# Skipton Music Festival 2027

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# General Rules and Regulations

General
The competition is controlled in all matters by the Committee and a majority decision of those present will be final.
The Committee may withdraw a class if there are too few entries, split a class if necessary or transfer any class to another day or time.
All trophies are held for one year only and should be cleaned and returned to the Trophy Secretary not later than 30th December in the year of that Festival.
The recording of performances and adjudications by any means is not permitted.

Entries
No performer may enter the same item in more than one class.
Grade classes are an alternative to age-determined ones.
'Own choice' titles, composers and authors must be given on the entry form and strictly adhered to.
Last minute changes may lead to disqualification.
In all classes where there is an age limit, the operative date is 1st September in the year preceding the Festival. The age of an ensemble is that of the majority of its members.
Late entries and entries that are incomplete by the deadline will not be accepted.

The Adjudicator
Performers should begin only when the Adjudicator indicates.
No performer, teacher or other member of the audience may approach the Adjudicator unless invited to do so nor engage him/her in conversation on any matter pertaining to a performance, otherwise the performer may be disqualified.
Awards in all classes are at the discretion of the Adjudicator, whose decisions and reports must be accepted as final.
The Adjudicator may stop, or ask for a repeat of, the performance of any test piece.
Unless otherwise stated, Adjudicator's copies should be provided for all 'own choice' items. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.

The Accompanist
In all Solo Classes, the services of the Official Accompanist must be used for set pieces, but performers may bring their own accompanist for 'own choice' items.
Choirs may use their own accompanist for all items.
Copies of 'own choice' pieces for the Official Accompanist must be sent to the Secretary at the same time as your entry.

Performance
The order of performance is decided by ballot.
The Committee may disqualify any performer who is not ready to perform when called.
Performers who fail to observe time limits in 'own choice' classes may be disqualified or stopped.
Repeats may be played provided the time limit is observed.

Performers are reminded that the photocopying of music without the publisher's permission is illegal.

# 2027 Festival Syllabus

# Entry deadline: 10:00pm 25th January 2027

## Junior

All these classes are restricted to those still at school (or equivalent) and in Year 13 or under.
While the Open classes are, of course, open to all, most younger musicians will be expected to enter in this (Junior) section.
Where a set piece is specified, the time shown is only an estimation, to be used as a guide. It should not affect your performance.
Deadline for entry: 10:00pm Monday 25th January 2027

## Junior Piano (Age)

If these age-related classes are not appropriate for you, choose to play in a grade-related class instead.

| Class | Age | Time | Fee |
|---|---|---|---|
| **101 Piano Solo Year 4**<br>Test: Own Choice from Piano Grades are Go! Initial to Grade 1 - Victoria Proudler, EVC Music | Year 4 and under | Up to 1.5 mins | £8.00 |
| **102 Piano Solo Year 5**<br>Test: Own Choice from Halloween Piano Tunes - Donald Thomson, EVC Music | Year 5 and under | Up to 2 mins | £9.00 |
| **103 Piano Solo Year 6**<br>Test: Own Choice either from Classics to Moderns book 1, Denes Agay, Yorktown Music Press or Graded Pieces for Piano Preparatory to Grade 2 - Ludovico Einaudi, Chester | Year 6 and under | Up to 2.5 mins | £10.00 |
| **104 Piano Solo Year 7**<br>Test: Own Choice either from Sound Sketches vol. 2 - Graham Lynch, EVC Music or Album for the Young, Schumann op. 68, Any edition | Year 7 and under | Up to 3 mins | £10.00 |
| **105 Piano Solo Year 8**<br>Test: Own Choice either from Album from Rhythm and Rag, Alan Haughton, ABRSM or Children's Pieces op. 27, Kabalevsky, Any edition | Year 8 and under | Up to 3 mins | £10.00 |
| **106 Piano Solo Year 9**<br>Test: Own Choice either from Studio Ghibli Best Hits Intermediate Level, Yamaha or Hello, Mister Gillock! Carl Czerny, Brietkopf | Year 9 and under | Up to 3 mins | £10.00 |
| **107 Piano Solo Year 10**<br>Test: Own Choice from Grade 5 syllabus, any Board | Year 10 and under | Up to 3 mins | £10.00 |
| **108 Piano Solo Year 11**<br>Test: Own Choice either from Musiques D'Enfants op. 65, Prokofiev, any edition or 23 Miscellaneous Pieces, Heller (Easier Piano Pieces no. 50), ABRSM | Year 11 and under | Up to 3.5 mins | £10.00 |
| **109 Piano Solo Year 12**<br>Test: Own Choice from Grade 6 syllabus any Board | Year 12 and under | Up to 5 mins | £10.00 |

