



Woodwind & Brass Syllabus

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WWB Committee

Convenor: Claire Golding BA(hons) ATCL

Section Committee: Francesca Brown, Bex Kent

Rules

GENERAL ENTRY CONDITIONS for COMPETITION

Please look at the main website for the full Entry Conditions:

southendfestivalofperformingarts.com/entry-terms-conditions

Any performer wishing to know more about the British & International Federation of Festivals and its recommended guidelines please refer to:

www.federationoffestivals.org.uk

We follow the BIFF marking scheme

95+ (or Exceptional) - A superlative performance, displaying exceptional artistic individuality

90-94 (or Outstanding) - An impressive performance technically and artistically, displaying spontaneity & clear individuality

85-89 (or Honours) - An excellent performance, demonstrating fluent technical and artistic skills with emerging individuality

80-84 (or Commended) - A convincing performance technically & artistically, with increasing stylistic & communication skills

75-79 (or Merit) - A competent performance, showing some artistic awareness and/or technical ability

70-74 (or Progressing) - A performance showing development of technique and/or communication and commitment

65-69 (or Developing) - A performance demonstrating an awareness of technical skills, requiring more consistency & artistry

Trophies or prizes will only be awarded when the entrant receives a mark above 80

All entry fees are stated against each class in the syllabus.

Solos: Please see individual class information

Recitals/original compositions, duets/trios/quartets and the Edna Head Award: £10.00

Groups of 5 - 9 competitors (inclusive): £15.00

Groups of 10 or more competitors: £20.00

(Please note: We regret that we are not in a position to refund Entry Fees)

Adjudicator

Rosie Whitfield

Dip RCM Performers, ARCM Teachers, PGCE

Rosie's experience as a performer, teacher, examiner and presenter, teamed with an innate love of music, underpins her drive for music in education. Her ability to captivate audiences and inspire young musicians to achieve their dreams stems from a belief that music can change lives.

As an experienced adjudicator for The British and International Federation of Festivals, Rosie is called upon to adjudicate in the UK and abroad and has forged long-standing links with specialist music schools and festivals across the world.

As Director of Music at Whitgift School, Rosie devised numerous projects and regularly presented interactive concerts and masterclasses to thousands of primary school pupils. Developing the prestigious Whitgift International Music Competition in 2013, she continues to support and mentor young musicians hoping for a career in the profession.

As Head of Junior Guildhall since 2020, her knowledge and experience in the specialist music sector is invaluable. Her revolutionary PLAY2ME service encourages young performers to perform to her or one of her team for constructive feedback before a major performance.

As Executive Director for Scolimus, Rosie and her team of consultants provide a bespoke service for Young Musicians, Festivals and Music Schools across the world.

RECORDER

Class	Age	Time	Fee
2000 DESCANT OR TREBLE RECORDER SOLO 9 yrs and under Own choice. This class may be accompanied or unaccompanied.	9 and under	Up to 2 mins	£7.50
2010 DESCANT OR TREBLE RECORDER SOLO 10-11 yrs Award: The Avril Dankworth Cup Own choice. This class may be accompanied or unaccompanied.	Age 10 - 11	Up to 3 mins	£7.50
2020 DESCANT OR TREBLE RECORDER SOLO 12-13 yrs Own choice. This class may be accompanied or unaccompanied.	Age 12 - 13	Up to 3 mins	£7.50
2030 ANY RECORDER OF THE CONSORT - SOLO 14-15yrs Own choice. This class may be accompanied or unaccompanied.	Age 14 - 15	Up to 5 mins	£7.50
2040 ANY RECORDER OF THE CONSORT - SOLO Any Age Award: The Morton-Maskell Cup for Recorder Solo Own choice. This class may be accompanied or unaccompanied.	Any	Up to 10 mins	£8.50 (Under 18 £7.50)
2050 JUNIOR RECITAL - Any recorder of the consort 15 yrs and under Award: Multi-class: The Doreen Bowyer Recorder Cash Prize of £20 (Highest mark in Classes 2050, 2060) Own choice - 2 contrasting pieces. This class may be accompanied or unaccompanied.	15 and under	Up to 10 mins	£10.50

