



Sevenoaks Three Arts Festival

Accordions and Concertinas Syllabus

Adjudicator

BEN DE SOUZA

BMus (Hons) RAM, MMus Cantab

Having studied with Romano Viazzani, Ben de Souza completed his undergraduate studies in accordion performance with Owen Murray at the Royal Academy of Music. The accordion takes Ben across the UK and has seen him perform in venues such as St David's Hall, Royal Festival Hall, Royal Birmingham Conservatoire, Stoller Hall, Hampton Court Palace, and Newbury Spring Festival. He is passionate about educating the next generation of British accordionists, has a busy teaching practice and holds the position of Accordion Teacher at Salisbury Cathedral School and The Purcell School.

Ben holds a Masters in Choral Studies from the University of Cambridge, where he is the founding conductor of Clare Hall Choir. He is Musical Director of several adult and children's choirs and is Director of Music at Earley St Peter's Church, Reading. He is also a regular recitalist and chamber musician. When not doing something musical, Ben volunteers at Didcot Railway Centre, builds fine-scale model railways, or does anything related to football!

Own Choice in all Classes. Please refer to Conditions 14 and 15 concerning photocopying and copyright before any entries are submitted. Copies of performance pieces must be provided for the Adjudicator.

Where Accordion is mentioned, please read Accordion or Concertina.

GRADE CLASSES - own choice of one piece for the appropriate Grade from any current or previous Accordion Examination Syllabus. Competitors should not have passed a higher Grade examination than the Grade class entered.

Beginners

Competitors must not have had more than one and a half years tuition

Class	Age	Time	Fee
601 8 years and under	8 and younger	Up to 2 mins	£6.00
602 9-11 years	Between 9 and 11	Up to 2 mins	£6.00
603 12-14 years	Between 12 and 14	Up to 3 mins	£7.00
604 15-17 years	Between 15 and 17	Up to 3 mins	£7.00

Class	Age	Time	Fee
605 Open	Any	Up to 3 mins	£7.75

Grade Classes

See note above concerning Grade pieces

Class	Age	Time	Fee
606 Introductory	Any	Up to 3 mins	£6.50
607 Preliminary	Any	Up to 3 mins	£6.50
608 Grades 1 and 2	Any	Up to 3 mins	£6.50
609 Grades 3 and 4	Any	Up to 4 mins	£7.00
610 Grades 5 and 6	Any	Up to 5 mins	£7.00
611 Grades 7 and 8	Any	Up to 5 mins	£7.00

Own Choice

Class	Age	Time	Fee
612 8 years and under	8 and younger	Up to 3 mins	£6.50
613 9-11 years	Between 9 and 11	Up to 3 mins	£6.50
614 12-14 years	Between 12 and 14	Up to 3 mins	£7.00
615 15-17 years	Between 15 and 17	Up to 3 mins	£7.00
616 18 years and over	18 and older	Up to 3 mins	£7.75
617 40 years and over	40 and older	Up to 3 mins	£7.75

Other Solo

Class	Age	Time	Fee
618 Scottish/Irish Traditional	Any	Up to 4 mins	£7.00
619 Jazz	Any	Up to 4 mins	£7.00
620 Musette	Any	Up to 4 mins	£7.00
621 Polka/Tango	Any	Up to 4 mins	£7.00

Recital

Two or three contrasting pieces to be played

Class	Age	Time	Fee
622 11 years and under	11 and younger	Up to 5 mins	£9.50
623 12-14 years	Between 12 and 14	Up to 6 mins	£10.00
624 15-17 years	Between 15 and 17	Up to 8 mins	£10.00

Class	Age	Time	Fee
625 Open	Any	Up to 10 mins	£10.75

Duet

Two accordions or one accordion and any other instrument

Class	Age	Time	Fee
626 9 years and under Group of 2 people	9 and younger	Up to 3 mins	£9.50 per duo
627 13 years and under Group of 2 people	13 and younger	Up to 4 mins	£10.00 per duo
628 17 years and under Group of 2 people	17 and younger	Up to 4 mins	£10.00 per duo
629 18 years and over Group of 2 people	18 and older	Up to 5 mins	£10.75 per duo
630 40 years and over Group of 2 people	Any	Up to 5 mins	£10.75 per duo
631 Open (no age restrictions) Group of 2 people	Any	Up to 5 mins	£10.75 per duo

Group of 3-6 players

Two or more pieces with contrasting styles and tempi

Class	Age	Time	Fee
632 Accordion ensemble Group of 3 to 6 people	Any	Up to 8 mins	£11.75 per group
633 Ensemble At least 2 accordions with other instruments Group of 3 to 6 people	Any	Up to 8 mins	£11.75 per group

Orchestra - 2 contrasting pieces

7 players or more with at least five playing Accordions

Class	Age	Time	Fee
634 Elementary (Grade 3 and under) Group of a minimum of 7 people	Any	Up to 7 mins	£14.00 per group
635 Intermediate (Grade 5 and under) Group of a minimum of 7 people	Any	Up to 9 mins	£15.00 per group
636 Advanced (Grade 8 and under) Group of a minimum of 7 people	Any	Up to 12 mins	£15.00 per group
637 Open Group of a minimum of 7 people	Any	Up to 12 mins	£16.00 per group

Own Composition

The adjudication will be on the composition only, not the playing. Composition to be added to your on-line entry by Friday 3 May

Class	Age	Time	Fee
638 Solo	Any	Up to 4 mins	£7.50
639 Duet Group of 2 people	Any	Up to 5 mins	£9.50 per duo
640 3-5 Players Group of 3 to 5 people	Any	Up to 8 mins	£12.25 per group
641 Group of 6 or more players Group of a minimum of 6 people	Any	Up to 10 mins	£14.00 per group

Entertainment

Players to entertain the audience and the Adjudicator, marks given for content and presentation

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642 Solo	Any	Up to 5 mins	£7.50
643 Duet Group of 2 people	Any	Up to 6 mins	£9.50 per duo
644 3-5 Players Group of 3 to 5 people	Any	Up to 8 mins	£12.25 per group
645 Up to 15 players Group of 2 to 15 people	Any	Up to 8 mins	£14.00 per group

Non-Competitive Classes

Solo and duet - not above Grade 4 in standard. Entrants to get a written adjudication but no mark

Class	Age	Time	Fee
646 11 years and under	11 and younger	Up to 3 mins	Solo: £6.50 Duo: £9.50 per duo
647 12-17 years	Between 12 and 17	Up to 3 mins	Solo: £7.00 Duo: £10.00 per duo
648 Open	Any	Up to 4 mins	Solo: £7.75 Duo: £10.75 per duo

AWARDS

Subject to Condition 3 the following Awards will be made:

THE ACCORDION WORLD MAGAZINE CHALLENGE TROPHY - for the most outstanding solo/duet performance in the Accordion Section

THE DAVID KEEN MEMORIAL TROPHY - for the highest mark gained in a performance by three or more accordion players