| Class | Age | Time | Fee |
|---|---|---|---|
| **110 Piano Solo Year 13**<br>Test: Own Choice at least Grade 6 in standard | Year 13 and under | Up to 8 mins | £10.00 |
| **121 Piano Duet Year 4**<br>Test: Own Choice | Year 4 and under | Up to 2 mins | £10.00 per duo |
| **122 Piano Duet Year 6**<br>Test: Own Choice from Jazz, Rags and Blues for Two duet book 1 or 2 - Martha Miler, Alfred | Year 6 and under | Up to 2 mins | £12.00 per duo |
| **123 Piano Duet Year 8**<br>Test: Own Choice from Jazzin' About fun pieces for piano/keyboard duets, Pam Wedgewood, Faber | Year 8 and under | Up to 4 mins | £12.00 per duo |
| **124 Piano Duet Year 10**<br>Test: Own Choice from Jazzy Duets piano, Mike Cornick, Universal 19756 | Year 10 and under | Up to 5 mins | £12.00 per duo |
| **125 Piano Duet Year 12**<br>Test: Own Choice | Year 12 and under | Up to 5 mins | £12.00 per duo |
| **126 Piano Duet Year 13**<br>Test: Own Choice | Year 13 and under | Up to 6 mins | £12.00 per duo |
| **131 Piano Trio Year 4**<br>Test: Own Choice | Year 4 and under | Up to 3 mins | £12.00 per trio |
| **132 Piano Trio Year 6**<br>Test: Own Choice | Year 6 and under | Up to 4 mins | £15.00 per trio |
| **133 Piano Trio Year 8**<br>Test: Own Choice | Year 8 and under | Up to 4 mins | £15.00 per trio |
| **134 Piano Trio Year 10**<br>Test: Own Choice | Year 10 and under | Up to 5 mins | £15.00 per trio |
| **135 Piano Trio Year 13**<br>Test: Own Choice | Year 13 and under | Up to 6 mins | £15.00 per trio |

## Junior Piano (Grade)

If these grade-related classes are not appropriate for you, choose to play in an age-related class instead.

| Class | Age | Time | Fee |
|---|---|---|---|
| **141 Piano Solo Grade 2**<br>Test: Own Choice up to Grade 2 standard | Year 13 and under | Up to 3 mins | £9.00 |
| **142 Piano Solo Grade 3 or 4**<br>Test: Own Choice of Grade 3 or 4 standard | Year 13 and under | Up to 4 mins | £9.00 |
| **143 Piano Solo Grade 5 or 6**<br>Test: Own Choice of Grade 5 or 6 standard | Year 13 and under | Up to 5 mins | £9.00 |
| **151 Piano Duet any Grade**<br>This class may run alongside Class 152 (Piano Trio). A player may perform in both classes.<br>Test: Own Choice of any Grade | Year 13 and under | Up to 5 mins | £10.00 per duo |

| Class | Age | Time | Fee |
|---|---|---|---|
| **152 Piano Trio any Grade**<br>This class may run alongside Class 151 (Piano Duet). A player may perform in both classes.<br>Test: Own Choice of any Grade | Year 13 and under | Up to 5 mins | £12.00 per trio |

## Junior Piano Non-Competitive

In these classes, only comments and certificates will be given

| Class | Age | Time | Fee |
|---|---|---|---|
| **161 Non-Competitive Piano Solo Year 4**<br>See Class 163 for an accompanied performance<br>Test: Own Choice | Year 4 and under | Up to 1.5 mins | £8.00 |
| **162 Non-Competitive Piano Solo Year 6**<br>Test: Own Choice | Year 6 and under | Up to 3 mins | £10.00 |
| **164 Non Competitive Piano Solo Year 13**<br>Test: Own Choice | Year 13 and under | Up to 4 mins | £10.00 |
| **165 Non-competitive Piano Duet or Trio Year 4**<br>You may include an adult player in this class.<br>(Create an entrant called "[Forename] Teacher" with an age under Year 4 to enter this class. The duo will be listed as "Jane Doe with Sheila" in the programme)<br>Group of 2 to 3 people<br>Test: Own Choice | Year 4 and under | Up to 2 mins | £8.00 per duo/trio |

## Junior Organ

| Class | Age | Time | Fee |
|---|---|---|---|
| **191 Organ Solo Year 13**<br>Test: Own Choice | Year 13 and under | Up to 7 mins | £10.00 |

## Junior Strings

| Class | Age | Time | Fee |
|---|---|---|---|
| **201 String Solo Year 7**<br>Test: Own Choice | Year 7 and under | Up to 3 mins | £10.00 |
| **202 String Solo Year 9**<br>Test: Own Choice | Year 9 and under | Up to 4 mins | £10.00 |
| **203 String Solo Year 11**<br>Test: Own Choice | Year 11 and under | Up to 5 mins | £10.00 |
| **204 String Solo Year 13**<br>Test: Own Choice At least Grade 6 Standard | Year 13 and under | Up to 8 mins | £10.00 |

## Junior Guitar

| Class | Age | Time | Fee |
|---|---|---|---|
| **221 Guitar Solo Year 7**<br>Test: Own Choice | Year 7 and under | Up to 3 mins | £10.00 |
| **222 Guitar Solo Year 11**<br>Test: Own Choice | Year 11 and under | Up to 5 mins | £10.00 |
| **223 Guitar Solo Year 13**<br>Test: Own Choice At least Grade 6 Standard | Year 13 and under | Up to 8 mins | £10.00 |
| **231 Guitar Ensemble Year 7**<br>Group of any size<br>Test: Own Choice | Year 7 and under | Up to 3 mins | £15.00 per group |
| **232 Guitar Ensemble Year 13**<br>Group of any size<br>Test: Own Choice | Year 13 and under | Up to 6 mins | £15.00 per group |

