

RULES

1. Eligibility of Competitors

Except where marked 'Open', the competitions are intended for amateurs. Professionals are however allowed to take part:-

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| a) as Conductors | c) in Open Classes |
| b) as Accompanists | d) in Senior Orchestras |

An amateur is someone who does not derive, or has not derived, his/her livelihood from the branch of performance, defined by the class title, in which he/she seeks to enter the Festival. In any amateur ensemble all members must adhere to this definition.

2. Entry Forms

Entries **must** be made on the **official forms** in the centre of the Syllabus obtainable online or from the Hon. Secretary, Committee members, libraries and music shops. Competitors who enter for more than one class **in the same Section** should use a single entry form. Entries for classes in **different Sections** must be made on separate forms. Multiple entry forms should be used by teachers when entering a number of pupils in the same Section. Entry forms may be photocopied.

Entry forms should be sent to the address shown in the Syllabus at the head of the appropriate section. Competitors will be notified by email.

3. Age Limits - SCHOOL YEARS WILL APPLY FOR ALL PERFORMERS 18 AND UNDER. See Choirs for additional rules page 24.

4. Entry Fees

Entry fees are as stated for each Class in the Syllabus. They must be sent with Entry Forms and cannot be returned. If a receipt is required, a stamped addressed envelope should be supplied. Cheques should be made payable to "Bromley (Kent) Festival of Music and Speech" or by online payment. Class and child's name required as reference.

5. Closing date for entries is 23 January 2024. Late entries **WILL NOT** be accepted.

6A. Photocopying

In all 'Own Choice' classes a copy of the test piece must be provided for the Adjudicator on the day. This does not apply to Set Test pieces, copies of which are provided for the Adjudicator by the Festival.

Competitors are reminded that it is against the law to reproduce copyright materials by any means, e.g. hand-written, typed or photocopied, without the permission of the copyright owner (usually the publisher). The Festival will not accept the use of reproduced copies of music or speech items unless accompanied by written permission from the copyright owner.

However, when an 'Own Choice' item is selected from a publication containing several different works and is not published separately, **one** copy may be made **for the specific use of the Adjudicator** provided that the competitor has already purchased his/her own printed copy. The Adjudicator's copy will be retained and destroyed by a Festival official immediately after the event. This permission specifically **does not apply** to set test pieces. Performers should use the printed copy. Photocopies may be used by accompanists, official or personal, provided they are surrendered to the Adjudicator's Steward after the performance.

6B. Own Choice Items

In all 'Own Choice' Classes (except where specified), the title and composer/author of the piece **MUST** be stated on the entry form. **Entries will not be accepted without this information** and the subsequent change of a piece is **NOT** permitted.

6C. Time Limits

Time limits must be strictly observed. Competitors who exceed the time limit may be stopped and/or penalised.

6D. Standard of Music

Any competitor entering a piece of a higher grade than stated in the syllabus will be penalised.

6E. Prompting

No prompting is permitted unless authorised by the Adjudicator.

6F. Repetition of Items

A competitor may not perform the same item more than once, with the exception of the Star Performer Competition.

No competitor may present an item, which they have performed and for which they have been awarded a medal in the Bromley Festival in the previous 3 years.

6G. Infringements

In the event of an infringement of the Rules, e.g. change of 'Own Choice' pieces or exceeding the time limit, the competitor will receive an oral and written adjudication and a 'Performer' certificate and no numerical grade.

7. Accompanists

No recorded accompaniments are permitted. Competitors may provide their own accompanists, but an Official Accompanist is available for Solo Singing, Choral, String and Wind Classes. If this service is required, it should be stated on the Entry Form, and the fee for each Class enclosed.

Individual	£8.00	Groups	£12.00
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A copy of 'Own Choice' music must be sent to the Official Accompanist **by 1st February**. In the case of Strings & Ensembles, Woodwind/Brass & Ensembles & Performance Classes, the copies must be sent by **Tuesday 23 January**. Photocopies may be sent, provided a printed copy is available on the day (see Rule 6A). The name of the Competitor and the Class Number must be clearly stated on the music. The copy should not be folded, and adequate postage must be affixed.

If the accompanist does not receive the music in advance, he/she reserves the right to refuse to play. The Festival may appoint an accompanist other than the official one when necessary.

As there will be no time for rehearsal on the day of the competition, competitors wishing to rehearse must make their own arrangements with the Official Accompanist in advance and an additional fee may be charged.

