



Stratford & East London Music Festival

Solo & Ensemble Singing Syllabus

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Attention singers! Please check out these other categories as you may wish to participate: Millennium Competitions and the Musical Theatre Classes in the Speech & Drama section.

The Margery Schwartz Cup will be awarded to a singer aged over 18 with the most outstanding style and presentation, as decided upon by the adjudicator.

In the event of a tie, the final decision will be made by the adjudicator.

We will make every effort to schedule adult classes in the evening sessions. We will also aim to schedule older children (11-18) in the early part of the week and the younger ones later in the week.

However no definitive decisions on the scheduling times can be made until we have all the entry numbers. We thank you for your patience.

Adjudicator

Bryan Husband

GRSM, ADWCMD, FISM

Bryan trained at the Royal College of Music, London, and the Welsh College of Music and Drama, Cardiff. After some time spent performing abroad he moved to Guildford, where he held the posts of Head of Singing at Guildford School of Acting, and Lay-Clerk at Guildford Cathedral. He now works as a freelance performer, tutor at Trinity Laban Conservatoire, examiner and adjudicator.

Bryan has performed in oratorios, operas, musicals and various concerts around the UK and the world, and has made many appearances on radio and TV along with various recordings. In all aspects of his work, he is most interested in the connection between text and voice, believing that a vocal technique is quite simply a means of expressing the text and sharing it with an audience.

Adjudication has taken Bryan to Hong Kong, Trinidad and Tobago, Gibraltar, Guernsey, most recently Jersey, and all around the UK and Ireland. He encourages his own students to enter festivals at all levels of their development, and in all styles and genres, believing strongly that the purpose of the Festival movement is vital for performers - the platform of a safe, supportive and constructive environment in which to practise and to develop one's artistic and performing persona.

Singing Recital Classes

| Class | Age | Time | Fee |
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| 101 Open Recital Class (18 yrs and over) A prize of £50 will be awarded to the winner of this class Competitors are required to perform a recital programme of three songs of contrasting styles and periods. The adjudicator will give credit for the quality of the performance, the choice of the programme, and for singing from memory. Award: Felix Marr Memorial Cup | 18 and over | Up to 15 mins | £17.00 Accompanist £20.00 |
| 102 Junior Singing Recital Class (11 to 17 yrs) A prize of £50 will be awarded to the winner of this class. Competitors are required to perform a recital programme of three songs of contrasting styles and periods. The adjudicator will give credit for the quality of the performance, the choice of the programme, and for singing from memory. Award: Margaret Simkins Memorial Award | Between 10 and 17 | Up to 10 mins | £12.00 Accompanist £15.00 |
| 103 Lila Grisley Open Challenge Recital Class (18 yrs and over) A prize of £100 will be awarded to the winner of this class Competitors are required to perform four songs or arias from the following categories; no two songs to be from the same category. 1. Purcell/ Dowland 2. Italian songs and arias 3. Lieder 4. Opera 5. English art song 6. Sacred and oratorio music 7. Chanson Award: J. Spencer Curwen Memorial Challenge Bowl | 18 and over | Up to 15 mins | £17.00 Accompanist £20.00 |

Any Age Singing Classes

| Class | Age | Time | Fee |
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| 104 Wartime Favourites (any age) Own choice of a song popularised by the 1st or 2nd World Wars. Award: Westcott Cup | Any | Up to 4 mins | £8.00 Accompanist £7.00 |

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| 105 Humorous Song (any age) Own choice of a humorous song by, for example, Tom Lehrer, Flanders & Swann, Noel Coward, etc Award: Moon-Little Cup | Any | Up to 4 mins | £8.00 Accompanist £7.00 |
| 106 Music Hall Song (any age) Own choice Award: Ronald Hills Memorial Award | Any | Up to 4 mins | £8.00 Accompanist £7.00 |
| 107 English in Song and Speech (any age) Competitors are required to perform a themed programme of two songs and a poem or piece of prose, all of which were originally written in English. The adjudicator will also take into account the introduction explaining the themed choice. A prize of £25 will be awarded to the winner of this class. Award: AESS Cup | Any | Up to 8 mins | £10.00 Accompanist £10.00 |

