



2024 SINGING SYLLABUS



**MUSIC, SPEECH AND DRAMA PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES
FOR YOUNG PEOPLE & ADULTS IN CHELMSFORD**

Classical Singing: Saturday 9th November

**Musical Theatre Singing:
Friday 15th & Saturday 16th November**

WELCOME TO THE CHELMSFORD FESTIVAL

TROPHIES

**Please return all polished trophies by
Saturday September 21st 2024 to Jill or Philippa**

ONLINE ENTRIES OPEN ON JULY 1ST

**THE CLOSING DATE FOR ALL ENTRIES IS
Saturday 5th October at 18:00**

**THE ONLINE SYSTEM WILL SHUT DOWN AT THIS
TIME AND NO LATE ENTRIES CAN BE ACCEPTED**

**As soon as you have made your entry please pay the fee via BACS
An e mailed invoice with all details, will be generated by the system as
soon as you have checked out.**

**If you don't receive this then you haven't fully checked out of the
system. Please go back and double check everything.**



Dear Competitors, Teachers and Parents



The 2023 festival was another huge success with almost 500 entries. We have continued to grow every year since the pandemic which

is truly fantastic. The standard of performance was outstanding and clearly competitors and teachers had worked very hard to prepare for their classes. Many of our adjudicators had visited us before and commented upon the high standard across all the sections. I know that you were all encouraged by their comments and expertise.

Festival News

We held a celebratory concert in March this year where just a few winners from our November Festival were invited to perform. It was again held in Broomfield Church and we were pleased to raise £400 towards the work of the church.

We've made a few changes to the syllabus for Musical theatre particularly. Speech and Drama also has a few tweaks. Please read the syllabus carefully.

I am delighted to inform you that one of our entrants was successful in the Rotary Club local final after singing wonderfully at St Cedd's School for their Young Musician Competition.

Rose Buggle, a 13 year old classical singer who attends Brentwood School then went on to the area final held in Brentwood and again won, to later appear in Norwich for the Eastern final for another win.

The National final was held in Manchester and Rose thoroughly enjoyed the experience, competing against much older singers.

Rotary Club

The Chelmsford Rotary Club will run their Young Musician competition in January 2025. All winners of classes marked with # are eligible for entry. A member of the Rotary Club will approach you at the end of your class if you are a winner or scored a high mark.

It is essential that ALL cleaned trophies are returned to myself or Philippa by 21st September 2024.

Good luck with your preparations and see you in November! Let's make some more amazing memories together!

Jill Parkin: Chair of the Festival

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ALL ENSEMBLE CLASSES CAN BE FOUND IN THE APPROPRIATE SECTION

CONTACT US



Become a friend on Facebook (Chelmsford Competitive Festival of Music and Drama)

Email communications to jillparkin58@icloud.com

Web site: www.chelmsfordfestival.online

follow the link to online entries on HOW TO ENTER page or go direct to
<https://chelmsfordfestival.runmyfestival.net>

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Musical Theatre Singing	Jill Parkin & Rachel Clarke
Classical Singing	Philippa Penkett & Susannah Edom
Strings	Jill Parkin
Brass and Woodwind & Recorders	Philippa Penkett

There is NO festival office. If telephone calls are absolutely necessary please be aware of the time of your call.

ADJUDICATORS FOR 2024

All adjudicator biographies will be published in the programme

PIANO

Philip Prior

James Davy

STRINGS & CLASSICAL GUITARS

Sophie-Ann Chaplin

BRASS, WOODWIND & RECORDERS

Paul Copas

CLASSICAL SINGING

Jessica Edom-Carey

MUSICAL THEATRE SINGING

Dee Mardi

Hannah Ambrose

SPEECH AND DRAMA

Lindsey Crutchett

COMPETITIONS WILL BE HELD ON:

Friday 8 th November	Piano (various classes)	Trinity Methodist Church
Saturday 9 th November	Strings Speech and Drama	Trinity Methodist Church and Hall Rainsford Road, Chelmsford CM1 2XB
	----- Classical Singing Brass, Woodwind & Recorders	----- St Cedd's School New London Road CM2 0AR
Friday 15 th November	Musical Theatre Singing	St Cedd's School New London Road CM2 0AR
Saturday 16 th November	Musical Theatre Singing Piano	

ACCOMPANIST ARRANGEMENTS

Accompaniment for singers and instrumentalists

Our system has changed and it is **now up to you to find your own accompanist**. We will help by giving you a list of people who are willing to be here on certain days and times along with the accepted fee for their time and expertise.

The fees for accompaniment have been agreed by everyone and are payable directly to the accompanist when you go for your run through. Please contact them as soon as you get your time and date and send them a copy of your music.

What am I paying for?	Fee
1 x 30 minute rehearsal and the festival performance	
Grades 1 – 4 standard (1 or 2 pieces)	£20.00
Grades 5 & 6 standard (1 or 2 pieces)	£25.00
Grade 7, 8 & Diploma (1 piece)	£25.00
Multiple or extended pieces may need more rehearsal time, for which a further charge will be made.	

Name	Telephone	Name	Telephone
Jill Parkin (Str & MT)	07778 772126	Philippa Penkett (BWR & CS)	07713 150507
Philip Prior	07811 469105	Susannah Edom-Baker (MT & CS)	07887 535942
Ed Montgomery	07912 078444	Tim Carey (grade 6 & above)	07787 531600
We do have other people you may contact. Just ring Jill!			

PRIVACY and GDPR NOTICE AND OUR SAFEGUARDING POLICY CAN BE VIEWED ONLINE AT OUR WEBSITE

www.chelmsfordfestival.online

AND COPIES WILL BE SENT TO YOU THROUGH OUR ONLINE ENTRY SYSTEM AS WELL AS COPIES AVAILABLE AT EACH VENUE DURING THE FESTIVAL

CHANGING, COACHING & WARM UP ROOMS

All our venues have a warm up room for singers and most instrumentalists. Trinity Methodist Church has a warm up room for pianists. For groups performing at St Cedd's a room must be booked with Philippa Penkett before the event. Please see our Safeguarding Policy for details of supervision.

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1	COPIES OF MUSIC: Must be brought to the festival and given to the adjudicator at the start of the class.
2	COVID 19: In the event of the return of a large breakout of Covid 19, social distancing must be strictly adhered to. All government rules will be followed.
3	ELIGIBILITY: The festival is for amateurs, except for open classes. This does not apply to accompanists and conductors.
4	AGE: All ages of competitors will be calculated as of 31st August 2024. Open classes have no age limit.
5	ENTRIES: All entries should be made online. Where this is not possible a paper form may be requested.
6	NUMBER OF ENTRIES: You may enter up to TWO classes in EACH SECTION. This still gives you the flexibility to enter, for example, 2 piano PLUS 2 speech and drama PLUS 2 string classes. The EXCEPTION is for Classical and Musical Theatre Singing where 2 classes in each section may be entered.
7	LATE ENTRIES: The online entry system has a cut off date when no further entries can be made.
8	ENTRY FEES: The total correct entry fee must be sent via BACS to the Festival account on the day entries are made. Fees are not refundable.
9	ACCOMPANISTS: We no longer have official accompanists and therefore you are responsible for arranging and paying for someone to play for you. A suggested list of people to contact can be found on our website and in our printed syllabus. If your piece requires an accompanist it is best to use one rather than play unaccompanied. Contact your accompanist as soon as you have received your date and time.
10	PHOTOCOPIES: Adjudicators will require a copy of your piece. During COVID 19 NO photocopies should be brought and given to the adjudicators. E mail copies should be sent to the section leader when you make your entry. See 1 if no restrictions.

