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All entries to be made online by visiting:

HPA Fest 2023 Homepage | Encore Enterprises (encore-enterprises.com)

Closing date for entries:

Tuesday 31st January 2023

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Welcome to HPA Fest 2023!

HPA Fest 2023 is an opportunity for performers of all ages & abilities to 'try out' & to demonstrate their talents.

This Festival has classes & workshops for people of all ages & abilities, some even designed specifically for those of you who just want to 'Have A Go!', so whether you are new to HPA Fest, or have performed before, we are looking forward to welcoming you.

Please take the time to look through our syllabus at this year's classes. It's easy to enter online via our website:

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We look forward to seeing you there!

Your Festival Committee

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Hello from Encore!



This will be the third year that Encore has run HPA Fest and I am delighted that we will again be managing this excellent festival for the community of Herefordshire and beyond.

Encore is a 'not for profit' Community Interest Company, specialising in providing opportunities for the Arts in Herefordshire & the wider region. Like a charity, any 'profit' that we make is reinvested into our services for children, young people & adults. We manage Encore Music Service (county music service to schools), Encore Youth Music (bands, orchestras and ensembles for young people) and Encore Community Music (services to adults). We deliver services to over 4,000 people every week from all ages and parts of our community. Do take the time to visit our website for more information.

The HPA Fest has taken many hours of meticulous planning. On behalf of everyone at Encore I would like to thank all the volunteers on the Festival Committee who have taken the

time out of their busy schedules to produce what promises to be an exciting and thrilling week of **Music, Dance, Speech & Drama**.

Whether you are participating, spectating or both, I hope you enjoy it as much as I know we all will.

Cliff Woollard

Managing Director

Rules

- 1. Closing date for entries is **Tuesday 31st January 2023. PLEASE NOTE: There is no late entry date and late entries are at risk of NOT being accepted.**
- Age limits are determined as at 1st September 2022.
 In group classes where age limits are stated, the age of the eldest young person will denote the class entry.
- 3. Classes.
 - a. There is no limit to the number of classes for which a performer may enter, but where categories are offered (i.e. Preliminary, Primary etc.) only one category may be entered.
 - b. **GRADED CLASSES**: a performer may enter TWO graded classes, one for which they hold the grade and one higher.
 - c. **NOVICE CLASSES**: The qualification for entering a novice class is that the entrant should be Pre-Grade 1 and **MUST NOT** enter Grade 1. Performers in a Novice Class **MUST NOT** perform a Grade 1 piece of music.
 - d. Performers may not make more than one entry in any solo class, but in duet and trio classes they may enter more than once, if accompanied by a different person and that person will not be performing elsewhere in the same class. A piece of music must not be repeated, even if being performed with a different partner.
 - e. Performers must only be entered within their grade. If duet/trio partners are of different grades, the entry must be made in the highest-grade category, e.g. duet/trio partners of Grades 2 and 4 must be entered in a class which caters for Grade 4, *or* Elementary/Intermediate partners must be entered in a class which caters for Intermediate.

TEACHERS AND PARENTS ARE REMINDED THAT CARE SHOULD BE TAKEN TO ENSURE THAT PERFORMERS ARE ENTERED IN THE CORRECT CLASS ACCORDING TO THEIR STANDARD.

A general guide would be:

Novice = Pre-grade 1 Elementary = Grades 1 - 3 Intermediate = Grades 4 - 6 Advanced = Grades 7 - 8

- f. Winners of classes **MUST NOT** perform the same piece the following year.
- g. **CHOIR CLASSES**: Where a Year Group is specified, younger children may enter the group, but the entry must be made in the age range of the eldest children. Where number on roll is specified, if the school roll is very close to the specified number, consult the Festival Office for guidance.
- h. **NON-COMPETITIVE CLASSES**: performers in these classes will receive a written adjudication and a Festival certificate, but *no* marks and *no* trophy.
- 4. **RESTRICTIONS**: Performers who in the 6 months prior to the Festival have been pupils of an Adjudicator appointed to the class in which they have entered, will be ineligible to compete.
- 5. **TIME LIMITS**: Where a time limit is imposed, marks will be deducted for an over-run. It is not necessary to perform to the upper time limit.
- 6. **ORIGINAL COMPOSITIONS** in music, poetry or prose *must* accompany the entry form. These will be timetabled for performance and discussion, although the performance need not be by the composer.
- 7. **COPIES OF OWN CHOICE WORKS:** The Music Publishers Association Code of Practice on photocopying copyright works make a concession for copying own choice pieces FROM VOLUMES ONLY for the use of the adjudicator at a festival, provided that the entrant or participant has already purchased their own copy.

Photocopies for the adjudicator must be completely legible or they can be refused. Any photocopy will be retained and destroyed by the Festival Organiser immediately after the close of the class.

Single copies of items may not be photocopied without the prior permission of the copyright holder.

This permission does not apply to music for the accompanist or competitor, who must always perform from a printed copy, except where copies are required to avoid page turning.

