



# Stratford & East London Music Festival

## Choirs, Orchestras & Bands Syllabus

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Venue: St Mary's Parish Church, High Road, South Woodford, London, E18 2PA

Dates: 9 & 10 February 2026

Closing Date for Entries: 31st December 2025

All classes have a time limit of ten minutes. Please remember to give the number in each group on the entry form.

Where an own choice work is selected from a publication containing several different works which is not published separately, one copy may be made for the use of the adjudicator provided that the choir has already purchased its own copy. The photocopy made will be retained and destroyed immediately after the event.

The accompanist should always be given a printed copy - it is illegal to perform from photocopies of published music.

In the case of junior and infant choirs, if the piece is improvised or taught by ear then the requirement to provide a copy can be waived. In all other cases, a copy must be provided in order to receive an adjudication.

All pieces in this section can be played with or without accompaniment, or they can be accompanied by a backing track.

## Adjudicator

### Adrian Goss

BMus(Hons)(Dunelm), ARAM, GRSM, FTCL, LRAM, LGSM, ARCO(CHM)

Adrian studied at the RAM & the Guildhall School of Music and Drama. After an initial career as accompanist and clarinettist, he quickly established himself as a Tenor. His work as a singer has included concerts, recitals, recordings and broadcasts, and in 1999 he was awarded the ARAM, an honour granted to past students of the Academy who have achieved distinction in their profession. A former Lay-clerk at Ely Cathedral, deputy at St Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Abbey and HM Chapel Royal, a member of the City Glee Club, Director of a chamber choir and work as a Director of Music at a major church has led him on to a parallel career in education.

Adrian has been Director of Music at two senior schools and also at the Kent Music Academy for the gifted, Head of Kent's County Groups and Staff Conductor, an examiner for grades and diplomas,

and a vocal teacher from beginner to diploma level. He is increasingly in demand as a vocal troubleshooter. In addition to his successful solo singing career, Adrian directs workshops and masterclasses for singers and speakers at summer schools, and continues to work as an accompanist.

Adrian has 37 years' experience as an adjudicator for international, national and local festivals, including the National Festival of Music for Youth. He was elected a member of the BIFF Adjudicators' Council in 2010, and became Chairman for ten years from 2014. In 2024 Adrian's work and commitment were recognised by the prestigious award following election as an adjudicator Fellow of the British & International Federation of Festivals for an outstanding contribution over many years to the Federation and the festival movement.

## Choral Singing - Children

These classes will take place in the daytime.

Class	Age	Time	Fee
<b>209 Children's Choir (11 yrs and under) Traditional/folk song</b>  Award: Daisy Wykes Cup (1st place) The Delcor Cup (2nd place) Choirs are required to perform two contrasting pieces. The adjudicator will be listening for musicianship and vocal quality. 1. Own choice of a traditional/ folk song 2. Own choice Group of a minimum of 6 people	11 and under	Up to 10 mins	£22.00 per group Accompanist £20.00
<b>210 Children's Choir (7 yrs and under) Free choice</b>  Award: Cantori Vocal Ensemble Cup Choirs are required to perform two contrasting pieces of their own choice. At least one of the songs should include actions. Group of a minimum of 6 people	7 and under	Up to 10 mins	£22.00 per group Accompanist £20.00
<b>213 Junior choir - Classical</b>  Award: Challenge Cup School Choirs - Junior Girls or Boys Choirs are required to perform two contrasting pieces, at least one of which must be from the Baroque, Classical, Romantic or 20th (classical) repertoire Group of a minimum of 6 people	11 and under	Up to 10 mins	£22.00 per group Accompanist £22.00
<b>214 Christmas in February - Childrens Choirs</b>  Award: Musicianship Cup An opportunity for choirs to perform two contrasting pieces they learnt for Christmas. Group of a minimum of 6 people	11 and under	Up to 10 mins	£22.00 per group Accompanist £20.00

## Choral Singing - Young People

These classes will take place in the early evening.