Classical Style Songs

| Class | Age | Time | Fee |
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| 108 Grand Opera (18 yrs and over) Own choice. May be sung in the original language or in English. Award: Rose Cup | 18 and over | Up to 6 mins | £10.00 Accompanist £7.00 |
| 109 Light Opera/ Operetta (18 yrs and over) Own choice of an aria from a light opera or operetta by, for example, Edward German, Franz Lehár, Ivor Novello, Johann Strauss, Gilbert and Sullivan. Award: Ernest Fudge Cup | 18 and over | Up to 5 mins | £10.00 Accompanist £7.00 |
| 110 Sacred and Oratorio (16 yrs and over) Own choice. May be sung in the original language or in English. Award: Mabel Tarrant Cup | 16 and over | Up to 5 mins | £10.00 Accompanist £7.00 |
| 111 Early English Song (pre 1674) (16 yrs and over) Own choice Award: Doris Wallen Cup | 16 and over | Up to 5 mins | £10.00 Accompanist £7.00 |
| 112 Lieder Class (16 yrs and over) Competitors are required to perform ONE song in German by Brahms, Mahler, Schubert, Schumann, R Strauss or Wolf. Own choice. Award: Lieder Cup | 16 and over | Up to 5 mins | £10.00 Accompanist £7.00 |

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| 113 English Art Song (16 yrs and over) Competitors are required to perform ONE song for example by Dring, Gibbs, Head, Ireland, L'Estrange, Quilter, Vaughan Williams or Warlock. Award: William Graham Memorial Challenge Cup | 16 and over | Up to 5 mins | £10.00 Accompanist £7.00 |
| 114 International Art Song (16 yrs and over) Own choice of a song from any country except Britain or Germany. Award: Gwen Flower Cup | 16 and over | Up to 5 mins | £10.00 Accompanist £7.00 |
| 115 Bach, Handel or Mozart (16 yrs and over) Own choice Award: Janet Gorman Cup | 16 and over | Up to 5 mins | £10.00 Accompanist £7.00 |
| 116 Classical Style Songs (15 to 17 yrs) Own choice Award: Peter J. Pirie Memorial Cup | Between 15 and 17 | Up to 3 mins | £8.00 Accompanist £7.00 |
| 117 Classical Style Songs (11 to 14 yrs) Own choice Award: Secretary's Singing Cup | Between 11 and 14 | Up to 3 mins | £8.00 Accompanist £7.00 |

Jazz Classes

Competitors are required to perform a song in jazz style. It can be a spiritual, blues, ragtime, bebop, or vocalisation. Some improvisation is recommended. Ideally you should bring your own accompanist or a backing track.

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| 118 Jazz Style Song (18 yrs and over) Own choice Award: Ewington Cup | 18 and over | Up to 4 mins | £10.00 Accompanist £7.00 |
| 119 Jazz Style Song (17 and under) Own choice Award: Hummingbirds Cup | 17 and under | Up to 3 mins | £8.00 Accompanist £7.00 |

Boys & Girls Own Choice Songs

| Class | Age | Time | Fee |
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| 120 Boys and Girls Solo (12 to 13 yrs) Own choice Award: Leslie Gorrod Memorial Cup | Age 12 and 13 | Up to 3 mins | £8.00 Accompanist £7.00 |

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| 121 Boys and Girls Singing Solo (10 to 11 yrs) Own choice Award: Daphne and Archie Granditer Memorial Cup | Age 10 and 11 | Up to 3 mins | £8.00 Accompanist £7.00 |
| 122 Boys and Girls Singing Solo (8 to 9 yrs) Own choice Award: Tonie Berger Cup | Age 8 and 9 | Up to 3 mins | £8.00 Accompanist £7.00 |
| 123 Boys and Girls Singing Solo (7 yrs and under) Own choice Award: Laura Sproit Cup | 7 and under | Up to 3 mins | £8.00 Accompanist £7.00 |

