



# **2024 SPEECH AND DRAMA SYLLABUS**

with large group musical theatre classes



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

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November**

# **WELCOME TO THE CHELMSFORD FESTIVAL**

## **TROPHIES**

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

**ONLINE ENTRIES OPEN ON JULY 1ST**

**THE CLOSING DATE FOR ALL ENTRIES IS  
Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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)**

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**Web site: [www.chelmsfordfestival.online](http://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 <sup>th</sup> November	Piano (various classes)	Trinity Methodist Church
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> November	Musical Theatre Singing	St Cedd's School New London Road CM2 0AR
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.

**RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**It is very important to read these as there are changes this year**

	<b>RULES AND REGULATIONS</b>
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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 <sup>st</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

**at 18:00**

**NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED**

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

<b>Audience admission fees during the festival</b>	
<b>card payments are acceptable as well as cash</b>	
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](http://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 5<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at 18:00 and after this no entries will be allowed.**

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Not a hashtag!*



## SPEECH AND DRAMA

With large group musical theatre classes

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

**Trinity Methodist Church**

**ADJUDICATOR: Lindsey Crutchett**

- **PROPS:** Any personal props should be brought on the day. A table and chair can be provided if required. Please ask the steward before the class begins.
- **FAMILY AUDIENCE:** All items presented should be suitable for a family audience. If not the performance may be stopped by a member of the committee or the adjudicator.
- **COACHING:** No coaching, mouthing of words, gestures are permitted by the audience. The exception is in the Choral Speaking Class when a teacher may "conduct" their group.
- **NO SCRIPTS:** Scripts are not allowed in any verse speaking or acting class.
- **PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO:** NO recording of a performance allowed at any time.
- **COSTUME:** Costume may be worn if desired but is not essential.
- **MOVEMENT:** Performers may present their work with or without movement. If movement is included the adjudicator may express a view as to whether this enhances the item or not.
- **SITTING OR STANDING:** Verse speaking and prose should be performed (wherever possible) in a standing position. For other classes sitting may be acceptable to the performance.
- **BACKING TRACKS MUST BE USED FOR THIS VENUE AS THERE IS NO PIANO IN THE ROOM. A KEYBOARD MAY BE BROUGHT AND YOUR OWN SOUND PLAYBACK SYSTEM.**
- The trophies listed may be subject to change.

## SOLO VERSE SPEAKING BY AGE

**One, own choice poem recited from memory by a recognised poet or a self-penned composition.**

SD1	SOLO VERSE SPEAKING: 6 YEARS AND UNDER Not to exceed 2 minutes. <b>Award: The Brooks Trophy</b>	£7.00
SD2	SOLO VERSE SPEAKING: 7 AND 8 YEARS OF AGE Not to exceed 2 minutes. <b>Award: Lightfoot Cup</b>	£7.00
SD3	SOLO VERSE SPEAKING: 9 AND 10 YEARS OF AGE Not to exceed 3 minutes.	£7.50

**Award: The Evelyn Wall Cup**

- SD4 SOLO VERSE SPEAKING: 11 AND 12 YEARS OF AGE £7.50  
Not to exceed 3 minutes.
- SD5 SOLO VERSE SPEAKING: 13 - 15 YEARS OF AGE £8.00  
Not to exceed 3 minutes 30 seconds.

**SOLO VERSE OR PROSE GRADED CLASSES**

**Verse speaking from memory, prose pieces may use the book  
One, own choice piece to be performed within the time limit**

- SD6 SOLO VERSE OR PROSE: GRADED CLASS: £7.00  
STAGES 1 AND 2  
Not to exceed 2 minutes.  
**Award: The Bellamy Trophy**
- SD7 SOLO VERSE OR PROSE: GRADED CLASS: STAGE 3 AND £7  
ENTRY  
Not to exceed 2 minutes.  
**Award: St John's Cup**
- SD8 SOLO VERSE OR PROSE: GRADED CLASS: £7.50  
GRADE 1  
Not to exceed 3 minutes.  
**Award: The Anderson Trophy**
- SD9 SOLO VERSE OR PROSE: GRADED CLASS: £7.50  
GRADE 2  
Not to exceed 3 minutes.  
**Award: St Anne's Cup**
- SD10 SOLO VERSE OR PROSE: GRADED CLASS: £8.00  
GRADES 3 AND 4  
Not to exceed 4 minutes.
- SD11 SOLO VERSE OR PROSE: GRADED CLASS: £8.50  
GRADE 5  
Not to exceed 4 minutes 30 seconds.
- SD12 SOLO VERSE OR PROSE: GRADED CLASS: £8.50  
GRADE 6 AND ABOVE  
Not to exceed 4 minutes 30 seconds.  
**Two** contrasting pieces to be performed. Candidates may choose to perform 2 poems, or one poem and a piece of prose, Texts for prose may be used