Competitors are advised that this permission applies only to copyright holders who are members of the Music Publishers Association, listed at the back of the Code of Practice leaflet, obtainable from the Association at 103, Kingsway, WC2B 6QX. It is the competitors' own responsibility to ensure that they seek permission to copy direct from any copyright holder whose name does not appear in the list. Own choice titles and composers **must be** submitted on the entry form.

8. PUBLISHED WORKS & SET PIECES

There must be no re-arrangement of published works. Difficulty in obtaining a set piece should be notified to the Festival Office immediately.

9. RECORDED MUSIC

Entrants using recordings created from commercial recordings are advised that they should themselves seek permission to re-record from the record companies concerned. The Festival cannot take responsibility for this.

10. SONGS FROM THE SHOWS – VOCAL & DANCE ENTRIES

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.

11. CONDUCTING OF SPEECH & DRAMA

Conducting of performers, either verbally or facially by teachers/parents is not allowed.

IF A PERFORMER IS CONDUCTED, MARKS WILL BE DEDUCTED.

Performers should be adequately prepared, with no prompting required.

Gestures/actions in the poetry speaking classes are only permitted in these classes.

12. MUSICAL THEATRE

The following *must* apply

- Time limits are strictly adhered to
- It is not a complete act of a musical play
- It does not constitute a 'potted version' of the musical play
- It is performed without any change to either music or lyrics and using only the published or authorized musical arrangements
- There is no use made of any form of scenery, costume, choreography, staging, character representation or special lighting which gives a visual impression or other portrayal of the writer's original conception of the work from which the excerpt is taken

13. TUNING

Performers in brass & string classes must complete their tuning outside the Auditorium, where possible. Those over 15 years of age must carry out their own tuning.

14. PROFESSIONALS & RETIRED PROFESSIONALS

Solo classes are not open to professional or retired professionals. A limited number of professionals/ retired professionals may take part in an instrumental ensemble, orchestra or choir, if they do not receive payment. In chamber groups of up to 10 persons, only one to be professional. In larger groups, the professional element must not be more than 20%: 10% in the case of brass bands.

For the purpose of this Festival, professionals/retired professionals are defined as those who derive or have derived the bulk of their earnings from remuneration for work in that branch of the Arts with which the competition is concerned.

15. PHOTOGRAPHY, FILMING, VIDEO, TAPE-RECORDING, DIGITAL RECORDING OR RECORDING BY ANY MEANS IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.

General Information

A. OFFICIAL ACCOMPANIST

It is not possible for an accompanist to be provided for this year's festival. Performers should organise, rehearse and perform with their own choice of accompanist or backing track. The Festival Office can provide details of persons willing to accompany. It will be the performers' responsibility to contact that person and make their own arrangements for rehearsal and payment. Please contact Encore Enterprises CIC (lisa@encore-enterprises.com) if details of persons are required. All arrangements should be made prior to the Festival submission deadline.

B. FESTIVAL PROGRAMME & TIMETABLE

Each performer requires a Festival Programme to ascertain the time and day of performance. The Festival Programme will be available mid-February online here: Physical copies will be available each day of the festival at a cost of £3.50.

Performers should carefully consult the programme as the Festival accepts no responsibility for performers being unaware of their performance day and time.

C. PERFORMANCE TIMING

Performers entering more than one class should check to make sure there is not a clash of timings, and, if there is, they should contact the Festival Office immediately. Performers must be ready to perform, two performances before their allocated placing in the class.

D. ENTRANCE TO VENUES

All performers, teachers, accompanists and conductors must make themselves known to stewards.

Parents and others in any way connected with the performers, are *not* entitled to free admission and must purchase a ticket on the door. Tickets are £5.

E. FESTIVAL ETIQUETTE

Performers and audience are reminded that whilst they are waiting for adjudications, there should be little or no movement around the hall, conversation should be kept to the minimum and eating is not allowed. Teachers and performers MUST NOT communicate with the adjudicator during the session.

F. AUDIENCE

The Festival accepts no responsibility for members of the audience missing a performance. The position of performers in a class may be changed on the day for various reasons and withdrawals may mean the class will close early. To ensure that no performance is missed it is advisable that persons wishing to be present for a particular performance are present at the venue at least 5 minutes before the commencement of the class. No class will commence before the published time. Tickets will be available at the door on the day of performance.



G. DUTY OF CARE TO YOUNG PERSONS

Parents and teachers are reminded that the safety of young people in their care is their responsibility during the Festival. The Festival Committee have done their best to ensure that you can keep within eye contact throughout the Festival. Staff at venues cannot accept responsibility for young people not in the care of a parent or teacher.

H. DISCLAIMER

All attending the Festival are reminded to take care of their personal property – handbags, instruments, etc. The Festival cannot be responsible for loss.

I. OBJECTIONS & APPEALS

Any objection or appeal must be made to the Festival Organiser, **in writing**, **immediately after the result is announced.** It must be accompanied by a deposit of £5 which will be returned if the appeal is allowed or not considered frivolous. The Committee's interpretation of the Rules and its decision on any point shall be final. Verbal abuse will not be tolerated.