Religious Songs

| Class | Age | Time | Fee |
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| 124 Religious Song (11 to 15 yrs) Own choice Award: Stockwell Family Cup | Between 11 and 15 | Up to 3 mins | £8.00 Accompanist £7.00 |
| 125 Religious Song (10 yrs and under) Own choice Award: Walter Tee Trophy | 10 and under | Up to 3 mins | £8.00 Accompanist £7.00 |

Graded Singing Examination Classes

Competitors are required to perform ONE song from the most recent syllabus of the Associated Board, Trinity Guildhall, or London College Examinations. The competitor must NOT have passed any grade higher than the one from which the choice is made. There is no age limit on any of these classes. Please state on the entry form the Examination Board and the year of your choice.

| Class | Age | Time | Fee |
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| 126 Singing Solo (Grades 7 and 8) Award: Dorothy Parnum Memorial Cup | Any | | £10.00 Accompanist £7.00 |
| 127 Singing Solo (Grades 5 and 6) Award: James Allen Hatch Cup | Any | | £10.00 Accompanist £7.00 |
| 128 Singing Solo (Grades 3 and 4) Award: Hedwig Brejora Cup | Any | | £8.00 Accompanist £7.00 |
| 129 Singing Solo (Grades 1 and 2) Award: Dr. Morris Schwartz Cup | Any | | £8.00 Accompanist £7.00 |

Unaccompanied Traditional Song

Traditional Songs are folk songs originating among the native people of a region and forming part of their culture. It can be sung in any language or key. The first note or the key-chord may be played on the piano to establish pitch. If the song uses words other than English, a short translation should be read to the audience and adjudicator first.

| Class | Age | Time | Fee |
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| 130 Traditional Song (18 yrs and over) Own choice Award: Plessey Challenge Cup | 18 and over | Up to 4 mins | £10.00 |
| 131 Traditional Song (15 to 17 yrs) Own choice Award: Enid Dobinson Memorial Cup | Between 15 and 17 | Up to 3 mins | £8.00 |
| 132 Traditional Song (11 to 14 yrs) Own choice Award: Christine Spiers Cup | Between 11 and 14 | Up to 3 mins | £8.00 |
| 133 Traditional Song (10 yrs and under) Own choice Award: Junior Folk Song Cup | 10 and under | Up to 3 mins | £8.00 |

Accompanied Traditional Song

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| 134 Traditional Song (18 yrs and over) Own choice Award: Tina Davidson Cup | 18 and over | Up to 4 mins | £10.00 Accompanist £7.00 |
| 135 Traditional Song (15 to 17 yrs) Own choice Award: Anna Knight Cup | Between 15 and 17 | Up to 3 mins | £8.00 Accompanist £7.00 |
| 136 Traditional Song (11 to 14 yrs) Own choice Award: Catherine Margaret Elsky Cup | Between 11 and 14 | Up to 3 mins | £8.00 Accompanist £7.00 |
| 137 Traditional Song (10 yrs and under) own choice Award: Pamela Cairns Cup | 10 and under | Up to 3 mins | £8.00 Accompanist £7.00 |

Songs From The Shows (Pre 1960)

Competitors are required to perform a solo from any musical show (stage or film) published up to and including 1960.

| Class | Age | Time | Fee |
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| 138 Songs from the Shows (Pre 1960) (18 yrs and over) Own choice Award: Barbara Halestrap Cup | 18 and over | Up to 4 mins | £10.00 Accompanist £7.00 |
| 139 Songs from the Shows (Pre1960) (15 to 17 yrs) Own choice Award: Mildred Pirie Memorial Cup | Between 15 and 17 | Up to 4 mins | £8.00 Accompanist £7.00 |
| 140 Songs from the Shows (Pre 1960) (11 to 14 yrs) Own choice Award: Joy Harris Memorial Cup | Between 11 and 14 | Up to 3 mins | £8.00 Accompanist £7.00 |
| 141 Songs from the Shows (Pre 1960) (10 yrs and under) Own choice Award: Secretary's Cup Junior Songs from the Shows | 10 and under | Up to 3 mins | £8.00 Accompanist £7.00 |

Songs From The Shows (1961 - 1990)

Competitors are required to perform a solo from any musical show (stage or film) published between 1961 and 1990.