Class	Age	Time	Fee
2060 SENIOR RECITAL - Any recorder of the consort 16 yrs and over Award: Multi-class: The Doreen Bowyer Recorder Cash Prize of £20 (Highest mark in Classes 2050, 2060) Own choice - 2 contrasting pieces. This class may be accompanied or unaccompanied.	16 and over	Up to 12 mins	£10.50
2070 CONCERTO CLASS - Any recorder of the consort, any age Any movement from a Concerto. This class may be accompanied or unaccompanied.	Any	Up to 15 mins	£8.50 (Under 18 £7.50)
2080 CONTEMPORARY CLASS - Any recorder of the consort, any age Piece(s) composed from 20th century onwards. This class may be accompanied or unaccompanied.	Any	Up to 10 mins	£8.50 (Under 18 £7.50)

GRADED CLASSES - DESCANT/TREBLE

Only ONE class may be entered per instrument

Class	Age	Time	Fee
2090 RECORDER GRADE 1 Any one piece from the practical syllabus of ABRSM or Trinity from 2010 onwards. Competitors must not have passed any grade higher than the one from which the choice is made and must not play the piece in any other class in the Recorder section.	Any	Up to 3 mins	£8.50 (Under 18 £7.50)
2100 RECORDER GRADES 2 & 3 Any one piece from the practical syllabus of ABRSM or Trinity from 2010 onwards. Competitors must not have passed any grade higher than the one from which the choice is made and must not play the piece in any other class in the Recorder section.	Any	Up to 3 mins	£8.50 (Under 18 £7.50)
2110 RECORDER GRADES 4 & 5 Any one piece from the practical syllabus of ABRSM or Trinity from 2010 onwards. Competitors must not have passed any grade higher than the one from which the choice is made and must not play the piece in any other class in the Recorder section.	Any	Up to 5 mins	£8.50 (Under 18 £7.50)
2120 RECORDER GRADES 6 & 7 Any one piece from the practical syllabus of ABRSM or Trinity from 2010 onwards. Competitors must not have passed any grade higher than the one from which the choice is made and must not play the piece in any other class in the Recorder section.	Any	Up to 8 mins	£8.50 (Under 18 £7.50)
2130 RECORDER GRADE 8 & DIPLOMA Any one piece from the practical syllabus of ABRSM or Trinity from 2010 onwards. Competitors must not have passed any grade higher than the one from which the choice is made and must not play the piece in any other class in the Recorder section.	Any	Up to 12 mins	£8.50 (Under 18 £7.50)

RECORDER DUETS

Class	Age	Time	Fee
2140 DUET - Any combination of recorders 11 yrs and under Own choice Duet	11 and under	Up to 3 mins	£10.00
2150 DUET - Any combination of recorders, 12 yrs and over Own choice Duet	12 and over	Up to 5 mins	£10.00

RECORDER GROUPS

Class	Age	Time	Fee
2160 GROUP - Any combination of recorders, 9 yrs and under Award: The Winifred Hunt Cup Own choice Group of any size	9 and under	Up to 10 mins	See notes for group fees
2170 GROUP - Any combination of recorders, 11 yrs and under Award: The Eileen M E Neath Challenge Cup Own choice Group of any size	11 and under	Up to 12 mins	See notes for group fees
2180 GROUP - Any combination of recorders, 17 yrs and under Own choice Group of any size	17 and under	Up to 10 mins	See notes for group fees
2190 CONSORT - Any combination of recorders, 15 yrs and under One to a part, not conducted. Own choice. Group of any size	15 and under	Up to 10 mins	See notes for group fees
2200 CONSORT - Any combination of recorders, any age One to a part, not conducted. Own choice. Group of any size	Any	Up to 10 mins	See notes for group fees

UNACCOMPANIED CLASSES

Class	Age	Time	Fee
2300 SOLO - Unaccompanied Study Piece, any age Award: The Price Family Shield for Unaccompanied Solo Own choice of study. Any instrument (w/w, brass, recorder).	Any	Up to 5 mins	£8.50 (Under 18 £7.50)

