to stop any performances deemed unsuitable. A professional PA system and sound engineer will be available, together with a piano. Performer may be accompanied by a guitar. If performers are using backing tracks, they need to be uploaded onto Play and Perform before the entries close.

Award:

Fee £8.00

Up to 4 mins

2079 Popular Music Vocal Solo (Year 8)

Own choice: any popular song. Not Show Song (if a song was originally written for a musical it is not allowable).

Performers may choose from a wide variety of genres such as jazz, blues, rock etc. All songs must be suitable for performance at the festival - offensive lyrics will not be allowed and the adjudicator will have the power to stop any performances deemed unsuitable. A professional PA system and sound engineer will be available, together with a piano. Performer may be accompanied by a guitar. If performers are using backing tracks, they need to be uploaded onto Play and Perform before the entries close.

Fee £8.00

Up to 4 mins

2080 Popular Music Vocal Solo (Year 9)

Own choice: any popular song. Not Show Song (if a song was originally written for a musical it is not allowable).

Performers may choose from a wide variety of genres such as jazz, blues, rock etc. All songs must be suitable for performance at the festival - offensive lyrics will not be allowed and the adjudicator will have the power to stop any performances deemed unsuitable. A professional PA system and sound engineer will be available, together with a piano. Performer may be accompanied by a guitar. If performers are using backing tracks, they need to be uploaded onto Play and Perform before the entries close.

Fee £8.00

Up to 4 mins

2081 Popular Music Vocal Solo (Years 10 and 11)

Own choice: any popular song. Not Show Song (if a song was originally written for a musical it is not allowable).

Performers may choose from a wide variety of genres such as jazz, blues, rock etc. All songs must be suitable for performance at the festival - offensive lyrics will not be allowed and the adjudicator will have the power to stop any performances deemed unsuitable. A professional PA system and sound engineer will be available, together with a piano. Performer may be accompanied by a guitar. If performers are using backing tracks, they need to be uploaded onto Play and Perform before the entries close.

Fee £8.00

Up to 4 mins

2082 Popular Music Vocal Solo (Years 12 and 13)

Own choice: any popular song. Not Show Song (if a song was originally written for a musical it is not allowable).

Performers may choose from a wide variety of genres such as jazz, blues, rock etc. All songs must be suitable for performance at the festival - offensive lyrics will not be allowed and the adjudicator will have the power to stop any performances deemed unsuitable. A professional PA system and sound engineer will be available, together with a piano. Performer may be accompanied by a guitar. If performers are using backing tracks, they need to be uploaded onto Play and Perform before the entries close.

Fee £8.00

Up to 4 mins

2083 Popular Music Vocal Solo (Age 18 and over) OPEN

Own choice: any popular song. Not Show Song (if a song was originally written for a musical it is not allowable).

Performers may choose from a wide variety of genres such as jazz, blues, rock etc. All songs must be suitable for performance at the festival - offensive lyrics will not be allowed and the adjudicator will have the power to stop any performances deemed unsuitable. A professional PA system and sound engineer will be available, together with a piano. Performer may be accompanied by a guitar. If performers are using backing tracks, they need to be uploaded onto Play and Perform before the entries close.

Fee £11.00

Up to 5 mins

2084 Popular Music Vocal Duet or Ensemble (Age 9 and under 14)

At least two singers. Singers may enter class twice - once in a duet and once more in a larger group.

Own choice: any popular song. Not Show Song (if a song was originally written for a musical it is not allowable). Performers may choose from a wide variety of genres such as jazz, blues, rock etc. All songs must be suitable for performance at the festival - offensive lyrics will not be allowed and the adjudicator will have the power to stop any performances deemed unsuitable. A professional PA system and sound engineer will be available, together with a piano. Performer may be accompanied by a guitar. If performers are using backing tracks, they need to be uploaded onto Play and Perform before the entries close.

Up to 5 minutes.

Fee £13.00 per group

Group of any size

Up to 5 mins

2086 Popular Music Vocal Duet or Ensemble (Age 14 and under 18)

At least two singers. Singers may enter the class twice, once in a duet and once more in a larger group. Own choice: any popular song. Not Show Song (if a song was originally written for a musical it is not allowable).

Performers may choose from a wide variety of genres such as jazz, blues, rock etc. All songs must be suitable for performance at the festival - offensive lyrics will not be allowed and the adjudicator will have the power to stop any performances deemed unsuitable. A professional PA system and sound engineer will be available, together with a piano. Performer may be accompanied by a guitar. If performers are using backing tracks, they need to be uploaded onto Play and Perform before the entries close.

Fee £13.00 per group

Group of any size

Up to 4 mins

SINGING - FOLK SONG - SOLOS AND ENSEMBLES

2088 Unaccompanied Folk Song Solo (Age under 11)

Own Choice: Solo song. Any traditional folk song from the British Isles.

Award: THE LILIAN CORDELL SILVER CHALLENGE CUP 'A'

Fee £8.00

Up to 3.5 mins

2090 Unaccompanied Folk Song Solo (Age 11 and under 14)

Own Choice: Solo song. Any traditional folk song from the British Isles.

Award: THE LILIAN CORDELL SILVER CHALLENGE CUP 'B'

Fee £8.00

Up to 4 mins

2092 Unaccompanied Folk Song Solo (Age 14 and under 18)

Own Choice: Solo song. Any traditional folk song from the British Isles.

Award: THE SELLENS FOLK AWARD presented by Mr and Mrs Sellens

Fee £8.00

Up to 4 mins

2094 Unaccompanied Folk Song Solo (Age 18 and over)

Own choice.

Up to 5 minutes

Award: THE LUCY METSON CUP

Fee £11.00

Up to 4.5 mins

2096 Unaccompanied Folk Song Group (Any age)

A group of a minimum of 2 people. Own choice.

Fee £16.00 per group

Group of any size

Up to 8 mins

2098 Folk Group with Instrumentalists and Optional Singers (Any age)

2 or more instrumentalists with optional singers

Own choice.

Fee £16.00 per group

Group of any size

Up to 8 mins

SINGING - SELF ACCOMPANIED

2100 Self Accompanied Solo (Age 11 and under 16)

Own Choice: Song with Piano, Acoustic Guitar or Harp. Not pop song. Copies of the music must be provided for the Adjudicator.

Credit will be given for presentation and musical standard of the Song.

Fee £8.00

Up to 4 mins

2102 Self Accompanied Solo (Age 16 and under 18)

Own Choice: Song with Piano, Acoustic Guitar or Harp.

Not a Pop Song. Copies of music must be provided for the adjudicator.

Credit will be given for presentation and musical standard of the Song.

Fee £8.00

Up to 4 mins

2104 Self Accompanied Solo (Age 18 and over)

Own Choice: Song with Piano, Acoustic Guitar or Harp. Not pop song. Copies of the music must be provided for the Adjudicator.