11	OWN CHOICE PIECES: Please do not play the same piece in more than ONE class.
12	REPEATS: No repeats to be played but da capo is necessary.
13	TIME LIMITS: Time limits of pieces must be strictly observed. Your introduction (if giving one) should be counted in the time.
14	TIME OF THE CLASS: The start time of each class will be sent to all competitors. We endeavour to start a class on time. Please arrive at the venue at least 10 minutes before the start time. Sometimes classes do over-run.
15	WHEN YOU HAVE ANOTHER CLASS: If you have another class in another room or building don't worry. We will change the order of competitors and call you again at the end.
16	MUSIC STANDS: A music stand will be provided for all SOLO competitors. Duettists and larger groups must bring their own stands.
17	ADJUDICATORS: The adjudicator's decision is final. Speaking to the adjudicator during the progress of a class is not allowed.
18	ASSESSMENT: Adjudicators are provided with our assessment criteria and marking scheme. A copy can be found on the website and in our printed syllabus.
19	CERTIFICATES: All competitors are awarded a certificate which we try to present after each class.
20	MEDALS: We are no longer awarding medals for high scores.
21	TROPHIES: We have a number of trophies which, over the years have been kindly donated by Chelmsford dignitaries, businesses and individuals. They are on loan to you for the year and care should be taken with them.
22	TROPHIES: If a trophy is allocated to a class the winner of the class should be awarded 85 or more marks to receive the trophy.
23	TROPHIES: All trophies must be returned by September 21 st 2024.
24	MARKSHEETS: The adjudicator will write comments about your performance giving hints and tips for the future. These should be collected after each class.
25	RECORDING AND PHOTOGRAPHY: It is strictly forbidden to use video or audio recording during performances, nor should you take photographs. This is against our Safeguarding policy and you will be removed from the premises if you are found to be doing this.
26	PHOTOGRAPHY: You may be able (if time permits) to take a photograph of your child with their certificate/trophy/adjudicator at the end of a class and with the permission of the steward and adjudicator. Please adhere to our safeguarding policy regarding social media.
27	PHOTOGRAPHY: With parental permission an officer of the festival may ask to take a photograph to be used on our Facebook page or website. When this is done, no names of children will be published.
28	DISQUALIFICATION: No competitor will be disqualified for whatever reason without the sanction of the Festival Chairman.
29	COMMITTEE DECISIONS: These are final, whether they be before the festival or during the events. We reserve the right to alter any arrangements.
30	COMMUNICATIONS: By e mail is preferred please.
31	PERSONAL DATA: Please see our GDPR policy. We hold data purely for the purposes of running the festival.
32	COPYRIGHT: All performances using music from shows in current production are subject to copyright law. They may be sung as a concert item with no costume or movement without the need for copyright. Where movement and costume is included copyright permission is

	required and the festival committee accepts these entries upon the understanding that permission has been sought.
33	AUDIENCE: Audience members are very welcome. Tickets may be obtained from the door for a nominal fee. Card payments are accepted as well as cash.
34	COACHING: No help or coaching of any kind should be given from the audience. No mouthing of words, no gestures etc.
35	USE OF BACKING TRACKS: There is no piano in the speech and drama room therefore backing tracks must be used along with your OWN equipment. For all other sections an accompanist should be used except in exceptional circumstances (eg: Music from other cultures)



CLOSING DATE FOR ONLINE ENTRIES:

Saturday 5th October 2024

at 18:00

NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED

AS SOON AS YOU HAVE MADE YOUR ENTRY PLEASE PAY BY BACS

Audience admission fees during the festival	
card payments are acceptable as well as cash	
All festival dates	£5.00 all day session
	£3.50 per session (am or pm)
Senior Citizens	£3.00 per session or £4.50 all day
2 free admission tickets will be issued to adults who are accompanying groups Children under 16 will be free of charge	

HOW TO USE OUR ONLINE ENTRY SYSTEM

The task of preparing a syllabus, programme, spreadsheets, timetabling etc was always a daunting and very time consuming one. We have therefore subscribed to Run My Festival which takes all that work from us and produces lots of whizzy things for us. So, here's how to use it!