WOODWIND CLASSES

Class	Age	Time	Fee
2350 SOLO - Any orchestral woodwind instrument 9yrs and under (including Saxophone) Own choice	9 and under	Up to 5 mins	£7.50

Class	Age	Time	Fee
2360 SOLO - Any orchestral woodwind instrument 10-12 yrs (including Saxophone) Award: The Junior Woodwind Challenge Cup Own choice	Age 10 - 12	Up to 5 mins	£7.50
2370 SOLO - Any orchestral woodwind instrument 13-14 yrs (including Saxophone) Own choice.	Age 13 - 14	Up to 6 mins	£7.50
2380 SOLO - Any orchestral woodwind instrument 15-16 yrs (including Saxophone) Own choice	Age 15 - 16	Up to 8 mins	£7.50
2390 SOLO - Any orchestral woodwind instrument 12 -16 yrs (including Saxophone) - Intermediate Own choice. Competitors must be no more than Grade 5 standard.	Age 12 - 16	Up to 6 mins	£7.50
2400 SOLO - Any orchestral woodwind instrument any age (including Saxophone) Award: The HSBC Bank Shield for Woodwind Solo Own choice	Any	Up to 12 mins	£8.50 (Under 18 £7.50)

NOVICE CLASSES AND NON-COMPETITIVE CLASSES

Class	Age	Time	Fee
2410 SOLO - JUNIOR NOVICE 11 yrs and under Award: The Price Family Junior Novice 'Wind' Shield Any orchestral woodwind instrument (including Saxophone) - Competitors must not have been learning their instrument for more than 18 months at date of entry. Own choice.	11 and under	Up to 3 mins	£7.50
2420 SOLO - NOVICE 17 yrs and under Any orchestral woodwind instrument (including Saxophone) - Competitors must not have been learning their instrument for more than 18 months at date of entry. Own choice.	17 and under	Up to 4 mins	£7.50

WOODWIND CLASSES

Class	Age	Time	Fee
2430 SOLO - ADULT BEGINNERS Any orchestral woodwind instrument (including Saxophone) Competitors must have been playing their instrument for less than 3 years at date of entry. Own choice.	18 and over	Up to 4 mins	£8.50

Class	Age	Time	Fee
2440 JUNIOR RECITAL - Any orchestral woodwind instrument 15 yrs and under (including Saxophone) Award: The Bill Lewington Musical Instruments Challenge Cup, The Mick Seymour Annual Cash Prize of £50 Own choice - 2 contrasting pieces.	15 and under	Up to 10 mins	£10.50
2450 SENIOR RECITAL - Any orchestral woodwind instrument 16 yrs and over (including Saxophone) Award: The A F Ellis Cup (Woodwind Solo) Own choice - 2 contrasting pieces.	16 and over	Up to 12 mins	£10.50
2460 CONCERTO CLASS - Any orchestral woodwind instrument, any age (including Saxophone) Award: The Morton-Maskell Cup for Woodwind Solo Any movement from a Concerto.	Any	Up to 15 mins	£8.50 (Under 18 £7.50)
2470 CONTEMPORARY CLASS - Any orchestral woodwind instrument, any age (including Saxophone) Award: The Wilson Trophy for Performance of Contemporary Music Piece(s) by any living composer (as at 1st January this year) Competitors must be at least Grade 3 standard.	Any	Up to 10 mins	£8.50 (Under 18 £7.50)
2480 WOODWIND SOLO - ADVANCED - Any orchestral woodwind instrument (including Saxophone) Award: The Peter Bayliss Memorial Cup Own choice of piece, to be played from memory. Competitors must be at least Grade 7 standard.	Any	Up to 10 mins	£8.50 (Under 18 £7.50)
2490 BASS CLARINET SOLO Award: The Alf Price Memorial Cup for Bass Clarinet Solo Own choice	Any	Up to 10 mins	£8.50 (Under 18 £7.50)
2495 FILM AND TV MUSIC - Any Woodwind Instrument (including Saxophone). Any Age. Award: The Mavis Golding cash prize of £30 Own Choice. Any one piece of music used in a film or TV show.	Any	Up to 6 mins	£8.50 (Under 18 £7.50)

