

VOCAL CLASSES – GENERAL INFORMATION

SONGS IN A CLASSICAL STYLE: CLASSES 1, 2, 3, 4, 11, 12, 19, 20, 27, 28

These include songs by Peter Jenkyns, Lin Marsh, John Rutter etc, aria antiche, art songs in English or a foreign language, lute songs, accompanied traditional/folksongs and spirituals, and opera and oratorio arias. They do not include hymns, carols, pop songs or music theatre songs.

CLASSICAL ART SONG: CLASSES 27 AND 34

Must be sung in the original language - songs by English composers (e.g. Vaughan Williams, Howells, Holst etc), French composers (e.g. Faure, Duparc etc), German composers (e.g. Brahms, Schumann etc), Spanish composers (e.g. De Falla, Granados etc), Italian composers (e.g. Donizetti, Bellini), Russian composers (Tchaikovsky etc), Czech, Finnish, Danish, Icelandic, Swedish etc.

SONG FROM THE SHOWS AND DISNEY SONGS CLASSES: 6, 7, 8, 9, 15, 16, 23, 24, 31, 32, 39, 46

Competitors are encouraged to have live accompaniment, however backing tracks can be used. Please bring this on a device (e.g. phone) along with your own portal speakers. Microphones are NOT permitted in these classes.

POP MUSIC SOLO: CLASSES 17, 25, 33, 40, 47

Pop Music Solo – a microphone and amp will be provided. Competitors may accompany themselves in these classes. If you are using a backing track, please bring this on a device (e.g. phone) along with your own portal speakers. Pre-recorded vocals on the backing track are NOT permitted.

SPECIAL AWARDS

YOUNG SINGER AWARDS

These are made at the discretion of the adjudicator and are subject to the winner receiving a mark of Distinction or Outstanding in at least one class. Previous first placed winners of each award are not eligible although it is possible for a winner of the Junior Award to go on to win the Intermediate Award etc.

JUNIOR YOUNG SINGER OF THE YEAR AWARD (£50)

This will be awarded at the discretion of the adjudicator to a singer who is 13 years and under and who has participated in three or more classes in their age category.

INTERMEDIATE YOUNG SINGER OF THE YEAR AWARD (£75)

This will be awarded at the discretion of the adjudicator to a singer who is 14-17 years and who has participated in four or more classes in their age category.

YOUNG SINGER OF THE YEAR AWARD (£100)

This will be awarded at the discretion of the adjudicator to a singer who is 18-21 years and who has participated in four or more classes in their age category.

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This will be awarded at the discretion of the adjudicator to an outstanding singer in the Songs from the Shows classes.

JUNIOR SINGERS – 11 YEARS AND UNDER

Junior singers entering three or more classes will be eligible for consideration for the Junior Young Singer of the Year Award - £50

All material should be age appropriate.

Class	Class Title	Age	Description	Time Limit	Fee
1	Boy's Vocal Solo	9 & under	Own choice song in a classical style (no musical theatre or pop)	3 Mins	£6
2	Girl's Vocal Solo	9 & under	Own choice song in a classical style (no musical theatre or pop)	3 Mins	£6
3	Boy's Challenge Cup	10-11 Years	Own choice song in a classical style (no musical theatre or pop)	3 Mins	£6
4	Girl's Challenge Cup	10-11 Years	Own choice song in a classical style (no musical theatre or pop)	3 Mins	£6
5	Unaccompanied folksong (mixed)	11 & under	No carols, pop songs or hymns	3 Mins	£6
6	Songs from the Shows (mixed)	9 & under	A song from a musical show or film (not Disney). Material should be age appropriate. Backing tracks are permitted.	3 Mins	£6
7	Songs from the Shows (mixed)	10-11 Years	A song from a musical show or film (not Disney). Material should be age appropriate. Backing tracks are permitted.	3 Mins	£6
8	Disney Song – (mixed)	9 & under	Any song from a Disney film or musical. Backing tracks are permitted.	3 Mins	£6
9	Disney Song – (mixed)	10-11 Years	Any song from a Disney film or musical. Backing tracks are permitted.	3 Mins	£6
10	Vocal Duet or Trio	11 & under	Own choice in any style	3 Mins	£6

JUNIOR SINGERS – 12 -13 YEARS

Junior singers entering three or more classes will be eligible for consideration for the Junior Young Singer of the Year Award - £50

All material should be age appropriate.