| Class | Age | Time | Fee |
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| 142 Songs from the Shows (1961-1990) (18 yrs and over) Own choice Award: Ronald Spiers Cup | 18 and over | Up to 4 mins | £10.00 Accompanist £7.00 |
| 143 Songs from the Shows (1961-1990) (15 to 17 yrs) Own choice Award: Peter Lawrence Cup | Between 15 and 17 | Up to 4 mins | £8.00 Accompanist £7.00 |
| 144 Songs from the Shows (1961-1990) (11 to 14 yrs) Own choice Award: Redbridge Mencap Trophy | Between 11 and 14 | Up to 3 mins | £8.00 Accompanist £7.00 |
| 145 Songs from the Shows (1961-1990) (10 yrs and under) Own choice Award: Junior Singing Challenge Cup | 10 and under | Up to 3 mins | £8.00 Accompanist £7.00 |

Songs From The Shows (Post 1991)

Competitors are required to perform a solo from any musical show (stage or film) published from 1991 onwards.

| Class | Age | Time | Fee |
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| 146 Songs from the Shows (Post 1991) (18 yrs and over) Own choice Award: Dr Laurence Allen Challenge Cup | 18 and over | Up to 4 mins | £10.00 Accompanist £7.00 |
| 147 Songs from the Shows (Post 1991) (15 to 17 yrs) Own choice Award: Ruby Hanwell Cup | Between 15 and 17 | Up to 4 mins | £8.00 Accompanist £7.00 |
| 148 Songs from the Shows (Post 1991) (11 to 14 yrs) Own choice Award: Ronald Skillet Cup | Between 11 and 14 | Up to 3 mins | £8.00 Accompanist £7.00 |
| 149 Songs from the Shows (Post 1991) (10 yrs and under) Own choice Award: Kathlyn Ryan Memorial Cup | 10 and under | Up to 3 mins | £8.00 Accompanist £7.00 |

Ensemble Classes

Competitors are required to perform in small groups of two to nine people. Own choice. Part-singing is essential and there must be only ONE singer to each part.

| Class | Age | Time | Fee |
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| 150 Ensemble (any age) Own choice Group of any size Award: Plessey Ensemble Cup | Any | Up to 6 mins | £12.00 per group Accompanist £7.00 |
| 151 Ensemble (18 yrs and under) Own choice Group of any size Award: Group Award Cup | 18 and under | Up to 4 mins | £12.00 per group Accompanist £7.00 |
| 152 Ensemble (11 yrs and under) Own choice Group of any size Award: Ensemble Class Challenge Cup | 11 and under | Up to 3 mins | £12.00 per group Accompanist £7.00 |

Senior Citizens' Class

| Class | Age | Time | Fee |
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| 153 Senior Citizens Class (60 yrs and over) Own choice Award: Butler Cup | 60 and over | Up to 3 mins | £8.00 Accompanist £7.00 |

Non-Competitive Singing Classes

These are non-competitive classes and would suit people who would like an opportunity to perform and receive feedback on their performance without the pressure of competition.

| Class | Age | Time | Fee |
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| 154 Non-Competitive Singing - Classical Song Style (any age) Own choice | Any | Up to 4 mins | £8.00 Accompanist £7.00 |
| 155 Non-Competitive Singing - Songs From The Shows (any age) Own choice | Any | Up to 4 mins | £8.00 Accompanist £7.00 |

Popular Songs (written or arranged after 1950)

| Class | Age | Time | Fee |
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| 171 Popular Songs (18 yrs and over) Own choice Award: Stembridge Memorial Cup | 18 and over | Up to 4 mins | £10.00 Accompanist £7.00 |
| 172 Popular Songs (15 to 17 yrs) Own choice Award: Peter Sewell Memorial Cup | Between 15 and 17 | Up to 3 mins | £8.00 Accompanist £7.00 |
| 173 Popular Songs (11 to 14 yrs) Own choice Award: Redbridge Singing Cup | Between 11 and 14 | Up to 3 mins | £8.00 Accompanist £7.00 |
| 174 Popular Songs (10 yrs and under) Own choice Award: New Decade Cup | 10 and under | Up to 3 mins | £8.00 Accompanist £7.00 |