## Junior Woodwind

| Class | Age | Time | Fee |
|---|---|---|---|
| **301 Woodwind Solo Year 7**<br>Test: Own Choice | Year 7 and under | Up to 3 mins | £10.00 |
| **302 Woodwind Solo Year 9**<br>Test: Own Choice | Year 9 and under | Up to 4 mins | £10.00 |
| **303 Woodwind Solo Year 11**<br>Test: Own Choice | Year 11 and under | Up to 5 mins | £10.00 |
| **304 Woodwind Solo Year 13**<br>Test: Own Choice At least Grade 6 Standard | Year 13 and under | Up to 8 mins | £10.00 |

## Junior Brass

| Class | Age | Time | Fee |
|---|---|---|---|
| **311 Brass Solo Year 7**<br>Test: Own Choice | Year 7 and under | Up to 3 mins | £10.00 |
| **312 Brass Solo Year 9**<br>Test: Own Choice | Year 9 and under | Up to 4 mins | £10.00 |
| **313 Brass Solo Year 11**<br>Test: Own Choice | Year 11 and under | Up to 5 mins | £10.00 |
| **314 Brass Solo Year 13**<br>Test: Own Choice At least Grade 6 Standard | Year 13 and under | Up to 8 mins | £10.00 |

## Junior Recorder (Age)

If these age-related classes are not appropriate for you, choose to play in a grade-related class instead.

| Class | Age | Time | Fee |
|---|---|---|---|
| **321 Descant Recorder 1 Year 6**<br>Test: Either 'Two at Twilight' (Sarah Watts, Razzamajazz Recorder Book 1) or 'Mike Oliver's Tank Top' (Sarah Watts Red Hot Recorder Tutor 1) | Year 6 and under | Up to 1.5 mins | £10.00 |
| **322 Descant Recorder 2 Year 6**<br>Test: Either 'Shrimp Circus' or 'Umbrella Man' (Sarah Watts, Razzamajazz Recorder Book 1) | Year 6 and under | Up to 2 mins | £10.00 |
| **323 Descant Recorder 3 Year 6**<br>Test: Either 'Water Lilies' (Sarah Watts, Razzamajazz Recorder Book 2) or 'Dublin Dan' (Sarah Watts, Red Hot Recorder Tutor 1) | Year 6 and under | Up to 2 mins | £10.00 |
| **324 Descant Recorder 4 Year 6**<br>Test: Either 'Play of Light' or 'Morning in Moscow' (Sarah Watts, Razzamajazz Recorder Book 2) | Year 6 and under | Up to 2 mins | £10.00 |
| **325 Descant Recorder Year 8**<br>Test: Either 'Banana Tango' (Sarah Watts, Razzamajazz Recorder Book 2), or 'Full On Fizzy' (Sarah Watts, Razzamajazz Recorder Book 3) | Year 8 and under | Up to 3 mins | £10.00 |
| **326 Treble Recorder Solo Year 8**<br>Test: Either trad. 'Judge's Dance' (John Pitts, Treble Recorder from the Beginning) or trad. (Japanese arr. Alan Bullard), 'Sakura, Sakura' (Kathryn Bennetts and Peter Bowman, Time Pieces for Treble Recorder, Book 1) | Year 8 and under | Up to 3 mins | £10.00 |

## Junior Recorder (Grade)

If these grade-related classes are not appropriate for you, choose to play in an age-related class instead.

| Class | Age | Time | Fee |
|---|---|---|---|
| **331 Recorder Solo Grade 1 or 2**<br>For any recorder<br>Test: Own Choice of Grade 1 or 2 standard | Year 13 and under | Up to 2 mins | £10.00 |
| **332 Recorder Solo Grade 3 or 4**<br>For any recorder<br>Test: Own Choice of Grade 3 or 4 standard | Year 13 and under | Up to 4 mins | £10.00 |
| **333 Recorder Solo Grade 5 or 6**<br>For any recorder<br>Test: Own Choice of Grade 5 or 6 standard | Year 13 and under | Up to 6 mins | £10.00 |
| **334 Recorder Solo Grade 7 or 8**<br>For any recorder<br>Test: Own Choice of Grade 7 or 8 standard | Year 13 and under | Up to 8 mins | £10.00 |

## Junior Recorder (Age)

If these age-related classes are not appropriate for you, choose to play in a grade-related class instead.

| Class | Age | Time | Fee |
|---|---|---|---|
| **341 Recorder Duet Year 6**<br>Test: Any duet from the ABRSM Copper or Bronze Music Medal syllabus (including any in which the second part belongs in a different syllabus), or from 'Music with Mr Gray' (excluding any pieces set in the Recorder Ensemble section) | Year 6 and under | Up to 1 min | £12.00 per duo |
| **342 Recorder Duet Year 7**<br>Test: Any duet from the ABRSM Silver or Gold Music Medal syllabus (including any in which the second part belongs in a different syllabus) | Year 7 and under | Up to 2 mins | £12.00 per duo |
| **343 Recorder Duet Year 9**<br>Test: Any duet from the ABRSM Platinum Music Medal syllabus (including any in which the second part belongs in a different syllabus) | Year 9 and under | Up to 3 mins | £12.00 per duo |
| **345 Recorder Duet Year 13**<br>Test: Own Choice of Grade 5 standard or above | Year 13 and under | Up to 5 mins | £12.00 per duo |