## PERFORMING TOGETHER: CHORAL SPEAKING

**Small group: 4 – 10**

**Medium Group: 11-16**

**Large group: 17 - 25**

SD13 GROUP VERSE SPEAKING: CHORAL SPEAKING

Small Group - £12,  
Med. group £14,  
Large group - £18

Minimum of 4 and maximum of 25 performers  
Not to exceed 6 minutes.  
Award:

## SOLO ACTING

**One, own choice piece of a scripted drama by a recognised author**

SD14 SOLO ACTING: 9 - 11 YEARS OF AGE £7.50  
Not to exceed 3 minutes.

SD15 SOLO ACTING: 12 AND 13 YEARS OF AGE £8.00  
Not to exceed 4 minutes.  
**Award: The Versatility Cup**

SD16 SOLO ACTING: 14 AND 15 YEARS OF AGE £8.00  
Not to exceed 4 minutes.

SD17 SOLO ACTING: 16 TO 18 YEARS OF AGE £9.00  
Not to exceed 5 minutes.

## PERFORMING TOGETHER: GROUP DRAMA

**Duologue: 2 people £8.00**  
**Small group: 4 – 10 - £12.00**  
**Medium Group: 11 - 16 - £14.00**  
**Large group: 17 – 25 - £18.00**

**One, own choice piece of scripted drama from any recognised source**

SD18 GROUP WORK: DUOLOGUE: ANY AGE OPEN  
SCRIPTED PIECE Not to exceed 4 minutes

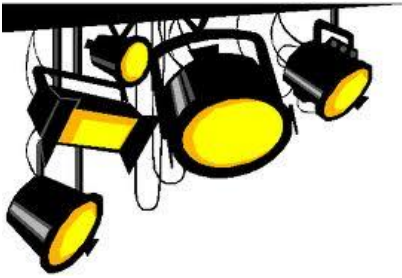
SD19 GROUP WORK: JUNIOR DRAMA:  
SCRIPTED PIECE: 9 - 14 YEARS OF AGE  
Not to exceed 6 minutes.  
**The Chelmsford City Council Cup for Drama**

SD20 GROUP WORK: SENIOR DRAMA: SCRIPTED PIECE:  
15 YEARS AND OVER  
Not to exceed 8 minutes.  
**Award: The Felsted Prep Trophies**

## DEvised SCRIPT

A piece of work which is self-devised. The group may consist of 2 to 6 performers.

- SD21 GROUP DRAMA: DEvised SCRIPT £12  
Minimum of 2 and maximum of 6 performers  
Not to exceed 10 minutes.  
Please be aware of the age of the audience who may be watching your performance



## MUSICAL THEATRE SCRIPT AND SONG

A piece of drama to include script and song from any Musical. The piece may include movement and dance.

***HAVE A LOOK AT OUR MUSICAL THEATRE SECTION TOO***

**PLEASE NOTE THAT A BACKING TRACK AND YOUR OWN EQUIPMENT FOR PLAYBACK MUST BE BROUGHT TO THE VENUE**

Small group: 5 – 10 - £12.00                      Medium Group: 11 - 16 - £14.00  
Large group: 17 – 25 - £18.00

Minimum of 4 and maximum of 25 performers  
Not to exceed 8 minutes.  
Own Choice

A piece of drama to include script and song from any musical. The piece may include dance and/or movement

- SD22 GROUP WORK: SENIOR MUSICAL THEATRE  
(SECONDARY SCHOOL AGES)

**The Richardson Trophy**

- SD23 GROUP WORK: JUNIOR MUSICAL THEATRE  
(PRIMARY SCHOOL AGES)

**The Landers Trophy**

- SD24 GROUP WORK: MIXED AGE MUSICAL THEATRE

- SD25 ADULT MUSICAL THEATRE: all performers must be over the age of 18