Class	Age	Time	Fee
<b>207 Youth Choir (11 to 16 yrs) Free choice</b>  Award: Radio Basildon Cup Choirs are required to perform two contrasting pieces of their own choice. Group of a minimum of 6 people	Between 11 and 16	Up to 10 mins	£22.00 per group Accompanist £20.00
<b>208 Youth Choir (18 yrs &amp; under) Free Choice</b>  Award: Challenge Cup Choirs are required to perform two contrasting pieces of their own choice. Group of a minimum of 6 people	18 and under	Up to 10 mins	£22.00 per group Accompanist £20.00

## Choral singing - Adult

These classes will take place in the evening.

Class	Age	Time	Fee
<b>201 Amateur Choir Classical</b>  Award: Throne Challenge Cup Choirs are required to perform two contrasting pieces, at least one of which must be Baroque, Classical, Romantic or 20th Century (classical) repertoire Group of a minimum of 6 people	Any	Up to 10 mins	£22.00 per group Accompanist £20.00
<b>202 Amateur Choir Contemporary repertoire</b>  Award: The Sir JB Slade JP Cup Choirs are required to perform two contrasting pieces at least one of which must be Contemporary Repertoire, e.g. Musical Theatre, Rock, Pop, etc. Group of a minimum of 6 people	Any	Up to 10 mins	£22.00 per group Accompanist £20.00
<b>203 Amateur Choir Free choice</b>  Award: Holland Young Associates Cup Choirs are required to perform two contrasting pieces. This may include classical songs, early music, folk song arrangements, musical theatre, modern compositions, world music, jazz, pop, etc. Group of a minimum of 6 people	Any	Up to 10 mins	£22.00 per group Accompanist £20.00

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<b>204 Community Choir - Unison or simple harmony</b>  Award: Unison Choirs Cup Choirs are required to perform two contrasting pieces. Music should be in unison or simple harmony. Group of a minimum of 6 people	Any	Up to 10 mins	£22.00 per group Accompanist £20.00
<b>205 Women's Choir Free Choice</b>  Award: Clarnico Cup Choirs are required to perform two contrasting pieces. Group of a minimum of 6 people	Any	Up to 10 mins	£22.00 per group Accompanist £20.00
<b>206 Christmas In February Adult choirs</b>  Award: Simkins Family Trophy An opportunity for choirs to perform two contrasting pieces they learnt for Christmas.  Group of a minimum of 6 people	Any	Up to 10 mins	£22.00 per group Accompanist £20.00
<b>211 Church choir or Gospel choir Free choice</b>  Award: Janet Cass Cup An opportunity to sing two contrasting pieces. Group of a minimum of 6 people	Any	Up to 10 mins	£22.00 per group Accompanist £20.00
<b>212 Beginner choir Free choice</b>  Award: Edith Parnum Cup An opportunity for an adult choir formed in the last three years to perform two contrasting songs. Group of a minimum of 6 people	16 and over	Up to 10 mins	£22.00 per group Accompanist £20.00

## Orchestras, Bands and Recorder groups

All pieces in this section can be played with or without accompaniment, or they can be accompanied by a backing track.

Class	Age	Time	Fee
<b>241 Children's Orchestra or Band (11 yrs and under) Free choice</b>  Award: Orchestra Cup Two contrasting pieces. Repertoire may be classical, romantic, jazz, big band, etc. Group of a minimum of 6 people	11 and under	Up to 10 mins	£22.00 per group Accompanist £20.00

Class	Age	Time	Fee
<b>243 Children's Orchestra or Band (12 to 18 yrs) Free choice</b>  Award: The Dickson Cup Two contrasting pieces. Repertoire may be classical, romantic, jazz, big band, etc. Group of a minimum of 6 people	Between 12 and 18	Up to 10 mins	£22.00 per group Accompanist £20.00
<b>253 Children's Recorder Groups (11 yrs and under) Free choice</b>  Award: Churchfields Junior School Recorder Cup Groups are required to perform two contrasting pieces. Group of a minimum of 6 people	11 and under	Up to 10 mins	£22.00 per group Accompanist £20.00