Credit will be given for presentation and Musical standard of the Song.

Fee £11.00

Up to 4 mins

SINGING - SOLOS OR ENSEMBLES - OPTIONAL

2106 Singing Novice Solo or Duet (Age 18 and over)

New Rule

This class is free to anyone who has never sung in Hastings Musical Festival.

Own Choice: Not Pop Music. Any voice, male or female. Open to performers who have not won a first place in any Festival affiliated to the Federation. Performers may enter twice in this class, once as a soloist and again as part of a duet as a separate entry

Fee Solo: £11.00

Duo: £16.00 per duo

Up to 4 mins

2108 Gilbert & Sullivan Solo, Duet or Ensemble (Age 18 and over)

Any solo, duet, trio or quartet from an opera by Gilbert & Sullivan. Soloists may also enter this class in a duet, trio or quartet as a separate entry.

Award: THE HASTLEONS' CHALLENGE CUP

Fee Solo: £11.00

Group: £16.00 per group

Up to 4 mins

2110 Light Opera Solo or Duet (Age 18 and over)

Any solo or duet from light opera or similar, published before 1950. (Johann Strauss, Lehar, Monckton, Balfe, Novello, Coward, Vivian Ellis or similar). Not Gilbert & Sullivan. Soloists may also enter this class in a duet as a separate entry.

Award: THE MOORE CUP presented by Richard and Lesley Moore

Fee Solo: £11.00

Duo: £16.00 per duo

Up to 5 mins

2112 Musical Play Solo, Duet or Ensemble (Age 18 and over)

Own Choice. Any solo, duet, trio or quartet from any musical play (Gershwin, Berlin, Rodgers and Hammerstein, Kern, Bernstein, Lerner and Loewe, Sondheim or similar). Soloists may also enter this class in a duet, trio or quartet as a separate entry.

Up to 5 minutes.

Fee Solo: £11.00

Group: £16.00 per group

Up to 5 mins

SINGER/SONGWRITER

2114 Singer/Songwriter Solo (Age 11 to under 15)

Can be self accompanied or accompanied by piano or guitar. A professional PA system and sound engineer will be available. Performer must have written the tune, lyrics and accompaniment. Lyrics and music or chords to be provided for the adjudicator. Note: the same song cannot also be used in a solo pop-vocal class.

Award: THE MATTHEW JAMES MEMORIAL CUP presented by Emma Burnett

Fee £8.00

Up to 4 mins

2116 Singer/Songwriter Solo (Age 15 and under 18)

Can be self accompanied or accompanied by piano or guitar. A professional PA system and sound engineer will be available. Performer must have written the tune, lyrics and accompaniment. Lyrics and music or chords to be provided for the adjudicator. Note: the same song cannot be performed in the solo pop vocal class.

Award: THE MICHAEL JAMES MEMORIAL CUP presented by Emma Burnett

Fee £8.00

Up to 4 mins

SINGER AND ACCOMPANIST

Will be adjudicated on combined performance of competitors. In the Singer and Accompanist classes a performer may appear a second time in the other capacity. No electronic keyboards are permitted.

2118 Singer and Accompanist (Both performers age under 15)

Own Choice. This class will be adjudicated on the combined performance of both competitors. A performer can appear for a second time in the other capacity. Accompanying will be on the piano.

Fee £13.00 per duo

Group of 2 people

Up to 4 mins

2120 Singer and Accompanist (Both performers age 15 and under 18)

Own Choice. This class will be adjudicated on the combined performance of both competitors. A performer can appear for a second time in the other capacity. Accompanying will be on the piano.

Fee £13.00 per duo

Group of 2 people

Up to 4 mins

SINGING RECITAL

2122 Recital Solo Junior (Age 13 and under 18)

Own Choice contrasting programme of two, three or four songs. Credit will be given for choice of programme, presentation, dress, deportment and personality. Time limit includes introduction and pauses between songs. Programme may include one song performed in another class during current festival. The programme may include Musical Theatre but Pop Songs are not acceptable. A standard of at least ABRSM Grade V is expected.

Award: THE BATTLE ABBEY SCHOOL SHIELD

Fee £11.00

Up to 15 mins

2124 Recital Solo Adult (Age 18 and over) OPEN

Own Programme. Time limit includes introduction and pauses between songs. Credit will be given for choice of programme, presentation, dress, deportment and personality. It is suggested that dress should be such as would be suitable for a lunch-hour concert.

Award: THE W.H.DYER ROSE BOWL

Fee £21.50

Up to 15 mins

SINGING MEDALS

2126 Singing Bronze Medal (Age under 18)

OWN CHOICE of 2 contrasting pieces from a current Grade 5 singing syllabus, not Music Theatre, Film or Pop Music.

Competitors may only enter for one singing medal class.

Award: BRONZE MEDAL

Fee £12.00

2128 Singing Silver Medal (Age under 18)

OWN CHOICE of 2 contrasting pieces from a current grade 7 singing syllabus, not Music Theatre, Film or Pop Music.

Competitors may only enter for one singing medal class.

Award: SILVER MEDAL

Fee £16.00

2130 Singing Silver Medal (Age 18 and over)

Own Choice: Classical Song. Credit will be given for presentation and Musical standard of Song. A winning mark of 87 must be achieved before the medal can be awarded.

Award: SILVER MEDAL

Fee £16.00

Up to 5 mins

2132 Singing Gold Medal (Age 18 and over) OPEN

The Gold Medal will be awarded to the winner with a mark of 90 and above and only to a singer who is not already a Hastings Musical Festival Gold Medallist. However former Gold Medallists entering the class will be eligible to win the cash prize of £150.

A Cash prize of £150 for the winner of this Class if a mark of 87 and over is awarded.

Own choice. To perform two contrasting songs of at least Grade 8 standard. One piece is to be an English Art Song. The other choice can be any style but not Pop Vocals.

Credit will be given for presentation, dress and musical standard of the songs. Please note: this class will not take place if fewer than three entries are received.

Award: GOLD MEDAL. A cash prize of £150 if a mark of 87 and over is awarded.

Fee £20.00

THE JOHN LOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP

The John Lockey Championship is open only to the winners of classes 2134 to 2144 who qualify automatically, with a mark of 80, to compete.

If an entrant has qualified in two classes, he/she must choose one piece for the championship.

2134 Soprano Solo (Age 18 and over)

OWN CHOICE, Suitable for a soprano voice.

English Art Song: Vaughan Williams, Quilter, Britten, M.Dring, C.Liddell, R.R. Bennett or similar.

Fee £11.00

Up to 5 mins

2136 Mezzo-Soprano Solo (Age 18 and over)

OWN CHOICE, Suitable for a Mezzo-soprano voice.

English Art Song : Vaughan Williams, Quilter, Britten, M.Dring, C.Liddell, R.R. Bennett or similar.