Class	Class Title	Description	Time Limit	Fee
11	Boy's Vocal Solo	Own choice song in a classical style (no musical theatre or pop)	3 mins	£6
12	Girl's Vocal Solo	Own choice song in a classical style (no musical theatre or pop)	3 mins	£6
13	Recital (mixed)	Two contrasting songs - One of the songs must be in a classical style; the other song can be in any style except for pop music. Presentation and performance skills will be taken into account along with the versatility and imagination of the programme chosen. Spoken introductions are recommended.	6 mins	£8
14	Unaccompanied folksong (mixed)	No carols, pop songs or hymns	3 mins	£6
15	Songs from the Shows (mixed)	A song from a musical show or film (not Disney). Backing tracks are permitted.	3 mins	£6
16	Disney Song (mixed)	Any song from a Disney film or musical. Backing tracks are permitted.	3 mins	£6
17	Pop Music Solo (mixed)	Own choice pop song from any genre performed to piano or acoustic guitar or recorded accompaniment. No pre-recorded vocals are allowed on the backing track.	4 mins	£6
18	Vocal Duet or Trio (mixed)	Own choice in any style	3 mins	£6

INTERMEDIATE SINGERS – 14-15 YEARS

Intermediate singers entering four or more classes will be eligible for consideration for the Intermediate Young Singer of the Year Award - £75

All material should be age appropriate.

Class	Class Title	Description	Time Limit	Fee
19	Boy's Vocal Solo	Own choice song in a classical style (no musical theatre or pop)	4 mins	£6
20	Girl's Challenge Cup	Own choice song in a classical style (no musical theatre or pop)	4 mins	£8
21	Recital (mixed)	Two contrasting songs - One of the songs must be in a classical style; the other song can be in any style except for pop music. Presentation and performance skills will be taken into account along with the versatility and imagination of the programme chosen. Spoken introductions are recommended.	8 mins	£6
22	Unaccompanied folksong (mixed)	No carols, pop songs or hymns	3 mins	£6
23	Songs from the Shows (mixed)	A song from a musical show or film (not Disney). Backing tracks are permitted.	4 mins	£6
24	Disney Song (mixed)	Any song from a Disney film or musical. Backing tracks are permitted.	4 mins	£6
25	Pop Music Solo (mixed)	Own choice pop song from any genre performed to piano or acoustic guitar or recorded accompaniment. No pre-recorded vocals are allowed on the backing track.	4 mins	£6
26	Vocal Duet or Trio	Own choice in any style	4 mins	£6

INTERMEDIATE SINGERS – 16-17 YEARS

Intermediate singers entering four or more classes will be eligible for consideration for the Intermediate Young Singer of the Year Award - £75

All material should be age appropriate.

Class	Class Title	Description	Time Limit	Fee
27	Boy's Challenge Cup	Own choice song in a classical style (no musical theatre or pop)	4 mins	£6
28	Girl's Challenge Cup	Own choice song in a classical style (no musical theatre or pop)	4 mins	£8
29	Recital (mixed)	Two contrasting songs - One of the songs must be in a classical style; the other song can be in any style except for pop music. Presentation and performance skills will be taken into account along with the versatility and imagination of the programme chosen. Spoken introductions are recommended.	8 mins	£6
30	Unaccompanied folksong (mixed)	No carols, pop songs or hymns	3 mins	£6
31	Songs from the Shows (mixed)	A song from a musical show or film (not Disney). Backing tracks are permitted.	4 mins	£6
32	Disney Song (mixed)	Any song from a Disney film or musical. Backing tracks are permitted.	4 mins	£6
33	Pop Music Solo (mixed)	Own choice pop song from any genre performed to piano or acoustic guitar or recorded accompaniment. No pre-recorded vocals are allowed on the backing track.	4 mins	£6
34	Vocal Duet or Trio	Own choice in any style	4 mins	£6

ADVANCED SINGERS – 18-21 YEARS

Advanced singers entering four or more classes will be eligible for consideration for the Young Singer of the Year Award - £100

All material should be age appropriate.