GRADED CLASSES - ANY WOODWIND INSTRUMENT, (including Saxophone)

Only ONE class may be entered per instrument

Class	Age	Time	Fee
2500 WOODWIND GRADE 1 - Any orchestral woodwind instrument (including Saxophone) Any one piece from the practical syllabus of ABRSM or Trinity from 2010 onwards. Competitors must not have passed any grade higher than the one from which the choice is made and must not play the piece in any other class in the Woodwind section.	Any	Up to 3 mins	£8.50 (Under 18 £7.50)

Class	Age	Time	Fee
2510 WOODWIND GRADES 2 & 3 - Any orchestral woodwind instrument (including Saxophone) Any one piece from the practical syllabus of ABRSM or Trinity from 2010 onwards. Competitors must not have passed any grade higher than the one from which the choice is made and must not play the piece in any other class in the Woodwind section.	Any	Up to 3 mins	£8.50 (Under 18 £7.50)
2520 WOODWIND GRADES 4 & 5 - Any orchestral woodwind instrument (including Saxophone) Any one piece from the practical syllabus of ABRSM or Trinity from 2010 onwards. Competitors must not have passed any grade higher than the one from which the choice is made and must not play the piece in any other class in the Woodwind section.	Any	Up to 4 mins	£8.50 (Under 18 £7.50)
2530 WOODWIND GRADES 6 & 7 - Any orchestral woodwind instrument (including Saxophone) Any one piece from the practical syllabus of ABRSM or Trinity from 2010 onwards. Competitors must not have passed any grade higher than the one from which the choice is made and must not play the piece in any other class in the Woodwind section.	Any	Up to 5 mins	£8.50 (Under 18 £7.50)
2540 WOODWIND GRADE 8 & DIPLOMA - Any orchestral woodwind instrument (including Saxophone) Any one piece from the practical syllabus of ABRSM or Trinity from 2010 onwards. Competitors must not have passed any grade higher than the one from which the choice is made and must not play the piece in any other class in the Woodwind section.	Any	Up to 12 mins	£8.50 (Under 18 £7.50)

WOODWIND - DUET AND GROUP CLASSES

Class	Age	Time	Fee
2600 DUET - Any orchestral woodwind instruments 9 yrs and under (including Saxophone) Both players to be adjudicated. Own choice. This class may be accompanied or unaccompanied. Duet	9 and under	Up to 3 mins	£10.00
2610 DUET - Any orchestral woodwind instruments 11 yrs and under (including Saxophone) Both players to be adjudicated. Own choice. This class may be accompanied or unaccompanied. Duet	11 and under	Up to 3 mins	£10.00
2620 DUET - Any orchestral woodwind instruments 14 yrs and under (including Saxophone) Both players to be adjudicated. Own choice. This class may be accompanied or unaccompanied. Duet	14 and under	Up to 6 mins	£10.00