Fee £11.00

Up to 5 mins

2138 Contralto Solo (Age 18 and over)

OWN CHOICE, Suitable for a Contralto voice.

English Art Song : Vaughan Williams, Quilter, Britten, M.Dring, C.Liddell, R.R. Bennett or similar.

Fee £11.00

Up to 5 mins

2140 Tenor Solo (Age 18 and over)

OWN CHOICE, Suitable for a Tenor voice.

English Art Song : Vaughan Williams, Quilter, Britten, M.Dring, C.Liddell, R.R. Bennett or similar.

Fee £11.00

Up to 5 mins

2142 Baritone Solo (Age 18 and over)

OWN CHOICE, Suitable for a Baritone voice.

English Art Song : Vaughan Williams, Quilter, Britten, M.Dring, C.Liddell, R.R. Bennett or similar.

Fee £11.00

Up to 5 mins

2144 Bass Solo (Age 18 and over)

OWN CHOICE, Suitable for a Bass voice.

English Art Song : Vaughan Williams, Quilter, Britten, M.Dring, C.Liddell, R.R. Bennett or similar.

Fee £11.00

Up to 5 mins

2146 The John Lockey Championship (Age 18 and over)

Open only to the winners of classes 2134 to 2144 who qualify automatically, with a mark of 80, to compete. If an entrant has qualified in two classes, he/she must choose one piece for the championship.

Award: THE JOHN LOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP ROSE BOWL

Fee £0.00

THE JUNE ELGAR MEMORIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

The June Elgar Memorial Championship is open only to the winners of classes 2148 - 2162 who qualify with a mark of 80 to compete.

If an entrant has qualified in two classes, he/she must choose one piece for the Championship.

2148 Early Music Solo (Age 18 and over) OPEN

Own Choice: A song or aria composed before 1800. Any language.

The winner is eligible for The June Elgar Memorial Championship if a mark of at least 80 is awarded.

Award: THE EARLY MUSIC CUP presented by Miss Naomi Kilby

Fee £11.00

Up to 6 mins

2150 French Solo (Age 18 and over) OPEN

Own choice from any French classical composer.

To be sung in French.

The winner will be eligible for the June Elgar Memorial Championship if a mark of at least 80 is awarded.

Award: THE YVES GOEAOU CHALLENGE CUP

Fee £11.00

Up to 5 mins

2152 Lieder Solo (Age 18 and over) OPEN

Own Choice: Any composer.

To be sung in German.

Winner eligible for June Elgar Memorial Championship if mark of at least 80 awarded.

Award: THE CECILIE ELSWORTH SILVER CHALLENGE CUP presented by Miss Cecilie Elsworth.

Fee £11.00

Up to 5 mins

2154 Mozart Operatic or Concert Aria Solo (Not Oratorio) (Age 18 and over) OPEN

Own Choice: One aria only in original key.

Winner eligible for June Elgar Memorial Championship if mark of at least 80 awarded.

Award: THE VERITY ANN BATES CHALLENGE CUP presented by Miss Bates.

Fee £11.00

Up to 6 mins

2156 Operatic Women Solo (Age 18 and over) OPEN

Own Choice: One aria only in the original key. Recit. optional.

Winner eligible for June Elgar Memorial Championship if mark of at least 80 awarded.

Award: CONCHITA SUPERVIA ROSE BOWL 'A' presented by Miss Dorothy Walker

Fee £11.00

Up to 6 mins

2158 Operatic Men Solo (Age 18 and over) OPEN

Own Choice. One Aria only in original key. Recit. Optional.

Winner eligible for The June Elgar Memorial Championship if a mark of at least 80 is awarded.

Award: CONCHITA SUPERVIA ROSE BOWL 'B' presented by Miss Dorothy Walker.

Fee £11.00

Up to 6 mins

2160 Oratorio Women Solo (Age 18 and over) OPEN

Own Choice: One aria in the original key. Copies may be used. NOW INCLUDING BACH ARIA .

Winner eligible for the June Elgar Memorial Championship if a mark of at least 80 awarded.

Award: THE WINIFRED DIXON CHALLENGE CUP

Fee £11.00

Up to 8 mins

2162 Oratorio Men Solo (Age 18 and over) OPEN

Including Bach Aria.

Own Choice. One aria in original key. Copies may be used.

Winner eligible for the June Elgar Memorial Championship if a mark of at least 80 is awarded.

Award: THE FRANK NEWLYN CHALLENGE CUP presented by Mrs W.M Midmer

Fee £11.00

Up to 8 mins

2164 The June Elgar Memorial Championship (Age 18 and over) OPEN

Open only to the winners of classes 2148-2162 who qualify with a mark of 80 to compete. If an entrant has qualified in two classes, he/she must choose one piece for the championship.

Award: THE JUNE ELGAR MEMORIAL CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY presented by John and Elaine Elgar.

Fee £0.00

SINGING - MASTER CLASSES**2166 Singing Master Class (Age 18 and under 30) NEW**

Singers are invited to prepare one song or aria from the classical or musical theatre repertoire. It could be something that they are preparing for an exam, concert, competition or audition. The adjudicator will then work with them on language, interpretation, vocal technique and presentation. Each performer will have up to 15 minutes to work with the adjudicator. Performers must provide their own accompanist. Marks will not be awarded, but performers will receive a comment sheet.

Fee £16.00

Up to 15 mins

2168 Singing Master Class (Age 30 and over) NEW

Singers are invited to prepare one song or aria from the classical or musical theatre repertoire. It could be something that they are preparing for an exam, concert, competition or audition. The adjudicator will then work with them on language, interpretation, vocal technique and presentation. Each performer will have up to 15 minutes to work with the adjudicator. Performers must provide their own accompanist. Marks will not be awarded, but performers will receive a comment sheet.

Fee £16.00

Up to 15 mins

SINGING - DUETS AND ENSEMBLES

An Ensemble (as opposed to a Choir) is defined as one voice per part. Any minimum age limit will apply only to the eldest performer. Performers may only appear once in each class (unless otherwise stated). Appropriate arrangements allowable.

2170 Singing Duet (Age under 13)

Own Choice: Duet, any style (not musical theatre or pop vocals) any combination of voices.

Award: THE HITCHMAN CUP IN MEMORY OF DOROTHY AND ALFRED HITCHMAN presented by their family

Fee £13.00 per duo

Group of 2 people

Up to 4 mins

2172 Singing Duet (Age 13 and under 18)

Own Choice: Duet, any style (not musical theatre or pop vocals). Any combination of voices.

Award: THE ROBERT PATTENDEN CHALLENGE CUP

Fee £13.00 per duo

Group of 2 people

Up to 4 mins

2174 Singing Classical Duet (Non-operatic) (Age 18 and over)

Own Choice: must be pre 1960. Any combination of voices.