1. Login to www.chelmsfordfestival.online or go direct to <https://chelmsfordfestival.runmyfestival.net>
2. On the website go to **ONLINE ENTRY** tab and press on the link to **ONLINE REGISTRATION**
3. This takes you to run my festival pages and **NEW REGISTER HERE**
4. Once you have added your e mail address you will receive an e mail headed Thank you for registering. Click on the link and follow the instructions.
5. If you have already registered just log in with your user name and password.
6. You will see a message which says "Select entrant..... New.... From the menu and pick the type of entrant you would like". You will only see the classes available for that entrant. So if it's a soloist you'll only see solo classes, groups – only group classes etc.
7. **FOR SMALL GROUP ENTRIES** (duets, trios, quartets) click "**Create a new group with people**" which will then allow you to name individuals.
8. **FOR LARGE GROUP** entries click on "**Create a group by size**" – you don't need to fill in the names of your group members.
9. When you sign out the site takes you straight back to our webpage.
10. Once you've had a browse and decided your classes, make your entries and go to **CHECKOUT. Select pay via BACS then pay us the fee by BACS in the old fashioned way!**

Teachers – this is a great way for you to give your pupils the link so you don't have to enter them yourself.

There is a cut off date and time of 5th October 2024 at 18:00 and after this no entries will be allowed.

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Not a hashtag!*



CLASSICAL SINGING

Saturday 9th November 2024

St Cedd's School

ADJUDICATOR: Jessica Edom-Carey

- A maximum of two solo classes may be chosen from this section.
 - Please adhere strictly to the time limits shown.
 - All pieces chosen are OWN CHOICE selections.
 - Please do not choose the same solo piece in two classes.
 - You may enter a group class as well as the solo classes
 - No backing tracks allowed
- Trophies shown may be subject to change

May include hymn settings and religious repertoire

RECITAL CLASSES

Each recital should include 2 well contrasted pieces of your own choice which should be from different periods of musical history.

CS1 #	SENIOR RECITAL: 18 YEARS AND UNDER Not to exceed 10 minutes. Award: The Baker Trophy	£12
CS2 #	JUNIOR RECITAL: 14 YEARS AND UNDER Not to exceed 8 minutes. Award: The Buchannan Trophy	£10
CS3	PRIMARY RECITAL: 11 YEARS AND UNDER Not to exceed 7 minutes. Award: Judith Styman Memorial Trophy	£8



SOLO CLASSICAL SONG BY AGE

One, own choice piece to be sung within the time limit

CS4	SOLO SONG FROM THE CLASSICAL REPERTOIRE: AGE 10 AND UNDER Not to exceed 3 minutes. Award: The Poulton Trophy	£7.50
CS5	SOLO SONG FROM THE CLASSICAL REPERTOIRE: AGE 11 TO 14	£8

Not to exceed 3 minutes 30 seconds.

Award: The Pamela Cairns Trophy

CS6 SOLO SONG FROM THE CLASSICAL REPERTOIRE: £8.50
AGE 15 - 17

Not to exceed 4 minutes.

Award: The Cecil Hart Trophy

CS7 SOLO SONG FROM THE CLASSICAL REPERTOIRE: £9
OPEN

Not to exceed 4 minutes.

SOLO CLASSICAL SONG BY GRADE

One, own choice piece from a recognised syllabus within the last 5 years, to be sung within the time limit

CS10 SOLO SONG FROM THE CLASSICAL REPERTOIRE: £7.50
GRADES 1 & 2

Not to exceed 2 minutes.

Award: Dorothy Cole Cup

CS11 SOLO SONG FROM THE CLASSICAL REPERTOIRE: £8
GRADES 3 & 4

Not to exceed 3 minutes.

Award: The Nunn Trophy

CS12 SOLO SONG FROM THE CLASSICAL REPERTOIRE: £8
GRADES 5

Not to exceed 3 minutes.