Class	Age	Time	Fee
2630 DUET - Any orchestral woodwind instruments 16 yrs and under (including Saxophone) Both players to be adjudicated. Own choice. This class may be accompanied or unaccompanied. Duet	16 and under	Up to 8 mins	£10.00
2640 DUET - Any orchestral woodwind instruments 17 yrs and under (including Saxophone) Both players to be adjudicated. Own choice. This class may be accompanied or unaccompanied. Duet	17 and under	Up to 8 mins	£10.00
2650 DUET - Any orchestral woodwind instruments any age (including Saxophone) Both players to be adjudicated. Own choice. This class may be accompanied or unaccompanied. Duet	Any	Up to 10 mins	£10.00
2660 DUET - Any orchestral woodwind instrument and piano, 14 and under (including Saxophone) Both players to be adjudicated. Own choice. Duet	14 and under	Up to 6 mins	£10.00
2670 DUET - Any orchestral woodwind instrument and piano, any age (including Saxophone) Award: The Winifred French Challenge Cup Both players to be adjudicated. Own choice. Duet	Any	Up to 10 mins	£10.00
2680 ENSEMBLE - Any woodwind instruments, EYFS - year 6 Award: The Music for Pleasure Trophy (formerly for flute & guitar) Please note school year groups are as at the time of the upcoming Festival. Own choice. Group of any size	Reception to Year 6	Up to 8 mins	See notes for group fees
2690 ENSEMBLE - Any woodwind instruments, year 7-13 Award: The Morton-Maskell Cup for Consorts Please note school year groups are as at the time of the upcoming Festival. Own choice. Group of any size	Year 7 to Year 13	Up to 10 mins	See notes for group fees
2695 ENSEMBLE - Any woodwind instruments, any age Own choice Group of any size	Any	Up to 10 mins	See notes for group fees
2700 SCHOOL ENSEMBLE - Any woodwind instruments years 7-13 Award: The Gibbs Family Trophy for School Ensemble Please note school year groups are as at the time of the upcoming Festival. School Woodwind Ensemble School. Own choice. Group of any size	Year 7 to Year 13	Up to 10 mins	See notes for group fees

Class	Age	Time	Fee
2710 SCHOOL ENSEMBLE - Any woodwind instruments, EYFS - year 6. Please note school year groups are as at the time of the upcoming Festival. Own choice. Group of any size	Reception to Year 6	Up to 10 mins	See notes for group fees

BRASS INSTRUMENTS

Class	Age	Time	Fee
2750 SOLO - Any brass instrument 9 years and under (not saxophone) Own choice.	9 and under	Up to 3 mins	£7.50
2760 SOLO - Any brass instrument, 10 - 11 years (not saxophone) Own choice	Age 10 - 11	Up to 4 mins	£7.50
2770 SOLO - Any brass instrument, 12-14 years (not saxophone) Own choice	Age 12 - 14	Up to 4 mins	£7.50
2780 SOLO - Any brass instrument 15-17 years (not saxophone) Own choice	Age 15 - 17	Up to 5 mins	£7.50
2790 SOLO - Any brass instrument, any age (not saxophone) Own choice	Any	Up to 5 mins	£8.50 (Under 18 £7.50)
2795 FILM AND TV MUSIC - Any brass instrument (not Saxophone). Any Age Own choice. Any music from a film or tv show.	Any	Up to 6 mins	£8.50 (Under 18 £7.50)

NOVICE CLASSES AND NON-COMPETITIVE CLASSES

Class	Age	Time	Fee
2800 SOLO - JUNIOR NOVICE, any brass instrument 12 yrs and under (not saxophone) Competitors must not have been learning their instrument for more than 18 months at date of entry. Own choice.	12 and under	Up to 3 mins	£7.50
2810 SOLO - NOVICE, any brass instrument 17 yrs and under (not saxophone) Competitors must not have been learning their instrument for more than 18 months at date of entry. Own choice.	17 and under	Up to 6 mins	£7.50

BRASS INSTRUMENTS

Class	Age	Time	Fee
2820 SOLO - Adult beginners, any brass instrument (not saxophone) Competitors must have been playing their instrument for less than 3 years at date of entry. Own choice.	18 and over	Up to 4 mins	£8.50

Class	Age	Time	Fee
2830 JUNIOR RECITAL - Any brass instrument, 15 yrs and under (not saxophone) Own choice - 2 contrasting pieces.	15 and under	Up to 10 mins	£10.50
2840 SENIOR RECITAL - Any brass instrument, 16 yrs and over (not saxophone) Own choice - 2 contrasting pieces.	16 and over	Up to 12 mins	£10.50
2850 CONCERTO CLASS - Any brass instrument, any age (not saxophone) Any movement from a Concerto.	Any	Up to 15 mins	£8.50
2860 CONTEMPORARY CLASS - Any brass instrument, any age (not saxophone) Piece(s) composed from 20th century onwards.	Any	Up to 10 mins	£8.50 (Under 18 £7.50)
2865 BRASS SOLO - Advanced Own choice of piece, to be played from memory. Competitors must be at least Grade 7 standard.	Any	Up to 10 mins	£8.50 (Under 18 £7.50)