## Junior Recorder Groups

One adult mat be included in the group if necessary. Backing tracks are allowed but you must provide your own equipment which must be PAT tested

| Class | Age | Time | Fee |
|---|---|---|---|
| **351 Recorder Group 1 Year 6**<br>One adult may be included in the group if required<br>Group of a minimum of 3 people<br>Test: Two own-choice pieces, one of which must be in at least two parts. | Year 6 and under | Up to 3 mins | £15.00 per group |
| **352 Recorder Group 2 Year 6**<br>Group of a minimum of 3 people<br>Test: David Gray, 'Touch the Sky' from 'Music with Mr Gray' plus own choice in at least two parts | Year 6 and under | Up to 4 mins | £15.00 per group |
| **353 Recorder Group 3 Year 6**<br>Group of a minimum of 3 people<br>Test: David Gray, 'Cool as a Cucumber' or 'Shake the Ground' from 'Music with Mr Gray', plus own choice in at least two parts | Year 6 and under | Up to 5 mins | £15.00 per group |
| **354 Recorder Consort Year 6**<br>An adult may conduct but not perform.<br>Group of a minimum of 3 people<br>Test: One or two pieces in at least three parts, to be played one-to-a-part | Year 6 and under | Up to 5 mins | £15.00 per group |
| **356 Recorder Ensemble Year 9**<br>Group of a minimum of 3 people<br>Test: One or two Own Choice pieces in at least 3 parts | Year 9 and under | Up to 6 mins | £15.00 per group |

| Class | Age | Time | Fee |
|---|---|---|---|
| **357 Recorder Ensemble Year 11**<br>Group of a minimum of 3 people<br>Test: One or two Own Choice pieces in at least three parts | Year 11 and under | Up to 5 mins | £15.00 per group |
| **358 Recorder Ensemble Year 13**<br>Group of a minimum of 3 people<br>Test: One or two Own Choice pieces in at least three parts | Year 13 and under | Up to 5 mins | £15.00 per group |

## Junior Recorder Non-Competitive

In these classes, only comments and certificates will be given

| Class | Age | Time | Fee |
|---|---|---|---|
| **371 Non-competitive Recorder Solo Year 6**<br>Test: Own Choice | Year 6 and under | Up to 3 mins | £10.00 |
| **372 Non-competitive Recorder Solo Year 13**<br>Test: Own Choice | Year 13 and under | Up to 5 mins | £10.00 |
| **373 Non-competitive Recorder Group Year 6**<br>Group of a minimum of 3 people<br>Test: Own Choice | Year 6 and under | Up to 5 mins | £15.00 per group |
| **374 Non competitive Recorder Group Year 13**<br>Group of a minimum of 3 people<br>Test: Own Choice | Year 13 and under | Up to 5 mins | £15.00 per group |

## Junior Piano Accordion

| Class | Age | Time | Fee |
|---|---|---|---|
| **401 Piano Accordion Solo Year 8**<br>Test: Own Choice | Year 8 and under | Up to 4 mins | £10.00 |
| **402 Piano Accordion Solo Year 10**<br>Test: Own Choice | Year 10 and under | Up to 5 mins | £10.00 |
| **403 Piano Accordion Solo Year 13**<br>Test: Own Choice of at least Grade 6 standard | Year 13 and under | Up to 8 mins | £10.00 |

## Junior Percussion

For solo or duet performances. Larger groups should enter in an Instrumental Ensemble class

| Class | Age | Time | Fee |
|---|---|---|---|
| **411 Percussion Class Year 9**<br>For solo or duet performances.<br>Solo or<br>Test: Own Choice | Year 9 and under | Up to 4 mins | Solo: £10.00<br>Duo: £12.00 per duo |

| Class | Age | Time | Fee |
|---|---|---|---|
| **412 Percussion Class Year 13**<br>For solo or duet perfomances.<br>Solo or<br>Test: Own Choice | Year 13 and under | Up to 5 mins | Solo: £10.00<br>Duo: £12.00 per duo |

## Junior Jazz

| Class | Age | Time | Fee |
|---|---|---|---|
| **421 Jazz Class Year 13**<br>For any instrument.<br>Test: Choose from ABRSM or Trinity Jazz Syllabus - any Grade | Year 13 and under | Up to 4 mins | £10.00 |

## Junior Instrumental

Note: The "Alphabet" classes are also open to singers

| Class | Age | Time | Fee |
|---|---|---|---|
| **431 Solo and Accompaniment Year 13**<br>For any instrument or voice with piano accompaniment. Both performers to be judged<br>Test: Own Choice | Year 13 and under | Up to 10 mins | £12.00 per duo |
| **441 The Alphabet Class Year 4**<br>Music by any composer whose surname begins with A, B or C<br>For any instrument or voice<br>Test: Own Choice | Year 4 and under | Up to 3 mins | £8.00 |
| **442 The Alphabet Class Year 6**<br>Music by any composer whose surname begins with A, B or C<br>For any instrument or voice.<br>Test: Own Choice | Year 6 and under | Up to 3 mins | £10.00 |
| **443 The Alphabet Class Year 9**<br>Music by any composer whose surname begins with A, B or C<br>For any instrument or voice<br>Test: Own Choice | Year 9 and under | Up to 4 mins | £10.00 |
| **444 The Alphabet Class Year 13**<br>Music by any composer whose surname begins with A, B or C<br>For any instrument or voice<br>Test: Own Choice | Year 13 and under | Up to 6 mins | £10.00 |
| **452 Composer Class Year 6**<br>Own Choice of music written by Beethoven<br>Any instrument or voice<br>(It is 200 years since the death of Beethoven.)<br>Test: Own Choice | Year 6 and under | Up to 4 mins | £10.00 |