J. FESTIVAL CONCERT

Selected performers will be invited to be included in the Gala Performance Concert. Tickets will be available from The Courtyard Box Office – telephone 01432 340555 or www.courtyard.org.uk

K. AWARDS

Adjudication Sheets and certificates should be collected at the end of each session. Certificates will be awarded to all performers. Up to and including trio classes, individual certificates will be awarded.

For larger groups only one certificate will be awarded. The marking will reflect the moderation of marks matching national standards and will be as follows:

- Outstanding 90 & over
- Distinction 87 89
- Commended 84 86
- Merit 81 83
- Moderate 78 80
- Fair 5 77

Descriptors

•	Outstanding	An exceptional performance both technically and artistically
•	Distinction	An excellent performance both technically and artistically
•	Commended	A convincing performance both technically and artistically
•	Merit	A capable performance showing some artistic appreciation and/or technical ability
•	Moderate	A performance showing development of technique and/ or communication
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Fair A performance limited in its communications

How to Enter

All entries are to be made online.

Online Entry Process

• Complete an Application Form

HPA Fest March 2023 Online Entry Form (wufoo.com)

- Once you have completed your payment you will receive email communication to confirm receipt of your entry, normally within 24 hours
- You will be asked to pay online at the end of the entry process
- Entries close at 11:59 pm on Tuesday 31st January 2023
- With regards to multiple entries, if payment is not cleared by 21st February, you are at risk of not being submitted.

By entering online, you acknowledge that you have read the **Rules of the Festival** in the current syllabus and agree to abide by them. You also acknowledge that you have read the Festival's Safeguarding Policy document included in this syllabus.

Alternative Entry Process

If you are unable to enter online, please contact Lisa Lyness at Encore on 01432 853219 or email <u>lisa@encore-enterprises.com</u>

What Happens Next?

Your entry will be processed and timetabled and mid-February you will receive a programme, where you will find finalised information.

If you have any questions at all, do please email us at:

lisa@encore-enterprises.com

We would much rather answer all of your questions than you not take part because of a query.

Deadline for final submissions is midnight on Tuesday 31st January 2023

Did you know that the HPA Fest is organised and run by a team of volunteers? Are you interested in joining the team?

We are always keen to hear from anyone with an interest in supporting HPA Fest, and many roles can be tailored to fit the amount of time you have available.

For more information, please contact

lisa@encore-enterprises.com

Area Coordinators

Speech & Drama



Annie Rees, Bev Jenkins, Bethan Kain, Philippa Pearson, Lyndsay Rogers, Bex Sharman & Kirsty Sockett.

We teach, in schools, outside schools and in community groups across Herefordshire, children and young people ranging from 6 to 26 years. With over 85 teaching years' experience between us, we have come together to enable young people to showcase their creative talent, gain confidence, performance skills and share in the Festival spirit.

Music

Brass & Woodwind (Inc. Ensembles)



Claire Kennedy

Claire Kennedy read Music at London University, and is an Accredited Instrumental Music Teacher with Encore.

Choral & Vocal

Jon Weller

Jon Weller works as Head of Music at Hereford Sixth Form College and as a freelance musician. As a singer, he is much in demand as a soloist and a deputy singer with several local choirs including Hereford Cathedral Choir. He is also the regular musical director of Academia Musica Choir, Hereford Youth Choir and Ethelbert Consort and teaches singing privately.



Strings, Classical Guitar & Harp



Barbara Kinnaird

Barbara grew up in Gloucestershire where one of her musical highlights was playing in Gloucester Young People's String Ensemble. She then trained at Trinity College of Music and the Royal Academy of Music in London and worked there as a freelance violinist before moving to Herefordshire in 1999 when her twin daughters were born.

Barbara has worked for Herefordshire Music Service and Encore in schools since 2002, where she has taught the violin in individual and group lessons as well as coaching school ensembles.

Barbara has been involved with Encore Youth

Music for around 15 years, most recently conducting Intermediate Strings and is the string specialist for Herefordshire Youth Orchestra.

Barbara also enjoys reading and has a passion for gardening.

Piano & Keyboard

Kathryn King

Kathryn is an Accredited Teacher with Encore, teaching piano at several schools in Hereford and privately from home. Having taken part in the Hereford and Cheltenham Performing Arts Festivals for many years and supporting her own pupils at HPA Festival in more recent years, she is excited to be able to use that experience in helping to co-ordinate the piano classes at this year's festival.



Dance

Alex Bennett



Alex started Aspire Dance Studio in Weobley in 2008 alongside studying at Dance Academy South West in Bristol, where she gained her qualifications to teach up to major level in ISTD Tap, Modern and Jazz. She has many years' experience in choreographing solos, duets, trios and groups dances for festivals, exams, shows and local events.

Alex trained as a child at Hereford Ballet School for 15 years and after completing A-Levels at Hereford Sixth Form, completed a 3 year BA (Hons) QTS Degree at Worcester University, to become a qualified Primary Teacher. She completed her Acrobatic Arts training 3 years ago.