Class	Class Title	Description	Time Limit	Fee
35	Own Choice: Classical Art Song	Sung in the original language	5 mins	£6
36	Own Choice: Operatic or Oratorio Aria	(can include Gilbert and Sullivan)	5 mins	£6
37	Recital	Two contrasting songs - One of the songs must be in a classical style; the other song can be in any style except for pop music. Presentation and performance skills will be taken into account along with the versatility and imagination of the programme chosen. Spoken introductions are recommended.	8 mins	£8
38	Unaccompanied folksong	No carols, pop songs or hymns	3 mins	£6
39	Songs from the Shows	A song from a musical show or film (including Disney). Backing tracks are permitted.	5 mins	£6
40	Pop Music Solo	Own choice pop song from any genre performed to piano or acoustic guitar or recorded accompaniment. No pre-recorded vocals are allowed on the backing track.	4 mins	£6
41	Vocal Duet or Trio	Own choice in any style	4 mins	£6

SENIOR SINGERS – 21 YEARS AND OVER

Senior singers entering four or more classes will be eligible for consideration for the Rose Bowl Trophy

Class	Class Title	Description	Time Limit	Fee
42	Own Choice: Classical Art Song	Sung in the original language	5 mins	£6
43	Own Choice: Operatic or Oratorio Aria	(can include Gilbert and Sullivan)	5 mins	£6
44	Open Vocal Solo	A song from any genre	5 mins	£6
45	Recital	Two contrasting songs - One of the songs must be in a classical style; the other song can be in any style except for pop music. Presentation and performance skills will be taken into account along with the versatility and imagination of the programme chosen. Spoken introductions are recommended.	8 mins	£8
46	Songs from the Shows	A song from a musical show or film. Material should be age appropriate. Backing tracks are permitted.	5 mins	£6
47	Pop or Light Music Solo	Own choice pop song from any genre performed to piano or acoustic guitar or recorded accompaniment. No pre-recorded vocals are allowed on the backing track. 4 mins	4 mins	£6
48	Vocal Duet or Trio	Own choice in any style	4 mins	£6

VOCAL ENSEMBLES

Due to the current Covid issues, we are unable to secure a large enough venue to run a live vocal ensemble category this year. However, we have decided to run an online competition instead!

All performances must be recorded in one continuous performance.

Class	Class Title	Age	Description	Time Limit	Fee
49	Junior Vocal Ensemble	11 & under	Own choice of two contrasting pieces.	8 mins	£15
50	Intermediate Vocal Ensemble	16 & under	Own choice of two contrasting pieces.	10 mins	£15
51	Advanced Vocal Ensemble	18 & under	Own choice of two contrasting pieces.	12 mins	£15
52	Senior Vocal Ensemble	19 & over	Own choice of two contrasting pieces.	12 mins	£15

- A vocal ensemble can be a quartet, acapella group, barbershop group, choir etc.
- Both pieces are performed in succession one after another and the recording must be made in one file/take without interruption and editing.
- All members of the choir/ensemble must be clearly visible along with the conductor (if there is one).
- There is no upper limit on the number of singers but there must be at least four.
- The accompaniment should be piano or keyboard only. Other solo instruments (e.g. flute, violin) may be included if the piece requires this.
- Unaccompanied singing is also permitted.

Each entry will receive a written adjudication. There will also be a Vocal Ensemble Online event where all the performances will be played and the results announced. Members of the vocal ensembles and their

supporters will be able to attend this online event allowing them to watch their own and other performances and hear the adjudication and result. The date for this will be confirmed once the entries have been submitted.