Award: THE PHILOMEL SILVER CHALLENGE CUP

Fee £16.00 per duo

Group of 2 people

Up to 5 mins

2176 Singing Operatic Duet (Age 18 and over)

Own Choice: Any combination of voices. To be sung in original key.

Award: THE JULIE GEORGE CUP

Fee £16.00 per duo

Group of 2 people

Up to 6 mins

2178 Singing Ensemble (Age Under 18)

Own Choice: Not show song (if a song was written for a musical, it is not allowable). Any combination of voices. Appropriate ensemble arrangements allowable.

Award: THE HOPE CUP presented by Ms. Judith Coleman

Fee £13.00 per group

Group of any size

Up to 5 mins

2180 Singing Trio (Age 18 and over)

Own Choice: any combination of voices.

Fee £16.00 per trio

Group of 3 people

Up to 5 mins

2182 Singing Quartet (Age 18 and over)

Own Choice: Any combination of voices.

Award: THE EIRENE TICEHURST CHALLENGE CUP presented by The Tenterden Choral Society

Fee £16.00 per group

Group of 4 people

Up to 7 mins

CHOIRS AND GROUPS

Choirs may be accompanied by Piano, Keyboard or pre-recorded Backing Track (may contain instruments but no vocals).

Please note that accurate numbers of Choir size (and number of helpers) must be provided for all Choir classes. Please send an estimate when entering and send accurate numbers the week before performance.

Audience space for these classes will be limited. Audience tickets for the School Choirs will be available in advance, details will be shown on the Festival website.

Please provide copies of music for the Adjudicator.

2184 Beaver Scouts and Rainbows (Age under 9)

Own Choice: Action song or songs. Costume optional. At least 5 performers. Extra marks will be awarded for songs of real merit with bona-fide action.

Award: THE MRS BETTY LUNN TROPHY presented by Mrs Jenny Barton-Hibbs

Fee £21.50 per group

Group of a minimum of 5 people

Up to 7 mins

2186 Cub Scouts, Brownies or Guides (Age under 11)

Action Songs and Camp Fires

Own Choice: Action song or songs. Costume optional. Musical instruments permitted. At least 5 performers. Extra marks will be awarded for songs of real merit with bona-fide action.

Award: THE DOROTHY HALLET CHALLENGE SHIELD presented by Mrs Dorothy Hallet

Fee £21.50 per group

Group of a minimum of 5 people

Up to 7 mins

2188 Singing Action & Campfire Songs - Scouts or Guides (Any age)

Own Choice: Campfire programme. Costume optional. At least 7 performers. Musical instruments permitted. Extra marks will be awarded for songs of real merit with bona-fide action.

Fee £21.50 per group

Group of a minimum of 7 people

Up to 7 mins

2190 Choirs (Schools): 40 voices or fewer (Up to and including year 6)

Own Choice: Programme of at least two contrasting songs. Choirs may be accompanied by piano, keyboard or backing tracks. Backing tracks must not contain any vocals.

Award: THE DEREK NORCROSS MEMORIAL TROPHY

Fee £21.50 per group

Group of 2 to 40 people

Up to 7 mins

2192 Choirs (Schools): More than 40 voices (Up to and including year 6)

Own Choice: Programme of at least two contrasting songs. Choirs can be accompanied by piano, keyboard or backing tracks. Backing tracks must not contain any vocals.

Award: THE JOHN LOCKEY BANNER

Fee £21.50 per group

Group of a minimum of 40 people

Up to 7 mins

2194 Choirs (Schools): Any number of voices (Up to and including year 4)

Own Choice: Programme of at least two contrasting songs. Any number of voices. Choirs can be accompanied by piano, keyboard or backing tracks. Backing tracks must not contain any vocals.

Award: THE SIR HENRY COWARD SHIELD

Fee £21.50 per group

Group of any size

Up to 7 mins

2196 Choirs (Schools): Any number of voices (Up to and including year 8)

Own Choice: Programme of at least two contrasting songs. Any number of voices. Choirs can be accompanied by piano, keyboard or backing tracks. Backing tracks must not contain any vocals.

Award: THE MABEL E. JEPSON SILVER CHALLENGE SHIELD presented by Miss Mabel Elizabeth Jepson

Fee £21.50 per group

Group of any size

Up to 7 mins

2197 Primary School Choirs Showcase: Fifteen or more voices

Hastings and Rother non fee paying primary schools only. A choir consisting of 15 or more pupils taken from any year groups. Funding available for a choir advocate to visit the school and support a non specialist teacher. Travel to the festival will also be supported. An opportunity to perform two songs in a showcase, non competitive setting. May be accompanied by live instruments or backing tracks. For more information contact: info@hastingsmf.org.uk

Award: THE ROTARY CLUB OF HASTINGS SHIELD

Fee £0.00 per group

Group of a minimum of 15 people

Up to 7 mins

2200 Youth Choirs: Seven or more voices (Age under 26)

Own Choice: Programme of at least two contrasting songs. Any combination of voices. Choirs can be accompanied by piano, keyboard or backing tracks. Backing tracks must not contain any vocals.

Award: THE STUDENTS SILVER CHALLENGE CUP presented by The Students Ladies Choir

Fee £21.50 per group

Group of a minimum of 7 people

Up to 7 mins

2202 Youth Show Choirs: Any number of voices (Age 18 and under)

A programme, lasting no more than 10 minutes, of two contrasting songs. The songs must not be from the same show or by the same composer. The use of movement is optional. Choreography, if used, must be original and not be copied from any show. The performance is to be accompanied by piano or backing track which must not contain any backing vocals.

Award: PHEEBS' CHOIR AWARD presented by Pheeb's Sing School

Fee £27.00 per group

Group of any size

Up to 10 mins

2203 Adult Show Choirs: Any number of voices (Age over 18)

A programme, lasting no more than 10 minutes, of two contrasting songs. The songs must not be from the same show or by the same composer. The use of movement is optional. Choreography, if used, must be original and not be copied from any show. The performance is to be accompanied by piano or backing track which must not contain any backing vocals.

Fee £27.00 per group

Group of any size

Up to 10 mins

2204 Adult Community Choirs: Any number of voices (Age 18 and over only)

Own Choice: ACCOMPANIED BY PIANO. A programme of at least two contrasting songs. Any combination of voices. Copies may be used if necessary.

PLEASE NOTE: Choreographed movement is not allowed.

Award: THE ST CECILIA SILVER CHALLENGE SHIELD

Fee £27.00 per group

Group of any size

Up to 10 mins

2206 W.I. and Townswomen's Choirs: Seven or more voices (Any age)

Own Choice: Programme of at least two contrasting Songs. Copies may be used if necessary.