Alex has also been teaching GCSE Dance at Weobley High School for the past 10 years, and hopes to continue develop the subject within the school over the next few years.

Rock & Pop

Oscar Featherstone



Oscar Featherstone has served as Theatre Manager at Hereford Sixth Form College since 2019 where his chief responsibilities include operating lights & sound, mentoring the Rock 'N' Pop Instrumental Academy and teaching 1 - 1Sound Design and Music Technology.

He spends his evening hours writing and producing music, and relaxing with his cat Forest .



Speech & Drama

Poetry Speaking from Memory

Solo dramatic items must be announced with title and author at the time of performance to qualify for copyright indemnity and a copy given to the adjudicator. Gestures and actions are not encouraged.

Solos		
Class		Time Limit
1	Yr 2 & under	2 mins
2	Yr 3	2 mins
3	Yr 4	2 mins
4	Yr 5	2 mins
5	Yr 6	2 mins
6	Yr 7	2 mins
7	Yr 8 & 9	3 mins
8	Yr 10 - 12	3 mins

Share A Poem – 2 - 4 Voices

Any poem; movement is permitted. It is recommended that competitors explore the techniques of unison as well as solo speaking in this class. **Some gestures and actions are allowed.**

9	Yr 2 & 3	2 mins
10	Yr 4	2 mins
11	Yr 5	2 mins
12	Yr 6 & 7	2 mins

Sight Reading

An extract, chosen by the Adjudicator, from the following books:

13	Yr 2 & under	Little Red Riding Hood - Read it yourself with Ladybird ISBN:978-1409303602
14	Yr 3	The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark by Jill Tomlinson ISBN: 978-0008498986
15	Yr 4	Captain Underpants by Dav Pilkey ISBN: 978-0439014571
16	Yr 5	James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl ISBN: 978-0141365459
17	Yr 6	Holes by Louis Sachar ISBN: 978-1408865231
18	Yr 7	Private Peaceful by Michael Morpurgo ISBN: 978-0007486441

Sight Reading cont.

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An extract, chosen b	y the Adjudicato	r, from the followi	ng DOOKS:

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19	Yr 8 & 9	Lord of the Flies by William Golding ISBN: 978-0571191475
20	Yr 10 - 12	The Bell Jar by Sylvia Plath ISBN: 978-0571081783

Prepared Reading

Own choice book - age appropriate

21	Yr 3	2 mins
22	Yr 4	2 mins
23	Yr 5	2 mins
24	Yr 6	2 mins
25	Yr 7	2 mins
26	Yr 8 & 9	2 mins
27	Yr 10 - 12	2 mins

Solo Acting - Non-Shakespeare

Own choice play - age appropriate

28	Elementary up to Yr 4	4 mins
29	Junior Yr 5 - 7	4 mins
30	Intermediate Yr 8 - 10	5 mins
31	Advanced Yr 11 - 13	5 mins

Duologue Acting - Non-Shakespeare

Own choice play - age appropriate

32	Elementary up to Yr 4	4 mins
33	Junior Yr 5 - 7	4 mins
34	Intermediate Yr 8 - 10	5 mins
35	Advanced Yr 11 - 13	5 mins

Group Acted Scene - Non-Shakespeare

Own choice play - age appropriate

36	Elementary up to Yr 4	10 mins
37	Junior Yr 5 - 7	10 mins

Solo Acting - Shakespeare

38	Junior Yr 5 - 7	5 mins
39	Intermediate Yr 8 - 10	5 mins
40	Advanced Yr 11 - 13	5 mins

Duo Acting - Shakespeare

41	Elementary up to Yr 4	
42	Junior Yr 5 - 7	5 mins
43	Intermediate Yr 8 - 10	5 mins
44	Advanced Yr 11 - 13	5 mins

Group Acted Scene - Shakespeare

45	Elementary up to Yr 4	10 mins
46	Junior Yr 5 - 7	10 mins
47	Intermediate Yr 8 - 10	10 mins

Public Speaking

Own choice theme - age appropriate - optional Powerpoint and visual aids may be used

48	Junior Yr 5 - 7	2 mins
49	Intermediate Yr 8 - 10	3 mins

Group Theme

Theme of 'family' - to include a variety of music, mime, acting and choral speaking

50	Junior Yr 5 - 7		15 mins
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Improvisation

Theme to be decided by the adjudicator. All performers to be present 20 mins prior to the start of the class. No consultation with teacher/ parent etc. A group of no more than 5 and not less than 3 performers, under 18 yrs of age, to improvise a scene lasting no longer than 5 mins, creating dialogue & action on a theme set by the Adjudicator 15/20 mins before the commencement of the class.