| Class | Age | Time | Fee |
|---|---|---|---|
| **453 Composer Class Year 9**<br>Own Choice of music written by Beethoven<br>Any instrument or voice<br>(It is 200 years since the death of Beethoven.)<br>Test: Own Choice | Year 9 and under | Up to 4 mins | £10.00 |
| **454 Composer Class Year 13**<br>Own Choice of music written by Beethoven<br>Any instrument or voice<br>(It is 200 years since the death of Beethoven.)<br>Test: Own Choice | Year 13 and under | Up to 6 mins | £10.00 |
| **456 Bach Class Year 6**<br>Music by any member of the Bach Family. Any Instrument or Voice<br>Test: Own Choice | Year 6 and under | Up to 3 mins | £10.00 |
| **457 Bach Class Year 9**<br>Music by any member of the Bach Family. Any Instrument or Voice<br>Test: Own Choice | Year 9 and under | Up to 4 mins | £10.00 |
| **458 Bach Class Year 13**<br>Music by any member of the Bach Family. Any Instrument or Voice<br>Test: Own Choice | Year 13 and under | Up to 6 mins | £10.00 |
| **461 Films and Musical Class Year 4**<br>Instrumental music based on any Film Music or Musical Theatre<br>Test: Own Choice of any standard | Year 4 and under | Up to 3 mins | £8.00 |
| **462 Films and Musical Class Year 6**<br>Instrumental music based on any Film Music or Musical Theatre<br>Test: Own Choice of any standard | Year 6 and under | Up to 3 mins | £10.00 |
| **463 Films and Musical Class Year 9**<br>Instrumental music based on any Film Music or Musical Theatre<br>Test: Own Choice of at least Grade 1 standard | Year 9 and under | Up to 4 mins | £10.00 |
| **464 Films and Musical Class Year 13**<br>Instrumental music based on any Film Music or Musical Theatre<br>Test: Own Choice At least Grade 6 Standard | Year 13 and under | Up to 6 mins | £10.00 |
| **471 Music by Women Composers Year 6**<br>Any instrument or voice<br>Test: Own Choice | Year 6 and under | Up to 3 mins | £10.00 |
| **472 Music by Women Composers Year 9**<br>Any instrument or voice<br>Test: Own Choice | Year 9 and under | Up to 4 mins | £10.00 |
| **473 Music by Women Composers Year 13**<br>Any instrument or voice<br>Test: Own Choice | Year 13 and under | Up to 6 mins | £10.00 |
| **491 Ukulele Ensemble Year 6**<br>Group of any size<br>Test: Two contrasting own-choice pieces | Year 6 and under | Up to 5 mins | £15.00 per group |

| Class | Age | Time | Fee |
|---|---|---|---|
| **511 Small Ensemble Year 7**<br>For not more than ten performers and any combination of instruments and/or voices<br>One adult may be included as accompanist or conductor<br>Group of 2 to 10 people<br>Test: Own Choice | Year 7 and under | Up to 6 mins | £15.00 per group |
| **512 Small Ensemble Year 9**<br>For not more than ten performers and any combination of instruments and/or voices.<br>One adult may be included as accompanist or conductor.<br>Group of 2 to 10 people<br>Test: Own Choice | Year 9 and under | Up to 8 mins | £15.00 per group |
| **513 Small Ensemble Year 13**<br>For not more than ten performers and any combination of instruments and/or voices.<br>One adult may be included as accompanist or conductor<br>Group of 2 to 10 people<br>Test: Own Choice | Year 13 and under | Up to 10 mins | £15.00 per group |
| **531 Instrumental Group Year 7**<br>Any number of players and combination of instruments<br>Up to six players - one adult may be included; over six - two adults<br>Group of any size<br>Test: Own Choice | Year 7 and under | Up to 8 mins | £15.00 per group |
| **532 School Group Key Stage 1**<br>A group of any number of players<br>If the group is of mixed ages (perhaps a whole class), the predominant age of the performers should be the defining criterion.<br>Up to two adults may be included.<br>Group of any size<br>Test: Own Choice | Year 2 and under | Up to 10 mins | £15.00 per group |
| **533 School Group Key Stage 2**<br>A group of any number of players<br>If the group is of mixed ages (perhaps a whole class), the predominant age of the performers should be the defining criterion.<br>Up to two adults may be included<br>Group of any size<br>Test: Own Choice | Year 6 and under | Up to 15 mins | £15.00 per group |
| **591 Other Ensembles**<br>Please see the classes in the Recorder and Guitar sections for other ensembles. DO NOT ENTER THIS CLASS! | Any | | £0.00 |

## Junior Non-Competitive

While this section is open to all, pianists and recorder players should enter the non-competitive classes in those sections wherever possible

| Class | Age | Time | Fee |
|---|---|---|---|
| **611 Non-Competitive Solo Year 8**<br>Test: Own Choice | Year 8 and under | Up to 5 mins | £10.00 |
| **612 Non-Competitive Solo Year 13**<br>Test: Own Choice | Year 13 and under | Up to 6 mins | £10.00 |
| **622 Non-Competitive Ensemble Year 6**<br>Group of any size<br>Test: Own Choice | Year 6 and under | Up to 10 mins | £15.00 per group |
| **623 Non-Competitive Ensemble Year 13**<br>Own Choice for any combination of instruments and/or voices<br>Group of any size<br>Test: Own Choice | Year 13 and under | Up to 10 mins | £15.00 per group |
| **691 Non-Competitive Piano and Recorder**<br>These classes will be found in the appropriate Piano (161-) and Recorder (361-) sections. DO NOT ENTER THIS CLASS! | 18 and under | | £0.00 |