8. Programmes

The Programme of the competitions will be arranged immediately after the entry list is closed. The order of performance will be determined by ballot and competitors will be informed of the date, place and approximate time of their Classes.

9. Attendance

Competitors should answer to their names when called to perform, otherwise they forfeit their right to compete.

10. Adjudicators' Decisions

Adjudicators may stop a performance when their judgements have been formed. Their decisions are final. Competitors, their relatives and friends, are not allowed to speak or write to an Adjudicator before, during or after a competition, except at the express invitation of the Adjudicator.

Enquiries or complaints should be made to the Hon. Secretary in writing as soon as possible after the Festival.

11. Alterations

The Committee reserves the right to cancel, amalgamate or divide Classes, to alter dates, and to appoint other Adjudicators, if unforeseen circumstances render it necessary. If Classes are cancelled, the entry fees will be refunded.

The right is also reserved of refusing an entry without assigning a reason.

12. Pupils of an Adjudicator

Pupils of an Adjudicator may not compete in any Class which is judged by that Adjudicator.

13. Certificates, Marks and Awards

Certificates will be awarded as follows:-

Distinction	90 marks and above	Merit	80 – 83 marks
Honours	84 – 89 marks	Performer	75 – 79 marks

Marks

90 and above	An exceptional performance, technically and artistically.
87 - 89	An excellent performance, technically and artistically.
84 - 86	A convincing performance, technically and artistically.
81 - 83	A capable performance showing some artistic appreciation and technical ability.
78 - 80	A performance showing development of technique and/or communication.
75 - 77	A performance limited in its communication.

Medallions in coloured metal will be awarded where stated in this Syllabus:

Gold (1st), Silver (2nd), Bronze (3rd), provided that at least Honours standard (84 marks) has been achieved in Junior classes.

Appropriate coloured medallions will be awarded for senior classes.

Cups and trophies will also only be awarded to competitors if they have achieved at least Honours standard.

When a competitor wins the same trophy for 3 consecutive years, he/she will be presented with a commemorative plaque.

14. Mark Sheets & Certificates

Adjudicators' Remark Sheets, Awards and Certificates should be collected by the competitors concerned at the conclusion of each Class.

15. Cups & Trophies

Winners of trophies may have them engraved at their own expense. Trophies must be returned by **1 February 2025** to the addresses below, undamaged and clean. Trophies are **not** covered by Festival insurance. Winners should therefore arrange cover with their own insurers.

Speech and Drama	Dr M Clarke 73 The Heights Beckenham Kent BR3 5BZ Tel: 0208 650 0303	Solo Singing	Mrs M Sanderson 6 Wythes Close Bromley Kent BR1 2BA Tel: 0208 467 5323
Pianoforte	Mrs L Clare 5 Drayton Avenue Orpington Kent BR6 8JN	String Instruments	Ms Linda Leung 24 Hawthorne Road Bromley, Kent BR1 2HH
Harp	Mrs L Breingan 29 Lind Street London SE8 4JE	Wind Instruments	Mrs M Sanderson As above
Guitar	Miss J Morley 8 Armstrong Close Bromley Kent BR1 2QT	Choirs	Mrs M Sanderson As above

16. Recording

THE USE OF AUDIO OR VIDEO RECORDERS, CAMERAS AND MOBILE PHONE RECORDINGS BY MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE IS **STRICTLY FORBIDDEN** AT ANY SESSION OF THE FESTIVAL.

17. Behaviour of Children

The Committee cannot be held responsible for unsupervised children. Parents and teachers must take full responsibility for all their children and pupils while on Festival premises, and must not allow them to stray from the designated areas. To ensure suitable conditions for the performers, we ask that very young children are not brought to the Festival.

18. Safety of Performers

It is necessary for teachers and parents to be aware of their responsibilities in entering any performers with limited physical capabilities or special needs, bearing in mind the limitations imposed by the stage and surrounding environment. The teacher or parent should pass on to the adjudicator in writing, via the organiser, any such information that would impact on the adjudicator's work.

19. Injury & Damage

The Committee does not hold itself responsible for any injuries sustained by any performer or member of the public whilst on Festival premises. It will also not be held responsible for loss or damage to property which may occur during the Festival.

20. Data Protection

Personal data from the Entry Forms will be held for the sole purpose of running the Festival.

Note to Teachers

The Committee asks teachers to ensure that the parents of competitors are aware of Rules 16 and 17 in particular. Please see additional rules for Speech Classes on pages 47 & 48 of the Syllabus.