Award: The Roulston Trophy

CS13 SOLO SONG FROM THE CLASSICAL REPERTOIRE: £9
GRADES 6 AND 7

Not to exceed 4 minutes.

CS14 SOLO SONG FROM THE CLASSICAL REPERTOIRE: £10
GRADES 8 AND DIPLOMA

Not to exceed 5 minutes.

Award: The Joan Brandon Trophy

TROPHIES BACK BY SEPTEMBER 21ST PLEASE

CLOSING DATE FOR ALL ENTRIES IS 5TH OCTOBER @ 6PM

SINGING TOGETHER: CLASSICAL DUETS, TRIOS AND QUARTETS

One or two contrasting, own choice songs from the classical repertoire originally composed as a duet, trio or quartet

Any combination of voices

Time limit must be observed.

CS15 CLASSICAL VOCAL DUETS, TRIOS & QUARTETS: £12
OPEN

Minimum of 2 and maximum of 4 performers

Not to exceed 10 minutes.

CS16 CLASSICAL VOCAL DUETS, TRIOS & QUARTETS: £12
PRIMARY SCHOOL AGE

Minimum of 2 and maximum of 4 performers

Not to exceed 7 minutes.

Award: The Armstrong Gibbs Trophy

CS17 CLASSICAL VOCAL DUETS, TRIOS & QUARTETS: £12
SECONDARY SCHOOL AGE

Minimum of 2 and maximum of 4 performers

Not to exceed 8 minutes.

Rev'd William Smith Cup

SINGERS AND SPEAKERS CLASS

A special class which incorporates classical song and verse speaking

CS18 SINGERS AND SPEAKERS CLASS £10

Not to exceed 10 minutes.

A maximum of two songs plus 2 short poems which have a common theme or link.

To be performed as a whole "recital"

Award: The AESS Trophy

CLASSICAL SINGING FOR DIFFERENT CULTURES

A new class for singers who wish to showcase other cultures such as Chinese, Indian, Indonesian etc.

CS19 CLASSICAL SONG FROM OTHER CULTURES £8

Not to exceed 3 minutes Any age

One solo classical song from any other culture. May include accompaniment from eg tabla, sitar etc. played by another person. Backing tracks may be used.

See also theatre songs from different cultures in the musical theatre section



SINGING FOR MUSICAL THEATRE

Friday 15th November 2024

Adjudicator: Dee Mardi

Saturday 16th November 2024

Adjudicator: Hannah Ambrose

- A maximum of two solo classes may be chosen from this section.
- Please adhere strictly to time limits. Cuts in long songs are acceptable.
- Please do not choose the same piece for the two classes.
- **NO BACKING TRACKS:** we do expect all singers to use an accompanist.
- You may enter 2 solo classes AND a group class if you wish.
- Trophies shown are subject to change
- FOR LARGE GROUP (5 OR MORE) MUSICAL THEATRE PERFORMANCES PLEASE SEE THE SPEECH AND DRAMA SECTION FOR SATURDAY 9TH NOV.
- **We have changed the age ranges to avoid huge classes and to make adjudication fairer to all. Ages are now in School Year Groups for the 24/25 academic year.**

Fri 15th means that the class will take place on the Friday evening

SOLO CLASSES BY AGE

One, own choice piece to be sung

MT1	SOLO SONG FROM MUSICAL THEATRE OR FILM AGES 7 YEARS AND UNDER (Fri 15 th) Not to exceed 2 minutes. Award: The Higby Trophy	£7
MT2	SOLO SONG FROM MUSICAL THEATRE OR FILM Year 3 Not to exceed 2 mins 30 secs. Award: The Subscriber's Bowl	£7.50
MT3	SOLO SONG FROM MUSICAL THEATRE OR FILM Year 4 Not to exceed 2 minutes 30 secs Award: Chelmsford Rotary Clubs Trophy	£7.50
MT4	SOLO SONG FROM MUSICAL THEATRE OR FILM Year 5 (Fri 15 th) Not to exceed 2 minutes 30 seconds. Award: The McLeod Trophy	£7.50