Award: THE MORTON CUP

Fee £27.00 per group

Group of a minimum of 7 people

Up to 7 mins

2208 Church Choirs: Any number of voices (Any age)

Own choice: Programme of at least two contrasting songs. Copies may be used if necessary.

Award: THE H C BURGESS CUP

Fee £27.00 per group

Group of any size

Up to 7 mins

2210 'A Capella' Group: Any number of voices (Any age)

Own Choice: Programme of at least two contrasting songs. For any unaccompanied choir or group, including madrigals, barbershop or other. Any number of voices. Copies may be used, if necessary.

Award: THE MRS. F. TYLER SILVER CHALLENGE CUP presented by The Round Table of Bexhill

Fee £27.00 per group

Group of any size

Up to 7 mins

2212 Community Choirs: Any number of voices (Age under 13)

Own Choice: A programme of at least two contrasting songs. Choirs can be accompanied by piano, keyboard or backing tracks. Backing tracks must not contain any vocals.

Award: PHEEBS' COMMUNITY CHOIR AWARD presented by Pheeb's Sing School

Fee £21.50 per group

Group of any size

Up to 7 mins

Speech, Drama and Mime Syllabus

Welcome to the 2024 Hastings Musical Festival Syllabus for Speech, Drama and Mime.

Thank you to all who took part in our 2023 Festival. We were pleased that the number of our entries overtook pre-pandemic levels and we enjoyed a very happy Festival with our adjudicator Vivienne Cunningham.

We are looking forward to welcoming Ann Bauer back to adjudicate in 2024, and we are delighted to be able to say that there will be trophies to be won in all classes for those aged under 19 in Speech Solos, Humorous Verse, Dramatic Monologue, Dramatic Duologue and Mime.

Read the Syllabus carefully as there are two brand new classes and adjustments have been made to some others in relation to age limits and School Year groupings.

There are over seventy Speech, Drama and Mime classes to choose from, and there are some special trophies encompassing all age groups for aggregate marks across two or three of the four genres: Poetry, Prose, Monologue and Mime; so you may wish to consider combinations of entries to give yourself opportunities to achieve these additional awards. There are also two aggregate awards for those aged under 13 for combinations of entries in Speech with Piano or Singing, and Speech with Dance.

If you are aged 19 or over or are a previous Silver Medal winner, do give serious thought to making an entry in the Speech Gold Medal class. Although, in this class, 90 must be achieved to be awarded the medal, there will be a cash prize of £150 for a winning mark of 87 or more.

Before looking at the Speech, Drama and Mime Syllabus, please go to the Combined Syllabus where you will find the General Rules, which are applicable to all sections, and information about our Special Trophies.

If you have any queries, contact Deirdre Goodger, the Section Secretary: dgoodger46@gmail.com

Shakespeare, in Hamlet, Act III, Scene 2, has some good advice to those entering this Section:

"Speak the speech, I pray you, as I pronounced it to you, trippingly on the tongue; but if you mouth it as many of your players do, I had as lief the town-crier spoke my lines. Nor do not saw the air too much with your hand, thus: but use all gently."

Rules

1 Dates - The provisional dates for this section are 26th, 27th & 28th February 2024. Please check your programme for confirmation.

2 Presentation - Credit will be given for choice of repertoire, presentation, dress and deportment, including a bow at the end of the performance. No Costume allowed, unless specified.

3 Age groups - With the exception of Speech Medal classes, class 4016 and those designated 'Any Age', competitors aged under 16 should be entered for the class appropriate to their school year. Please also note that, for ALL classes, AGE IS TAKEN AS FROM 31ST AUGUST OF THE

PREVIOUS YEAR (2023).

Please ensure, for entrants under 19, that their date of birth is included in their details on the entry form.

4 Suitability of material - For Own Choice pieces, suitability of content and language must be considered with regard to age group. The suitability of material is decided at the Adjudicator's discretion and must not contain profane or offensive words. "Adult" or offensive material is not acceptable and Adjudicators are advised to take this into account when marking. They also have authority to stop any performance at their discretion. This would lead to automatic disqualification.

5 Test pieces - Test pieces, as indicated, have been taken from anthologies which have been named in the syllabus. All classes, including those for Prose Speaking, should be learnt, with the exception of classes for Original Verse (classes 4148 - 4158) which may be spoken or read. 'Own Choice' copies of words must be handed in to the steward when requested.

7 Copyright - The Hastings Musical Festival has entered into an agreement with the Authors' Licensing and Collecting Society. This means that performers do not have to seek permission for any poetry, prose or solo dramatic items performed to a time limit of 10 minutes.

Dramatic Items must be announced with title and author at the time of performance to qualify for copyright indemnity, and the performer must not change the words or gender of the character.

Own Choice items - Please add the following information to the scripts that you hand in to the adjudicator's table for all solo own choice items (printed out or handwritten, on the copy, or firmly attached to it):

Author's first and last names;

Title of piece performed;

Title of book piece taken from;

ISBN number of book (if available)

This information is important as it has to be reported to The British and International Federation of Festivals (BIFF) for copyright purposes. Performers and teachers will be delighted to know that their participation in this festival means authors will be directly reimbursed as a consequence of their works being performed at this festival.

Duologues and group dramatic activity are not covered by this agreement and copyright for these items should be sought by performers at the time of entry.

6 Time Limits - In all classes with a time limit, any extra time taken will be penalised by loss of marks. In Improvisation classes, any performance that does not fall within the range between the stated minimum and maximum time limits will be penalised by loss of marks.

8 All performers in group work must be within the specified age range.

9 All performers are asked to bow at the conclusion of their piece.

10 Should classes be over or under subscribed, the Section Secretary may choose to divide or combine classes.

Adjudicator

Ann Bauer EdD, MEd, BA(Hons), LRAM, LGSM, PGCE, DipSpLD

Ann has spent her working life in education teaching in secondary and primary schools, theatres, university and therapy teams, as well as examining drama and theatre studies. Ann ran her own

drama school for many years. Ann is also an adjudicator for The British and International Federation of Festivals.

Ann trained to teach under John Hodgson at Bretton Hall, his major influence was the importance of improvisation. Ann continues to be an enthusiastic teacher of improvisation for developing all performance skills.

She believes strongly in the inclusive power of drama, that it offers confidence building, team work, creativity and the discipline of controlling body, voice - and nerves. Combining that with her love of the written word, her first degree was English; she counts herself lucky to spend her life talking about what she loves.

In addition, Ann works in consultancy, advocacy, and writing in Special Educational Needs, she has, for many years, been a specialist teacher in this field.

In her spare time Ann still attends ballet and tap classes, a lifelong passion, enjoys theatre going, precious time with her family, and walking: shorter distances as well as long distance back-packing treks.

Classes

READING AT SIGHT

Test: An extract of prose chosen by the adjudicator.