GRADED CLASSES - ANY BRASS INSTRUMENT

Only ONE class may be entered per instrument

Class	Age	Time	Fee
2870 BRASS GRADE 1 - ANY BRASS INSTRUMENT Any one piece from the practical syllabus of ABRSM or Trinity from 2010 onwards. Competitors must not have passed any grade higher than the one from which the choice is made and must not play the piece in any other class in the Brass section.	Any	Up to 3 mins	£8.50 (Under 18 £7.50)
2880 BRASS GRADES 2 & 3 - ANY BRASS INSTRUMENT Any one piece from the practical syllabus of ABRSM or Trinity from 2010 onwards. Competitors must not have passed any grade higher than the one from which the choice is made and must not play the piece in any other class in the Brass section.	Any	Up to 4 mins	£8.50 (Under 18 £7.50)
2890 BRASS GRADES 4 & 5 - ANY BRASS INSTRUMENT Any one piece from the practical syllabus of ABRSM or Trinity from 2010 onwards. Competitors must not have passed any grade higher than the one from which the choice is made and must not play the piece in any other class in the Brass section.	Any	Up to 4 mins	£8.50 (Under 18 £7.50)
2900 BRASS GRADES 6 & 7 - ANY BRASS INSTRUMENT Any one piece from the practical syllabus of ABRSM or Trinity from 2010 onwards. Competitors must not have passed any grade higher than the one from which the choice is made and must not play the piece in any other class in the Brass section.	Any	Up to 5 mins	£8.50 (Under 18 £7.50)

Class	Age	Time	Fee
2910 BRASS GRADE 8 & DIPLOMA - ANY BRASS INSTRUMENT Any one piece from the practical syllabus of ABRSM or Trinity from 2010 onwards. Competitors must not have passed any grade higher than the one from which the choice is made and must not play the piece in any other class in the Brass section.	Any	Up to 12 mins	£8.50 (Under 18 £7.50)

DUETS & ENSEMBLES

Class	Age	Time	Fee
2930 BRASS ENSEMBLE Brass Ensemble - 11 yrs and under Own choice Group of any size	11 and under	Up to 6 mins	See notes for group fees
2940 BRASS ENSEMBLE Any Age Award: The Chris Stevens Challenge Shield Own choice Group of any size	Any	Up to 8 mins	See notes for group fees
2950 BRASS DUET - ANY BRASS INSTRUMENT 12 yrs and under Own choice. Duet	12 and under	Up to 3 mins	£10.00
2960 BRASS DUET - ANY BRASS INSTRUMENT Any age Own choice Duet	Any	Up to 6 mins	£10.00

NOVICE CLASSES AND NON-COMPETITIVE CLASSES

Class	Age	Time	Fee
2970 NON-COMPETITIVE CLASS - ANY WOODWIND OR BRASS INSTRUMENT 11 yrs and under Own choice. This class is ideal for those wishing to obtain feedback on a piece they are preparing for an audition/exam or for those who might be nervous about performing in front of others but who want to try in a non-competitive situation.	11 and under	Up to 4 mins	£7.50
2980 NON-COMPETITIVE CLASS - ANY WOODWIND OR BRASS INSTRUMENT 12-17 yrs Own choice. This class is ideal for those wishing to obtain feedback on a piece they are preparing for an audition/exam or for those who might be nervous about performing in front of others but who want to try in a non-competitive situation.	Age 12 - 17	Up to 7 mins	£7.50
2990 NON-COMPETITIVE CLASS - ANY WOODWIND OR BRASS INSTRUMENT 18yrs and over Own choice. This class is ideal for those wishing to obtain feedback on a piece they are preparing for an audition/exam or for those who might be nervous about performing in front of others but who want to try in a non-competitive situation.	18 and over	Up to 8 mins	£8.50