



Herefordshire Performing Arts Festival

2026

Strings Programme

Sunday 22nd March
St Paul's Primary School



Welcome from Encore

This is now the seventh 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 charity specialising in providing opportunities for the Arts in Herefordshire & the wider region. We manage Encore Music Service (county music service to schools, colleges and early years settings), 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.

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 and our Coordinators who have taken the time out of their busy schedules to produce what promises to be an exciting and thrilling festival of Music, Dance, Speech and Drama.

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

**Chris Tindell-Jones
Director of Encore**



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. 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 on the HPA Fest website. If you want a printed copy you are encouraged to print this yourselves. 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.

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. 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 descriptors, and will be as follows:

Outstanding 90 & over - An exceptional performance both technically and artistically

Distinction 87 - 89 - An excellent performance both technically and artistically

Commended 84 - 86 - A convincing performance both technically and artistically

Merit 81 - 83 - A capable performance showing some artistic appreciation and/ or technical ability

Moderate 78 - 80 - A performance showing development of technique and/or communication

Fair 5 - 77 - A performance limited in its communications

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

Festival Policies

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

Equal Opportunities

Encore Enterprises CIO and Herefordshire Performing Arts Festival is committed to equal opportunities in respect of all aspects of its activities. We actively promote equality for all, irrespective of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, age, disability or illness, religion or beliefs. (This list is not exhaustive)

Users of the HPA Fest should be fully aware of our commitment to provide equal opportunities in all our activities and functions.

Data Protection

Encore Enterprises CIO provides musical opportunities and services to people in Herefordshire and beyond. We take data protection very seriously and are committed to safeguarding your personal information. We are legally obliged to use your information in line with all laws concerning the protection of personal information.

Information We Collect

The types of personal data we ask for are in relation to HPA Fest:

- 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

How We Collect That Information

- 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.

Why We Collect That Information

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

Photographs and

Photographs and Video Recording

As part of Encore's activities, we will take photographs and record images of county ensembles, individuals participating in one-off activities and individual performers. Such material will be used solely by Encore, for example, for publicity purposes, such as prospectuses and other similar information about the organisation; for display in our buildings, on banners at concerts, on our website and for social media purposes; for assessment and educational purposes; and for fundraising or other purposes to help achieve the organisation's aims. When using photographs and videos for publicity, display or website purposes, we will not accompany them with any other personal information about the participants to ensure they cannot be identified. Although we will carefully use images on the basis of our 'legitimate interests', we understand there may be occasions where users provide good reason why we should withdraw certain images. If you ask us to withdraw an image with good cause, we will delete the photograph or video and not distribute it further. Images that might cause embarrassment or distress WILL NOT be used.

How We Keep Your Information Secure

- Any information sent to us is stored on a secure server so that it can only be read by authorised personnel.
- Our online forms are served across a protected, 256-bit SSL connection that encrypts the data before it is sent to the servers. SSL ensures that any wrong-doer who may be listening in to your network traffic is not able to actually read the data being submitted to the form.

How Long We Will Keep Your Personal Information

- We will hold your personal information on our systems for 12 months.
- You have the right to request a copy of the personal information we hold and have any inaccuracies corrected.
- If you have any questions or concerns about our use of your personal information please contact us: info@encore-enterprises.com

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 info@encore-enterprises.com

STRINGS

Sunday March 22nd

St. Paul's Primary School, Hereford



**Coordinator:
Barbara Kinnaird**

Adjudicator



Cathy Scott-Burt

Cathy is a violinist, violist and music educator who loves performing and teaching.

She studied with violinist Sophie Langdon at the then Trinity College of Music, joining the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra under the baton of Sir Simon Rattle after graduating. Whilst with CBSO, Cathy wrote and presented CBSO concerts for children, performed chamber music in the 'Centre Stage' concert series and sat on the board as a player-representative.

Cathy has performed with many major UK orchestras, and now combines freelance performance with teaching, examining and adjudicating. She directed the Junior String Orchestra at Primary Royal Academy of Music for several years, as well as working on the Teaching Musician MA course at Trinity Laban after graduating with her MA. She is a longstanding member of the Longborough Festival Opera orchestra.

Cathy has over 25 years' experience of string teaching; her pupils have joined the National Children's Orchestra, the National Youth Orchestra and the National Youth String Orchestras. Her students have gone on to study music at university, complete performance courses at music conservatoires and have moved for 6th form studies to specialist music schools.

In her spare time, Cathy enjoys sewing, reading, admiring her two beautiful cats and singing and playing chamber music with her music-mad family. She is an avid opera fan and has travelled throughout Europe in pursuit of exciting operas to watch.

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10:30

Class 300 – Strings – Solo – Pre Grade 1

1. Lily Peate

Adjudication Class 300

10:40

Class 301 – Strings – Solo – Grade 1

1. Lyra Walker

Adjudication Class 301

10:50

Class 302 – Strings – Solo – Grade 2

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| 1. Maeva Farrant | The Happy Farmer |
| 2. Zephyr Donovan | Gavotte |
| 3. Rowan Peate | Waltz |
| 4. Rawdon Wildish | Hallelujah |
| 5. Isobelle Mahoney | |

Adjudication Class 302

11:30

Class 303 – Strings – Solo – Grade 3

1. Julia Smith

Shanty for Ludwig

Adjudication Class 303

11:40

Class 304 – Strings – Solo – Grade 4

1. Emily Smith

Adjudication Class 304

11:50

Class 307 – Strings – Solo – Grade 7

1. Sophie Hill

Tarantella

Adjudication Class 307

12:00

Class 308 – Strings – Solo – Grade 8

1. Sid Steward

Czardas

2. Zoe Funnell

The Big 5-0

Adjudication Class 308

12:30

Class 317 – Chamber Music – 3 or more – 12-16 Years

1. Lyra Tester	Piano	Demons
Ida Allan	Violin	Mira
Tessa Wakeman-Duque	Cello	

Adjudication Class 317

12:40

Class 320 – Harp – Solo – Intermediate

1. Dan Gittins	Toccata
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Adjudication Class 320

12:50

Class 323 – Harp – Group – Open

1. Rosalind Gittins	Arannin i ni / Audlyn River
Gaynor Corrick	
Lindsey Allen	
Sarah Rees	

Adjudication Class 323

END OF DAY



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