51	Under 18 yrs of age	5 mins
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Interview

Own choice theme - age appropriate

52	Junior Yr 5 - 7	2 mins
53	Intermediate Yr 8 - 10	2 mins



Music

Brass & Woodwind (Inc. Ensembles)

Brass

Solo

One piece from current exam syllabus or equivalent standard

Class	
100	Pre-Grade 1
101	Grade 1
102	Grade 2
103	Grade 3
104	Grade 4
105	Grade 5
106	Grade 6
107	Grade 7
108	Grade 8
109	Grade 8 & above

Duet

Any one piece - own choice			
110	Elementary	3 mins	
111	Intermediate	5 mins	

Duet

Any two contrasting pieces - own choice

112	Advanced	10 mins
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Brass Ensemble			
	Any one piece - own choice		
113	Elementary	3 mins	
114	Intermediate	5 mins	

Brass Ensemble

Any two contrasting pieces - own choice			
115	Advanced		10 mins

Jazz Solo

116	Elementary	3 mins
117	Intermediate	5 mins
118	Advanced	10 mins



Woodwind

Solo

One piece from current exam syllabus or equivalent standard		
Class		
119	Pre-Grade 1	
120	Grade 1	
121	Grade 2	
122	Grade 3	
123	Grade 4	
124	Grade 5	
125	Grade 6	
126	Grade 7	
127	Grade 8	
128	Grade 8 & above	

Duet

Any one piece - own choice		
129	Elementary	3 mins
130	Intermediate	5 mins

Duet Any two contrasting pieces - own choice 131 Advanced 10 mins

Wind Chamber Music - one player to a part

Any one piece - own choice

132	Elementary	3 mins
133	Intermediate	5 mins

Wind Chamber Music - one player to a part

Any two contrasting pieces - own choice

134	Advanced	10 mins	
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Wind Ensemble		
	Any one piece - own choice	
135	Elementary	3 mins
136	Intermediate	5 mins

Wind Ensemble

		Any two contrasting pieces - own choice	
137	Advanced		10 mins

Jazz Solo

138	Elementary	3 mins
139	Intermediate	5 mins
140	Advanced	10 mins



Recorder Section

Any Recorder

Solo

	Any one piece - own choice		
Class		Time Limit	
141	Elementary	3 mins	
142	Intermediate	5 mins	
143	Advanced	10 mins	

Duet

		Any one piece - own choice	
144	Elementary		3 mins
145	Intermediate		5 mins

Duet

		Any two contrasting pieces - own choice		
146	Advanced		10 mins]

Consort

	Minimum	of 3 players	
147	Junior	4 mins	5
148	Senior	8 mins	5

School Groups

Jazz Band

		Own choice	
149	Any school age		8 mins

Wind Band

	Own choic	e
150	Any school age	8 mins

Brass Band

		Own choice	
151	Any school age		8 mins

Mixed Ensemble

		Own choice	
152	Any school age		8 mins



Non-School Groups

Steel Band

		Own choice	
153	Open		10 mins

Jazz Band			
		Own choice	
154	Open		10 mins

Wind Band			
		Own choice	
155	Open		10 mins

Brass Band

		Own choice	
156	Open		10 mins

Wind & Brass Ensemble

		Own Choice	
157	Open		10 mins

Music

Choral & Vocal - Competitive

Lower Primary Choir

Two songs			
Class		Time Limit	
200	Up to and including Yr 4	7 mins	

Upper Primary Choir

	Two songs	
201	Yr 5 - 6	7 mins

Lower High School Choir

	Two songs	
202	Yr 7 - 9	7 mins

Upper High School and KS 5 Choir

Two songs			
203	Yr 10 - 13		7 mins

Choir - Any age Two songs 204 Open 7 mins

Hymn/Worship Song/Sacred Song

Two Songs

205	Primary School (up to Yr 6)	
206	High School (Yr 7 - 11)	7 mins
207	Open	7 mins

Vocal Solo - Boys

Any song not in shows/films		
208	Yr 4 & under	3 mins
209	Yr 5 - 9	3 mins
210	Yr 10 - 13	3 mins

Vocal Solo - Girls

Any song not in shows/films		
211	Yr 4 & under	3 mins
212	Yr 5 - 9	3 mins
213	Yr 10 - 13	3 mins

Vocal Solo Any song not in shows/films 214 Open 3 mins

Songs from the Shows & Films - Boys

Any song from a show/film		
215	Yr 4 & under	3 mins
216	Yr 5 - 9	3 mins
217	Yr 10 - 13	3 mins

Songs from the Shows & Films - Girls

Any song from a show/film		
218	Yr 4 & under	3 mins
219	Yr 5 - 9	3 mins
220	Yr 10 - 13	3 mins