## Junior Vocal (Grade)

Be aware that some "Instrumental" classes are also open to singers - in particular the "Alphabet" classes (441-444).

| Class | Age | Time | Fee |
|---|---|---|---|
| **701 Vocal Solo Grades 1 or 2**<br>Test: Own Choice Grade 1 or 2 | Year 4 to Year 13 | Up to 4 mins | £10.00 |
| **702 Vocal Solo Grades 3 or 4**<br>Test: Own Choice Grade 3 or 4 | Year 4 to Year 13 | Up to 4 mins | £10.00 |
| **703 Vocal Solo Grades 5 or 6**<br>Test: Own Choice Grade 5 or 6 | Year 4 to Year 13 | Up to 5 mins | £10.00 |
| **704 Vocal Solo Grades 7 or 8**<br>Test: Own Choice Grade 7 or 8 | Year 4 to Year 13 | Up to 6 mins | £10.00 |

## Junior Vocal (Age)

Be aware that some "Instrumental" classes are also open to singers

| Class | Age | Time | Fee |
|---|---|---|---|
| **711 Novice Class Year 13**<br>Open to any young singer who has not yet won a class at any festival<br>Test: Own Choice of any song in the current ABRSM or Trinity Syllabus | Year 13 and under | Up to 6 mins | £10.00 |
| **712 British Composer Class Year 9**<br>Test: Own Choice | Year 9 and under | Up to 4 mins | £10.00 |

| Class | Age | Time | Fee |
|---|---|---|---|
| **713 British Composer Class Year 13**<br>Test: Own Choice | Year 13 and under | Up to 6 mins | £10.00 |
| **721 Folk Song Year 9**<br>Sung unaccompanied. If a composer is credited, it's not a folk song!<br>Test: Own Choice | Year 9 and under | Up to 4 mins | £10.00 |
| **722 Folk Song Year 13**<br>Sung unaccompanied. If a composer is credited, it's not a folk song!<br>Test: Own Choice | Year 13 and under | Up to 6 mins | £10.00 |
| **731 Pop Ballad Years 9-13**<br>You may use a backing track but no microphone in this class. If you use a backing track, you will need to provide your own equipment which should be PAT tested . (We cannot link your equipment into the venue's sound system.)<br>Test: Own Choice of any pop ballad | Year 9 to Year 13 | Up to 6 mins | £10.00 |
| **732 Pop Ballad Years 9-13**<br>You may use a backing track and microphone in this class. If you choose to do this, you will need to provide your own equipment which should be PAT tested . (We cannot link your equipment into the venue's sound system.)<br>Test: Own Choice of any pop ballad | Year 9 to Year 13 | Up to 6 mins | £10.00 |
| **735 Duet Year 13**<br>Test: Own Choice | Year 13 and under | Up to 6 mins | £12.00 per duo |
| **736 Voice and Instrument Year 9**<br>A chance to sing and play your own instrument at the same time. No microphone is to be used. A piano is available or you may choose to play your own instrument<br>Test: Own Choice | Year 9 and under | Up to 4 mins | £10.00 |
| **737 Voice and Instrument Year 13**<br>A chance to sing and play your own instrument at the same time. No microphone is to be used. A piano is available or you may choose to play your own instrument<br>Test: Own Choice | Year 13 and under | Up to 6 mins | £10.00 |

## Junior Vocal Show Songs

Songs from Disney/Pixar animated films are acceptable in these classes.
Though some children may be capable of the bigger show songs, there are certain life circumstances which are inappropriate in a young person's repertoire. Adjudication will take the appropriateness of a song into account.

| Class | Age | Time | Fee |
|---|---|---|---|
| **741 Songs from the Shows Year 6**<br>Test: Own Choice | Year 6 and under | Up to 3 mins | £10.00 |
| **742 Songs from the Shows Year 9**<br>Test: Own Choice | Year 9 and under | Up to 4 mins | £10.00 |

| Class | Age | Time | Fee |
|---|---|---|---|
| **743 Songs from the Shows Year 13**<br>Test: Own Choice | Year 13 and under | Up to 6 mins | £10.00 |

## Junior Vocal Non Competitive

In these classes, an adjudication will be given but no places awarded
Be aware that some "Instrumental" classes are also open to singers

| Class | Age | Time | Fee |
|---|---|---|---|
| **751 A Child's Song (non-competitive) Year 5**<br>Test: Own choice of a suitable child's song | Year 5 and under | Up to 3 mins | £9.00 |

## Junior First Steps

| Class | Age | Time | Fee |
|---|---|---|---|
| **771 Nursery School (EYFS) music making**<br>Singing and musical experience for those not yet in Reception Class<br>Group of any size | Any | | £0.00 per group |
| **772 Reception class music making**<br>Singing and musical experience for those in Reception Class<br>Group of any size | Any | | £0.00 per group |

## Junior Vocal Choirs

To encourage the participation of a diverse range of schools, a selection of classes is provided.
Schools are requested to enter ONE choir only in any class. If the choir is of mixed ages, the predominant age of the performers should be the defining criterion.
All classes in one Key Stage may be asked to perform in a single session.