MT5	SOLO SONG FROM MUSICAL THEATRE OR FILM Year 6 Not to exceed 2 minutes 30 seconds. The Wilkes Trophy	£7.50
MT6	SOLO SONG FROM MUSICAL THEATRE OR FILM Year 7 (Fri 15th) Not to exceed 3 minutes. Award: The Higby Trophy	£8.00
MT7	SOLO SONG FROM MUSICAL THEATRE OR FILM Year 8 Not to exceed 3 minutes Award: The Subscriber's Bowl	£8.00
MT8	SOLO SONG FROM MUSICAL THEATRE OR FILM Year 9 Not to exceed 3 minutes Award: Chelmsford Rotary Clubs Trophy	£8.00
MT9 #	SOLO SONG FROM MUSICAL THEATRE OR FILM Year 10 and Year 11 (Fri 15th) Not to exceed 3 minutes 30 seconds.	£8.50
MT10 #	SOLO SONG FROM MUSICAL THEATRE OR FILM Year 12 and Year 13 Not to exceed 4 minutes The Wilkes Trophy	£9.00

ADULT CLASS: Any solo song from Musical Theatre own choice

MT11	SOLO SONG FROM MUSICAL THEATRE ADULT CLASS Not to exceed 4 minutes.	£9.00
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DISNEY FILM SONG BY AGE
One, solo song of your own choice



MT12	SOLO SONG FROM A DISNEY FILM: AGES 8 AND UNDER Not to exceed 2 minutes Award: The Committee Cup	£7
MT13	SOLO SONG FROM DISNEY FILM AGES 9 TO 11 YEARS (Fri 15th) Not to exceed 2 minutes 30 secs.	£7.50
MT14	SOLO SONG FROM DISNEY FILM AGES 12 TO 14 YEARS Not to exceed 3 minutes. Award: Emily Begg Trophy	£8.00

- MT15 SOLO SONG FROM DISNEY FILM £8.50
 AGES 15 TO 18 YEARS (Fri 15th)
 Not to exceed 3 minutes 30 secs.

PERFORMING TOGETHER

DUETS, TRIOS AND QUARTETS FROM MUSICAL THEATRE

Any own choice song from Musical Theatre originally composed as a duet, trio or quartet for any combination of singer. This performance may include a small amount of dialogue if required.

Any 1 song from musical theatre which features 2 - 4 singers

Please see the Speech & Drama Section for larger groups of up to 25.

- MT16 MUSICAL THEATRE DUETS, TRIOS & QUARTETS: Duet: £8.00
 PRIMARY SCHOOL AGE (Fri 15th) Trio: £9.00
 Quartet: £10.00
- Minimum of 2 and maximum of 4 performers
 Not to exceed 4 minutes.

- MT17 MUSICAL THEATRE DUETS, TRIOS & QUARTETS: Duet: £8.50
 SECONDARY SCHOOL AGE Trio: £9.00
 Quartet: £10.00
- Minimum of 2 and maximum of 4 performers
 Not to exceed 4 minutes 30 secs.

The Wicks Trophy

- MT18 MUSICAL THEATRE DUETS, TRIOS & QUARTETS: Duet: £9.00
 OPEN/ADULTS Trio: £10.00
 Quartet: £11.00
- Minimum of 2 and maximum of 4 performers
 Not to exceed 5 minutes.

MUSICAL THEATRE SINGING FOR DIFFERENT CULTURES

A special new class for those who wish to showcase theatre music from different cultures.

- MT19 SOLO SONG FROM THEATRE IN OTHER CULTURES £8.00
 Not to exceed 3 minutes Any age
 One solo song from theatre in different cultures such as Bollywood, Gamelan Chinese etc. May include accompaniment on traditional instruments by another person or backing tracks may be used.

See also classical songs from different cultures in the Classical Singing Section.