Songs from the Shows & Films

		Any song from a show/film	
221	Open		3 mins

Duet - Any combination of singers

One song

222	Both singers must be in Yr 9 or under	3 mins
223	Both singers must be in Yr 13 or under	3 mins
224	Open	3 mins

Opera

One operatic song			
225	Open		3 mins

Folk Song				
One folk song				
226	Open		3 mins	



Choral & Vocal - Non-Competitive

Lower Primary Choir - Non-Competitive

Two songs

228Up to and including Yr 47 mins

Upper Primary Choir - Non-Competitive

		l wo songs	
229	Yr 5 - 6		7 mins

Lower High School Choir - Non-Competitive

	Two songs	
230	Yr 7 - 9	7 mins

Upper High School and KS 5 Choir - Non-Competitive

		i wo songs		
231	Yr 10 - 13		7 mins	

Choir - Any age - Non-Competitive

Two songs		
232	Open	7 mins

Hymn/Worship Song/Sacred Song - Non-Competitive

Two Songs

233	Primary School (up to Yr 6)	
234	4 High School (Yr 7 - 11) 7 r	
235	Open	7 mins

Vocal Solo - Boys - Non-Competitive

Any song not in shows/films				
236	Yr 4 & under		3 mins	
237	Yr 5 - 9		3 mins	
238	Yr 10 - 13		3 mins	

Vocal Solo - Girls - Non-Competitive

Any song not in shows/films				
239	Yr 4 & under	3 mins		
240	Yr 5 - 9	3 mins		
241	Yr 10 - 13	3 mins		

Vocal Solo - Non-Competitive				
Any song not in shows/films				
242	Open		3 mins	

Songs from the Shows & Films - Boys - Non-Competitive

Any song from a show/film			
243	Yr 4 & under	3 mins	
244	Yr 5 - 9	3 mins	
245	Yr 10 - 13	3 mins	

Songs from the Shows & Films - Girls - Non-Competitive

Any song from a show/film 246 Yr 4 & under 3 mins 247 Yr 5 - 9 3 mins 248 Yr 10 - 13 3 mins

Songs from the Shows & Films - Non-Competitive

		Any song from a show/film	
249	Open		3 mins

Duet - Any combination of singers - Non-Competitive

	One song				
250	Both singers must be in Yr 9 or under	3 mins			
251	Both singers must be in Yr 13 or under	3 mins			
252	Open	3 mins			

Opera - Non-Competitive

		One operatic song	
253	Open		3 mins

Folk Song - Non-Competitive

_			One folk song	
	254	Open		3 mins



Music

Strings, Harp & Classical Guitar

Strings

Solos

	One piece from current exam syllabus or equivalent standard	
Class		
300	Pre-Grade 1	
301	Grade 1	
302	Grade 2	
303	Grade 3	
304	Grade 4	
305	Grade 5	
306	Grade 6	
307	Grade 7	
308	Grade 8	
309	Grade 8 & above	

Duet

	Own choice		
310	Elementary	3 mins	
311	Intermediate	6 mins	
312	Advanced	10 mins	

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String Ensemble

More than one player to a part - Own choice			
313	11 yrs & under		3 mins
314	12 - 16 yrs		6 mins
315	16+ yrs		10 mins

Chamber Music - Not less than 3 people

Own choice - Any combination of string instruments, including piano

316	11 yrs & under	3 mins
317	12 - 16 yrs	6 mins
318	16+ yrs	10 mins



Harp

Solo

One piece from current exam syllabus or equivalent standard		
319	Elementary	3 mins
320	Intermediate	6 mins
321	Advanced	10 mins

Duet

	Own choice	
322	Open	5 mins

Group

		Own choice - not less than 3 people	
323	Open		5 mins



Classical Guitar

Solo

One piece from current exam syllabus or equivalent standard		
324	Elementary	3 mins
325	Intermediate	6 mins
326	Advanced	10 mins

Duet

	Own choice	
327	Open	5 mins

Group

	Own choice - not less than 3 people		
328	Open		5 mins



Music

Piano & Keyboard

Solos

One piece from current exam syllabus or equivalent standard (min 16 bars)

Class	
400	Pre-Grade 1
401	Grade 1
402	Grade 2
403	Grade 3
404	Grade 4
405	Grade 5
406	Grade 6
407	Grade 7
408	Grade 8

Sonatina

Any first or last movement from a Classical composer		
409	Grade 5 & below	3 mins

Sonata

Any first or last movement from a Classical composer		
410	Grade 6 & above	7 mins

Recital

411	Yr 10 & below	7 mins
412	Yr 11 & above	10 mins

Duet

413	Elementary	2 mins
414	Intermediate	3 mins
415	Advanced	5 mins

Duet - Pupil & Teacher

416	Elementary	2 mins
417	Intermediate	3 mins
418	Advanced	5 mins



Non-Competitive Piano

Marks will not be awarded but a full verbal and written adjudication will be given

Solo		
	Any one piece	
419	Yr 6 & under	2 mins
420	Yr 7 - 9	3 mins
421	Yr 10 & over	4 mins
422	Adult	6 mins

Duet			
		Any one piece	
423	Adult		6 mins

Music

Rock & Pop

Guitar

Solo

Any one piece of own choice, with or without backing track.