| Class | Age | Time | Fee |
|---|---|---|---|
| **781 Key Stage 1 Whole Class Choir**<br>For a whole class or school (unauditioned). If the choir is of mixed ages, the<br>predominant age of the performers should be the defining criterion.<br>Group of a minimum of 8 people<br>Test: Own Choice of two contrasting pieces | Year 2 and under | Up to 8 mins | £15.00 per group |
| **782 Key Stage 1 Auditioned Choir**<br>For choirs with selected voices. If the choir is of mixed ages, the<br>predominant age of the performers should be the defining criterion.<br>Group of a minimum of 8 people<br>Test: Own Choice of two contrasting pieces | Year 2 and under | Up to 8 mins | £15.00 per group |

| Class | Age | Time | Fee |
|---|---|---|---|
| **783 Key Stage 1 Non Competitive Choir**<br>A non-competitive class for any KS1 choir. An adjudication will be given but no places allocated<br>Only one choir per school.<br>Group of a minimum of 8 people<br>Test: Own Choice of two contrasting pieces | Year 2 and under | Up to 8 mins | £15.00 per group |
| **784 Key Stage 2 Whole Class Choir**<br>For a whole class or school (unauditioned). If the choir is of mixed ages, the predominant age of the performers should be the defining criterion.<br>Only one choir per school.<br>Group of a minimum of 8 people<br>Test: Own Choice of two contrasting pieces | Year 6 and under | Up to 8 mins | £15.00 per group |
| **785 Key Stage 2 Auditioned Choir**<br>For choirs with selected voices. If the choir is of mixed ages, the predominant age of the performers should be the defining criterion.<br>Only one choir per school.<br>Group of a minimum of 8 people<br>Test: Own Choice of two contrasting pieces | Year 6 and under | Up to 8 mins | £15.00 per group |
| **786 Key Stage 2 Non Competitive Choir**<br>A non-competitive class for any KS2 choir. An adjudication will be given but no places allocated<br>Only one choir per school.<br>Group of a minimum of 8 people<br>Test: Own Choice of two contrasting pieces | Year 6 and under | Up to 8 mins | £15.00 per group |
| **788 Youth Choir Year 9 and under**<br>If the choir is of mixed ages, the predominant age of the performers should be the defining criterion.<br>Group of a minimum of 8 people<br>Test: Own Choice of two contrasting pieces | Year 9 and under | Up to 10 mins | £15.00 per group |
| **789 Youth Choir Year 13 and under**<br>If the choir is of mixed ages, the predominant age of the performers should be the defining criterion.<br>Group of a minimum of 8 people<br>Test: Own Choice of two contrasting pieces | Year 13 and under | Up to 10 mins | £15.00 per group |

## Young People's Recital

In these prestigious classes, a high standard of preparation, presentation and performance is expected.
You will present your own choice of two or more contrasting works for any instrument or voice. Your programme planning, dress and presentation will all be taken into account.
The accompaniment will not be judged but if you wish to use the Official Accompanist, you must arrange a rehearsal.

| Class | Age | Time | Fee |
|---|---|---|---|
| **801 Junior Solo Recital Year 8**<br>Overall standard up to Grade 4<br>For any instrument or voice<br>Test: Own choice of two or more contrasting works | Year 8 and under | Up to 10 mins | £12.00 |
| **802 Intermediate Solo Recital Year 11**<br>Overall standard up to Grade 6<br>For any instrument or voice<br>Test: Own Choice of two or more contrasting pieces | Year 11 and under | Up to 12 mins | £14.00 |
| **803 Senior Solo Recital Year 13**<br>Overall standard up to Grade 8<br>For any instrument or voice<br>Test: Own Choice of two or more contrasting pieces | Year 13 and under | Up to 15 mins | £16.00 |
| **804 Diploma Recital Year 13**<br>Overall standard Diploma level<br>Any instrument or voice<br>Test: Own Choice of two or more contrasting pieces | Year 13 and under | Up to 15 mins | £16.00 |

## Open

Open classes are available to all, regardless of age. (Exceptions are for a few "Young Singer/Instrumentalist" classes that have an age restriction.)
Although open classes are open to performers of school age, the Junior classes are designed to cater for most of their needs
Deadlines for entry: 10:00pm Monday 25th January 2027

## Young Performer

Classes for younger adults
If you wish to use the official Accompanist, you must arrange a rehearsal

| Class | Age | Time | Fee |
|---|---|---|---|
| **911 Young Instrumentalist 18-25 years**<br>Overall standard Grade 8 and above<br>Test: Two or more contrasting works for any instrument | Between 18 and 25 | Up to 15 mins | £14.00 |
| **912 Young Singer 18-25 years**<br>Overall standard Grade 8 and above<br>Test: Two or three contrasting songs, one to be sung in the original language (not English or Latin) | Between 18 and 25 | Up to 10 mins | £14.00 |
| **913 Early Italian Aria 17-21 years**<br>Test: Any song from 24 Italian Songs and Arias pub. Schirmer (vol 1722) | Between 17 and 21 | Up to 10 mins | £14.00 |