4000 Reading Prose at Sight (School Year 6 and Under)

Award: THE KEITH HARLING CUP

Fee £8.00

4004 Reading Prose at Sight (School Years 7 and 8)

Fee £8.00

4008 Reading Prose at Sight (School Years 9, 10 and 11)

Fee £8.00

SPEECH SOLOS

4016 Speech (Age 4 and Under)

Own Choice: Verse.

No time limit.

Award: THE SANDRA NOBLE CHALLENGE CUP

Fee £8.00

4020 Speech (School Years 1 and 2)

Set piece: 'The Christening' by A.A. Milne from: I Like This Poem, Puffin Books.

Award: THE CAROL RALLINGS CUP presented by Frank Rallings

Fee £8.00

4024 Speech (School Years 3 and 4)

Set piece: 'Waking' by Lilian Moore from: Rhyme Time, Beaver Books.

Award: (A)THE 247 SPEECH TROPHY presented by 247247 Taxis, (B)THE MICHAEL GOODGER SPEECH CUP presented by his family

Fee £8.00

4028 Speech (School Years 5 and 6)

Set piece: 'Five Eyes' by Walter de la Mare from: I Like This Poem, Puffin Books.

Award: THE BOSWORTH CUP

Fee £8.00

4032 Speech (School Years 7 and 8)

Set piece: 'Clowns' by Margaret Mahy from: I Like This Poem, Puffin Books.

Award: THE ERNEST HILLS MEMORIAL CUP

Fee £8.00

4036 Speech (School Years 9, 10 and 11)

Set piece: 'What I Love About School' by Roger McGough from: Poems to Perform, Macmillan Children's Books.

Award: THE LENA COPPING CHALLENGE CUP

Fee £8.00

4038 Speech Sonnet (Any Age)

A class in memory of Molly Townson who loved to write poetry, including sonnets.

Own Choice of Sonnet in the traditional Italian or English style.

No time limit.

Award: THE 247 SPEECH TROPHY presented by 247247 Taxis

Fee £8.00

4040 Speech Share-a-Poem 2 persons (Any age)

Own Choice.

Some movement allowed. No costumes.

Award: THE ROBERT CLELAND CHALLENGE CUP

Fee £13.00 per duo

Group of 2 people

Up to 2.5 mins

4042 NEW Performance Class (Any Age)

Own choice of poetry or prose.

A non-competitive class for performers with additional needs. All entrants will receive feedback, a performance certificate and medal.

This class is sponsored by Drama Tuition East Sussex.

Fee £8.00

Up to 5 mins

4044 Speech Prose Speaking (School Year 2 and Under)

Own Choice.

Award: THE BARTON SCHOOL AWARD

Fee £8.00

Up to 2 mins

4048 Speech Prose Speaking (School Years 3 and 4)

Set piece: An extract from any book by Berlie Doherty.

Award: THE 247 SPEECH TROPHY presented by 247247 Taxis

Fee £8.00

Up to 2.5 mins

4050 Speech Prose Speaking (School Years 5 and 6)

Set piece: An extract from any book by E Nesbit.

Award: THE HASTINGS MUSICAL FESTIVAL SPEECH CUP

Fee £8.00

Up to 2.5 mins

4052 Speech Prose Speaking (School Years 7 and 8)

Set piece: An extract from any book from the Harry Potter series by J.K. Rowling.

Award: THE HASTINGS MUSICAL FESTIVAL SPEECH CUP

Fee £8.00

Up to 3 mins

4056 Speech Prose Speaking (School Years 9, 10 and 11)

Set piece: An extract from any book by Gerald Durrell.

Fee £8.00

Up to 3 mins

4058 Speech Prose Speaking (Age 16 and Under 19)

Set piece: An extract from any book by Charlotte Bronte.

Award: THE CHRISTINE LEWIS CUP

Fee £8.00

Up to 3 mins

4060 Speech Prose Speaking (Age 19 and Over)

Set piece: An extract from any book by David Mitchell.

Fee £11.00

Up to 4 mins

HUMOROUS VERSE

The rule stating 'Not to be acted' indicates that there can be moderate use of gesture and body language but no movement of the feet.

4065 Speech Humorous Verse (School Year 2 and Under)

Own Choice: Speech not to be acted.

Award: THE RALPH CUP

Fee £8.00

Up to 2 mins

4068 Speech Humorous Verse (School Years 3 and 4)

Own Choice: Speech not to be acted.

Award: THE ELITE TROPHY 'A' presented by Janet Slacke

Fee £8.00

Up to 2 mins

4072 Speech Humorous Verse (School Years 5 and 6)

Own Choice: Speech not to be acted.

Award: THE ELITE TROPHY 'B' presented by Janet Slacke

Fee £8.00

Up to 2 mins

4084 Speech Humorous Verse (School Years 7 and 8)

Own Choice: Speech not to be acted.

Award: THE ARTHUR CAVALIER MEMORIAL CUP

Fee £8.00

Up to 2.5 mins

4092 Speech Humorous Verse (School Years 9, 10 and 11)

Own Choice: Speech not to be acted.

Award: THE DI DAVIDSON MEMORIAL CUP

Fee £8.00

Up to 2.5 mins

4096 Speech Humorous Verse or Prose (Age 16 and Under 19)

Own Choice: Speech not to be acted.

Award: THE ADELE CUP

Fee £8.00

Up to 3 mins

4100 Speech Humorous Verse or Prose (Age 19 and Over)

Own Choice: Speech, not to be acted.

Award: THE SOPHIE DANN CHALLENGE TROPHY presented by Michael and Audrey Dann

Fee £11.00

Up to 4 mins

DRAMATIC MONOLOGUES

A Monologue is an acted speech for one from a play but not a song or poem from a musical.

Modern dress only but a suggestion of costume is allowed. A small table and chairs are available for performers to use in dramatic items. A small hand held prop is allowed.

4116 Dramatic Monologue (School Years 3 and 4)

Own Choice: Other than Shakespeare.

Award: THE LEO CUP

Fee £8.00

Up to 4 mins

4118 Dramatic Monologue (School Years 5 and 6)

Own Choice, other than Shakespeare.

Award: THE BASIL AND MOLLIE NORTHEN CUP

Fee £8.00

Up to 4 mins

4120 Dramatic Monologue (School Years 7 and 8)

Own Choice: Other than Shakespeare.

Award: THE G C NEVILL GOBLET presented by R H Cox

Fee £8.00

Up to 5 mins

4124 Dramatic Monologue (School Years 9, 10 and 11)

Own Choice: Other than Shakespeare.

Award: THE RUDE MECHANICALS TROPHY

Fee £8.00

Up to 5 mins

4128 Dramatic Monologue (Age 16 and Under 19)

Own Choice: Other than Shakespeare.

Award: THE MICHAEL GOODGER DRAMA CUP presented by his family

Fee £8.00

Up to 5 mins

4130 Dramatic Monologue (Age 19 and Over)

Own Choice: Other than Shakespeare.