Class		Time limit
500	12 yrs & under	1-2 mins
501	13 - 15 yrs	2-3 mins
502	16 - 18 yrs	3-4 mins
503	Open	4-6 mins

Keyboard

SoloAny one piece of own choice, with or without backing track or automatic accompaniment.50412 yrs & under1-2 mins50513 - 15 yrs2-3 mins50616 - 18 yrs3-4 mins507Open4-6 mins

Bass

Solo

Any one piece of own choice, with or without backing track.		
508	12 yrs & under	1-2 mins
509	13 - 15 yrs	2-3 mins
510	16 - 18 yrs	3-4 mins
511	Open	4-6 mins

Drums

Solo

Any one piece of own choice, with or without backing track.		
512	12 yrs & under	1-2 mins
513	13 - 15 yrs	2-3 mins
514	16 - 18 yrs	3-4 mins
515	Open	4-6 mins

Microphone Singing

Solo

Any one piece of own choice, with backing track or accompaniment.

516	12 yrs & under	1-2 mins
517	13 - 15 yrs	2-3 mins
518	16 - 18 yrs	3-4 mins
519	Open	4-6 mins

Band/Group

Grou	0	
	Any one piece of own choice – at least 2 people. No more than 4 vocalists (i.e. not choir).	
520	Open	3.5-8 mins

Dance

Time limit for all classes: Solo - 2 mins Duet - 2.5 mins Trio & Quartet - 3 mins Group - 4 mins

Ballet

Please Note In This Section Soft Or Pointe Shoes Must Be Worn

Pointe shoes are only allowed from 13yrs upwards.

Any style of Ballet may be danced in this section. One dance only per competitor.

Classical Ballet Should include Adage and Allegro. Costumes should ensure that every aspect of Classical Technique is clearly visible. Repertoire is not allowed.

Stylised Ballet A communication of an idea through movement, danced with Classical Technique when using hand props or with a traditional style, such as Hornpipe, Spanish, Tarantella.

Modern Ballet A fusion which combines Classical Ballet and Modern Ballet genres but may be danced with a parallel line of leg.

Character A dramatic, artistic or sometimes humorous presentation of:

- A story /character from any book, poem, play, film, history, cartoon, original created theme
- The mannerisms and essential features of animals, birds, insects, reptiles, virus, and topical interpretations of abstract

Appropriate technique for the character should be used. This is a classical dance style.

Solo	
Class	
600	Reception - Yr 2
601	Yr 3 & 4
602	Yr 5 & 6
603	Yr 7 & 8
604	Yr 9 & 10
605	Yr 11 & 12

Duet	
606	Yr 6 & under
607	Yrs 7 - 10
608	Yr 11 & over

Ballet cont.

Trio	
609	Yr 6 & under
610	Yrs 7 - 10
611	Yr 11 & over

Quartet	
612	Yr 6 & under
613	Yrs 7 - 10
614	Yr 11 & over

Group	
615	Yr 6 & under
616	Yrs 7 - 10
617	Yr 11 & over

Тар

Create rhythmical and syncopated sounds and movement using the feet and body.

All styles and developments in technique, including characterisation and humour, are encouraged providing the rhythms, clarity of beating and presentation of the routine is fully sustained and appropriate to the chosen musical style.

Solo		
Class		
618	Reception - Yr 2	
619	Yr 3 & 4	
620	Yr 5 & 6	
621	Yr 7 & 8	
622	Yr 9 & 10	
623	Yr 11 & 12	

Tap cont.

Duet	
624	Yr 6 & under
625	Yrs 7 - 10
626	Yr 11 & over

Trio	
627	Yr 6 & under
628	Yrs 7 - 10
629	Yr 11 & over

Quartet	
630	Yr 6 & under
631	Yrs 7 - 10
632	Yr 11 & over

Group	
633	Yr 6 & under
634	Yrs 7 - 10
635	Yr 11 & over

Lyrical

Lyrical Modern work should show flowing movements that purely express the emotion of the music. Gymnastic and acrobatic work is not allowed, and floor work should be kept to an absolute minimum.

Music The choice of music is most important within this genre in relation to the age of the performer. They should be able to understand the context of the lyrics or style of the instrumental in order for them to give a true interpretation of the music.

Costume Choices should be relevant and appropriate for the style of music. There should be some coherence between the design, colour, embellishments and also a responsible and appropriate acknowledgement to the age of the performer and what they are wearing.

Performance Expression should complement the style of the music as reflected in the choreography and there should be a journey in the storytelling of the dance.

Solo	
Class	
636	Reception - Yr 2
637	Yr 3 & 4
638	Yr 5 & 6
639	Yr 7 & 8
640	Yr 9 & 10
641	Yr 11 & 12

Duet	
642	Yr 6 & under
643	Yrs 7 - 10
644	Yr 11 & over

Trio	
645	Yr 6 & under
646	Yrs 7 - 10
647	Yr 11 & over

Quartet	
648	Yr 6 & under
649	Yrs 7 - 10
650	Yr 11 & over

Lyrical cont.