## Open Instrumental

See also the non-competitive Open classes (981 - 983)

| Class | Age | Time | Fee |
|---|---|---|---|
| **921 Open Instrumental Solo Grades 1 - 4**<br>Test: Own Choice | Any | Up to 4 mins | £12.00 |
| **922 Open Instrumental Solo Grades 5 - 7**<br>Test: Own Choice | Any | Up to 6 mins | £12.00 |
| **923 Open Instrumental Solo Grade 8 and above**<br>Test: Own Choice | Any | Up to 8 mins | £12.00 |
| **931 Amateur Mixed Ensemble 2 - 8 players**<br>Two contrasting pieces for up to eight players<br>Group of 2 to 8 people<br>Test: Own Choice | Any | Up to 8 mins | £16.00 per group |
| **932 Amateur Mixed Ensemble more than 8 players**<br>Two contrasting pieces for more than eight players<br>Group of a minimum of 9 people<br>Test: Own Choice | Any | Up to 8 mins | £16.00 per group |
| **933 Recorder Ensemble**<br>Group of any size<br>Test: Two Own Choice pieces | Any | Up to 8 mins | £16.00 per group |

## Open Vocal

See also the non-competitive Open classes (981 - 983)

| Class | Age | Time | Fee |
|---|---|---|---|
| **940 Victorian or Edwardian Song**<br>Test: Own Choice of a Victorian or Edwardian Song | Any | Up to 5 mins | £12.00 |
| **941 Light Opera**<br>Franz Lehár's Der Zarewitsch, Jerome Kern's Show Boat and Sigmund Romberg's My Maryland were all premiered in 1927.<br>2027 marks the 150th anniversary of The Sorcerer, the first full-length collaboration between W.S. Gilbert and Arthur Sullivan.<br>Test: Any song or aria from a light opera | Any | Up to 5 mins | £12.00 |
| **942 Songs from the Shows**<br>Test: Own Choice - the show must be named | Any | Up to 5 mins | £12.00 |
| **943 Oratorio or Mass**<br>Test: An aria from any oratorio, mass or secular cantata | Any | Up to 6 mins | £12.00 |
| **944 Opera Class**<br>Test: Any song or aria from an opera | Any | Up to 6 mins | £12.00 |
| **945 British Composer**<br>Test: Any song from a British composer | Any | Up to 5 mins | £12.00 |
| **946 French Composer**<br>Test: Any song by a French composer | Any | Up to 5 mins | £12.00 |

| Class | Age | Time | Fee |
|---|---|---|---|
| **947 Folk Song**<br>A folk song is sung unaccompanied. If a composer is credited, it's not a folk song!<br>Test: Any folk song from any country | Any | Up to 4 mins | £12.00 |
| **948 Spiritual**<br>May be accompanied or unaccompanied.<br>Test: Any traditional African-American spiritual | Any | Up to 4 mins | £12.00 |
| **949 Singer-Songwriter**<br>May be accompanied (or self-accompanied) by piano or guitar. No microphones to be used.<br>Test: Any popular folk music from the 70s/80s | Any | Up to 4 mins | £12.00 |
| **950 Over 60s' Solo**<br>Test: Own Choice | Any | Up to 5 mins | £12.00 |
| **955 Solo Voice (Rosebowl) Class**<br>Test: Any song from a classical, romantic or 20th century composer | Any | | £12.00 |
| **961 Duet**<br>Test: Own Choice for any combination of voices | Any | Up to 5 mins | £14.00 per duo |
| **962 Lieder Class**<br>Singer and accompanist will both be judged.<br>You will need to register a "duet" with your accompanist.<br>Test: Any German song, especially of the romantic period | Any | Up to 5 mins | £14.00 per duo |

## Open Vocal Choirs

| Class | Age | Time | Fee |
|---|---|---|---|
| **971 Ladies Choir**<br>Group of a minimum of 10 people<br>Test: Own choice of two contrasting pieces. The choices must be in at least three parts | Any | Up to 8 mins | £20.00 per group |
| **972 Mixed Voice Choir**<br>Group of a minimum of 8 people<br>Test: Own Choice of two contrasting pieces | Any | Up to 8 mins | £20.00 per group |
| **973 Male Voice Choir**<br>Group of a minimum of 8 people<br>Test: Own Choice of two contrasting pieces | Any | Up to 8 mins | £20.00 per group |
| **974 Small Vocal Ensemble**<br>For a maximum 16 singers<br>Group of 4 to 16 people<br>Test: Own Choice of two contrasting pieces in at least two parts | Any | Up to 8 mins | £16.00 per group |

## Open Non-Competitive

These classes are open to anyone not a student in full-time music education.
You can choose to perform among colleagues of whichever standard you prefer

| Class | Age | Time | Fee |
|---|---|---|---|
| **981 Non-Competitive Class (More experienced)**<br>For any combination of instruments and/or voices<br>(Non-competitive CHOIRS should NOT enter this class. Enter Class 983 instead)<br>Solo or Group of any size<br>Test: Own Choice | Any | Up to 10 mins | Solo: £12.00<br>Group: £16.00 per group |
| **982 Non-Competitive Class (Less experienced)**<br>For any combination of instruments and/or voices<br>(Non-competitive CHOIRS should NOT enter this class. Enter Class 983 instead)<br>Solo or Group of any size<br>Test: Own Choice | Any | Up to 5 mins | Solo: £12.00<br>Group: £16.00 per group |
| **983 Non-Competitive Choir**<br>For all open choirs<br>Group of a minimum of 8 people<br>Test: Own Choice | Any | Up to 10 mins | £20.00 per group |

# Footnote

Entry deadline: 10:00pm 25th January 2027