Fee £11.00

Up to 5 mins

4132 Dramatic Monologue - Shakespeare (School Years 7 and 8)

Own Choice: From Shakespeare.

Award: THE SHAKESPEARE TROPHY presented by Silvia Cavalier

Fee £8.00

Up to 5 mins

4136 Dramatic Monologue - Shakespeare (School Years 9, 10 and 11)

Own Choice: From Shakespeare.

Award: THE BARD'S CHALLENGE CUP presented by Liz O'Rourke

Fee £8.00

Up to 5 mins

4138 Dramatic Monologue - Shakespeare (Age 16 and Under 19)

Own Choice: From Shakespeare.

Award: THE 247 SPEECH TROPHY presented by 247247 Taxis

Fee £8.00

Up to 5 mins

4140 Dramatic Monologue - Shakespeare (Age 19 and Over)

Own Choice: From Shakespeare.

Award: THE ANNELIESE DANN CHALLENGE TROPHY presented by Michael and Audrey Dann

Fee £11.00

Up to 5 mins

4144 NEW Dramatic Monologue - Original Soliloquy (Any Age)

Own choice, as written and performed by the author.

Award: THE HASTINGS MUSICAL FESTIVAL DRAMA CUP

Fee £8.00

Up to 5 mins

CREATIVE PERFORMANCE - SOLO**4148 Speech Original Verse (School Year 6 and Under)**

Own Choice: As written and spoken or read by the author.

Award: THE CHALLENGE TROPHY presented by Philip Thrupp

Fee £8.00

Up to 2 mins

4152 Speech Original Verse (School Years 7 and 8)

Own Choice: As written and spoken or read by the author.

Award: THE GWENDOLYN CRANE MEMORIAL CUP presented by Joyce Spurr

Fee £8.00

Up to 3 mins

4154 Speech Original Verse (School Years 9, 10 and 11)

Own Choice: As written and spoken or read by the author.

Award: THE 247 SPEECH TROPHY presented by 247247 Taxis

Fee £8.00

Up to 3 mins

4156 Speech Original Verse (Age 16 and Under 19)

Own Choice: As written and spoken or read by the author.

Award: THE HASTINGS MUSICAL FESTIVAL SPEECH CUP

Fee £8.00

Up to 3 mins

4158 Speech Original Verse (Age 19 and Over)

Own Choice: As written and spoken or read by the author.

Fee £11.00

Up to 4 mins

SPEECH MEDALS

The winner of a Bronze Medal may enter for the Silver Medal and the winner of a Silver Medal may enter for the Gold Medal even if under the minimum age for the class, but not in the same year.

4160 Speech Bronze Medal (Age Under 15)

Set piece: 'The Unending Sky' by John Masefield from I Like This Poem, Puffin Books.

Award: BRONZE MEDAL

Fee £12.00

4164 Speech Silver Medal (Age 15 and Under 19)

Set piece: a) 'Horrible Song' by Ted Hughes from The Oxford Book of Children's Poetry, Oxford University Press b) Own contrasting choice of verse: not to exceed 3 minutes.

Award: SILVER MEDAL

Fee £16.00

4168 Speech Gold Medal (Age 19 and Over)

Qualification for this class would be Grade 8 of a recognised Speech and Drama Examination Board or at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

Set piece: a) 'Meeting Point' by Louis MacNeice from: Poetry Please Faber & Faber b) Own choice verse or prose, not from a play. Not to exceed 4 minutes.

Award: GOLD MEDAL for a winning mark of 90+ and a cash prize of £150 for a winning mark of 87+

Fee £20.00

DRAMATIC DUOLOGUES

Modern dress only but a suggestion of costume is allowed. A small table and chairs are available for performers to use in dramatic items. A small hand held prop is allowed.

In Duologues, any minimum age limit applies only to the elder partner, but the younger must not perform in any other age group of an exactly similar class.

4172 Dramatic Duologue - Shakespeare (School Year 11 and Under)

Own Choice: Any duologue from Shakespeare.

Award: THE CONVENT OF OUR LADY CUP

Fee £13.00 per duo

Group of 2 people

Up to 5 mins

4176 Dramatic Duologue - Shakespeare (Age 16 and Under 19)

Own Choice: any duologue from Shakespeare.

Award: THE GWENDOLINE CRANE CHALLENGE CUP presented by Mrs J Spurr

Fee £13.00 per duo

Group of 2 people

Up to 5 mins

4178 Dramatic Duologue - Shakespeare (Age 19 and Over)

Own Choice: any duologue from Shakespeare.

Fee £16.00 per duo

Group of 2 people

Up to 5 mins

4179 Dramatic Duologue (Parent and Child)

Own Choice: Duologue from any play (other than Shakespeare) or adaptation from a novel.

Award: THE 247 DRAMA TROPHY presented by 247247 Taxis

Fee £13.00 per duo

Group of 2 people

Up to 5 mins

4180 Dramatic Duologue (School Year 6 and Under)

Own Choice: Duologue from any play (other than Shakespeare) or adaptation from a novel .

Award: THE SOPHIE LOUISE DANN TROPHY "B" presented by Audrey and Michael Dann

Fee £13.00 per duo

Group of 2 people

Up to 4 mins

4184 Dramatic Duologue (School Years 7 and 8)

Own Choice: Duologue from any play (other than Shakespeare) or adaptation from a novel.

Award: THE RADCLYFFE GROUP SILVER ROSE BOWL

Fee £13.00 per duo

Group of 2 people

Up to 4 mins

4188 Dramatic Duologue (School Years 9, 10 and 11)

Own Choice: Duologue from any play (other than Shakespeare) or adaptation from a novel.

Award: THE 247 SPEECH AWARD presented by 247247 Taxis

Fee £13.00 per duo

Group of 2 people

Up to 5 mins

4192 Dramatic Duologue (Age 16 and Under 19)

Own Choice: Duologue from any play (other than Shakespeare) or adaptation from a novel.

Award: THE GWEN WATFORD SILVER CHALLENGE GOBLET

Fee £13.00 per duo

Group of 2 people

Up to 5 mins

4196 Dramatic Duologue (Age 19 and Over)

Own Choice: Duologue from any play (other than Shakespeare) or adaptation from a novel.

Fee £16.00 per duo

Group of 2 people

Up to 5 mins

DRAMATIC SHAKESPEARE

Modern dress only but a suggestion of costume is allowed. A small table and chairs are available for performers to use in dramatic items. Small hand held props are allowed.

4200 Dramatic Shakespeare Scene (School Year 11 and Under)

Own Choice: an enactment of any scene from Shakespeare. No fewer than three speaking parts.