Group	
651	Yr 6 & under
652	Yrs 7 - 10
653	Yr 11 & over

Commercial

A modern style of dance, highly choreographed, it will feature a mixture of sharp and fluid movements, popping & locking and animated expression similar to dances seen on "commercial" video clips

Solo	
Class	
654	Reception - Yr 2
655	Yr 3 & 4
656	Yr 5 & 6
657	Yr 7 & 8
658	Yr 9 & 10
659	Yr 11 & 12

Duet	
660	Yr 6 & under
661	Yrs 7 - 10
662	Yr 11 & over

Trio	
663	Yr 6 & under
664	Yrs 7 - 10
665	Yr 11 & over

Commercial cont.

Quartet	
666	Yr 6 & under
667	Yrs 7 - 10
668	Yr 11 & over

Group	
669	Yr 6 & under
670	Yrs 7 - 10
671	Yr 11 & over

Modern (including acrobatic)

The range of choreographic styles and techniques is diverse. Modern, Lyrical, Jazz, Commercial, Hip Hop and all styles of Modern Theatre Dance are appropriate. These styles are informed by the choice of music, and from that the choreography should reflect the movement vocabulary. Acrobatic/Gymnastic movements are acceptable but must be combined with a recognisable dance technique and a theatrical and artistic quality. However acrobatic 'tricks' should be minimal and not become the main focus of the choreography. All routines should observe safe dance practice and MUST be appropriate for the age and ability of the performer. Suggestive music and choreographic content are not acceptable for a festival platform. Music with offensive lyrics is also not suitable.

Solo	
Class	
672	Reception - Yr 2
673	Yr 3 & 4
674	Yr 5 & 6
675	Yr 7 & 8
676	Yr 9 & 10
677	Yr 11 & 12

Modern (including acrobatic) cont.

Duet	
678	Yr 6 & under
679	Yrs 7 - 10
680	Yr 11 & over

Trio	
681	Yr 6 & under
682	Yrs 7 - 10
683	Yr 11 & over

Quartet	
684	Yr 6 & under
685	Yrs 7 - 10
686	Yr 11 & over

Group		
687	Yr 6 & under	
688	Yrs 7 - 10	
689	Yr 11 & over	

Contemporary

Technically the work may reference Limon / Horton / Graham / Cunningham / Release / Flying Low / GaGa or any other recognised Contemporary technique and should be underpinned with a strong classical base. The work should show an understanding of choreographic content and a clear reference to the defined principles of contraction and release, fall and rebound, use of breath and gravity and successive or initiated movement. Whilst there is an athletic strength to the work, acrobatic work should be minimal and used only to enhance the choreographic work. Floorwork should be embraced and used to make clear transitions/patterning.

Music The range of music choices for contemporary is very broad. Classical, contemporary, folk, world, popular music are acceptable. Spoken word, text, or found sound are all to be encouraged.

Costume This should be considered to be part of the design of the overall piece of choreography and should complement and enhance the movement vocabulary. The style can be unique/original and should make the aesthetic look of the piece coherent. Socks may be worn if they are safe.

Titles A title for the piece should be given to describe and inform the audience of the choreographic intention.

Solo	
Class	
690	Reception - Yr 2
691	Yr 3 & 4
692	Yr 5 & 6
693	Yr 7 & 8
694	Yr 9 & 10
695	Yr 11 & 12

Duet		
696	Yr 6 & under	
697	Yrs 7 - 10	
698	Yr 11 & over	

Trio	
699	Yr 6 & under
700	Yrs 7 - 10
701	Yr 11 & over

Contemporary cont.

Quartet		
702	Yr 6 & under	
703	Yrs 7 - 10	
704	Yr 11 & over	

Group		
705	Yr 6 & under	
706	Yrs 7 - 10	
707	Yr 11 & over	

Safeguarding

We recognise that:

- The welfare of the child/young person is paramount
- All children, regardless of age, disability, gender, racial heritage, religious belief, sexual orientation or identity, have the right to equal protection from all types of harm or abuse
- Working in partnership with children, young people, their parents, carers and other agencies is essential in promoting young people's welfare

The purpose of the policy:

- To provide protection for the children and young people who participate in our festival, including the children of festival members
- To provide staff and volunteers with guidance on procedures they should adopt if they suspect a child or young person may be experiencing, or be at risk of, harm

We will seek to safeguard children and young people by:

- Valuing them, listening to and respecting them
- Adopting child protection guidelines through procedures and safe working practice for staff and volunteers
- Recruiting staff and volunteers safely, ensuring all necessary checks are made
- Sharing information about child protection and safe working practice with children, parents, staff and volunteers
- Sharing information about concerts with agencies who need to know, and involving parents and children appropriately
- Providing effective management for staff and volunteers through supervision, support and training

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- Child's name
- Child's date of birth
- Child's sex
- Child's current school
- Child's year group
- Child's music tutor
- Child's current grade/standard
- Parent/Carer name
- Parent/Carer email address
- Parent/Carer bank account holder name, account number & sort code

- This information is collected via secure online forms.
- We may also retain any communications/comments you have with us via email, phone, post or via online surveys.

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- To operate, maintain and provide the services you sign up for.
- To liaise with you regarding the services you sign up for.

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