Award: THE ARTHUR CHEVALIER SILVER MEMORIAL CUP presented by Mr Paul Chevalier

Fee £16.00 per group

Group of 3 to 20 people

Up to 10 mins

4204 Dramatic Shakespeare Scene (Any Age)

Own Choice: an enactment of any scene from Shakespeare. No fewer than three speaking parts.

Award: THE AGNES CLELAND CHALLENGE CUP presented by Mrs P Barnett and Miss Cleland

Fee £16.00 per group

Group of 3 to 20 people

Up to 10 mins

CREATIVE PERFORMANCE - ENSEMBLE

4205 Improvisation Duologue (School Year 6 and Under)

From a subject provided by the Adjudicator, an improvised performance of between 2 minutes (minimum) and 3 minutes (maximum). The performers will be given 5 minutes to prepare the piece. During the performance, a bell will be rung after 2 and 2.5 minutes to assist the duo in concluding the presentation.

Award: THE HASTINGS MUSICAL FESTIVAL SPEECH CUP

Fee £13.00 per duo

Group of 2 people

Up to 3 mins

4206 Improvisation Duologue (School Years 7 and 8)

From a subject provided by the Adjudicator, an improvised performance of between 3 minutes (minimum) and 4 minutes (maximum). The performers will be given 5 minutes to prepare the piece.

During the performance, a bell will be rung after 3 and 3.5 minutes to assist the duo in concluding the presentation.

Fee £13.00 per duo

Group of 2 people

Up to 4 mins

4207 Improvisation Duologue (School Years 9, 10 and 11)

From a subject provided by the Adjudicator, an improvised performance of between 3 minutes (minimum) and 4 minutes (maximum). The performers will be given 5 minutes to prepare the piece.

During the performance, a bell will be rung after 3 and 3.5 minutes to assist the duo in concluding the presentation.

Fee £13.00 per duo

Group of 2 people

Up to 4 mins

4208 Devised Performance/Improvisation Group (School Year 11 and Under)

From a subject provided by the Adjudicator, an improvised performance of between 5 minutes (minimum) and 10 minutes (maximum). 5 minutes set up allowed. The performers will be given 1 hour to prepare the piece.

Award: THE HILARY CLULOW TROPHY

Fee £16.00 per group

Group of 4 to 6 people

Up to 10 mins

4210 Devised Performance/Improvisation Group (Any Age)

From a subject provided by the Adjudicator, an improvised performance of between 5 minutes (minimum) and 10 minutes (maximum). 5 minutes set up allowed. The performers will be given 1 hour to prepare the piece.

Fee £16.00 per group

Group of 4 to 6 people

Up to 10 mins

4212 Creative Performance - Devised Physical Theatre (School Year 11 and Under)

This class may include elements of physical theatre, dance drama, street theatre, stage combat, comedy sketch, mask work, choral speaking and group mime; based on a theme of your own choice.

Modern dress only but a suggestion of costume is allowed. Significant hand props may be used. Live or recorded music may be used. There is no sound desk but groups may use recorded music on their own CD/Cassette player or laptop.

Award: THE HASTINGS MUSICAL FESTIVAL DRAMA AWARD

Fee £16.00 per group

Group of 2 to 20 people

Up to 15 mins

4214 Creative Performance - Devised Physical Theatre (Any Age)

This class may include elements of physical theatre, dance drama, street theatre, stage combat, comedy sketch, mask work, choral speaking and group mime; based on a theme of your own choice.

Modern dress only but a suggestion of costume is allowed. Significant hand props may be used. Live or recorded music may be used. There is no sound desk but groups may use recorded music on their own CD/Cassette player or laptop.

Fee £16.00 per group

Group of 2 to 20 people

Up to 15 mins

SHORT PLAYS

Any short original or published play or excerpt from a published play by any author - duration 30 minutes. Maximum 20 players.

10 minutes set up time will be allowed. Costumes and make-up are allowed but should be kept to a minimum. Small props such as a table, chairs etc. and hand props permitted.

The Short Play classes are held in the Sussex Hall at the White Rock Theatre. This venue is a flexible space, and performers are invited to make creative use of it.

The Stage is 10m wide and 4m deep. Tabs are situated 2/3rds from the front of the stage and should be operated by the entrant. Lighting is a basic wash. There is no sound desk, but groups may use recorded sound effects or incidental music on their own CD/Cassette players or laptop.

There is no need for performers to feel confined to the stage area. Other areas of the Hall may also be used. On request, it is possible to rearrange seating to modify the performance area(s), so that, for example, presentations could be made "in the round".

4236 Short Play (Age under 19)

Own Choice: a one act play or scene(s) from a play other than Shakespeare.

Award: THE BLACKMAN SUMMERFIELD SHIELD for the winning group; THE MICHAEL THORPE CUP for the best individual performance (not necessarily in the winning group)

Fee £21.50 per group

Group of 2 to 20 people

Up to 30 mins

4244 Short Play (Age 19 and Over)

Own Choice: a one act play or scene(s) from a play other than Shakespeare.

Award: THE RON GREGORY CUP

Fee £27.00 per group

Group of 2 to 20 people

Up to 30 mins

MIME

Performers must mime a piece of their own choice without audible articulation. The subject of the mime must be descriptive and announced by the performer or by the Platform Steward. If the latter, performers should hand the Steward a card showing the mime title. Make-up is not permitted. Costume is not permitted for any mime class. No scenery other than curtains. No properties whatsoever, not even hand props. Chairs and tables as provided by the Festival may be used.

4252 Mime Solo (School Year 6 and Under)

Own Choice

Award: THE PIERROT & COLUMBINE GOBLET presented by Doreen Cleland and Patricia and Adrian Barnett

Fee £8.00

Up to 3 mins

4256 Mime Solo (School Years 7 and 8)

Own Choice

Award: THE F PENFOLD CHALLENGE CUP presented by Miss F Penfold

Fee £8.00

Up to 4 mins

4260 Mime Solo (School Years 9, 10 and 11)

Own Choice

Award: THE HASTINGS MUSICAL FESTIVAL MIME TROPHY

Fee £8.00

Up to 4 mins

4262 Mime Solo (Any Age)

Own Choice

Fee £8.00

Up to 4 mins

4264 Mime Duologue (School Year 6 and Under)

Own Choice

Award: THE MARTHA NICHOLSON TROPHY

Fee £13.00 per duo

Group of 2 people

Up to 4 mins

4268 Mime Duologue (School Years 7 and 8)

Own Choice

Award: THE URQUART GOBLETS

Fee £13.00 per duo

Group of 2 people

Up to 5 mins

4270 Mime Duologue (School Years 9, 10 and 11)

Own Choice

Award: THE 247 MIME TROPHY presented by 247247 Taxis

Fee £13.00 per duo

Group of 2 people

Up to 5 mins

4272 Mime Duologue (Any Age)

Own Choice

Fee £13.00 per duo

Group of 2 people

Up to 5 mins