

SAFFRON WALDEN MUSIC FESTIVAL RULES 2024

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES FRIDAY 18TH OCTOBER 2024

General Rules

- 1) Parents / carers remain responsible for their children at all times during the Festival.
- 2) You are responsible for your instruments and belongings on the day of the competition. Saffron Walden Music Festival and Saffron Walden County High School do not accept any liability for them in any way before, during or after the competition.
- 3) To enter, you must either live in, or be attending a school in, Essex, Hertfordshire, Suffolk or Cambridgeshire or attend The Saffron Centre for Young Musicians (SCYM).
- 4) The Festival is for amateur musicians only.
- 5) By entering the Festival, you agree that, should you win your Section, you will be available to take part in the Finale Concert, early evening on Sunday 10th November 2024.
- 6) By entering the Festival you agree that, should you win the Festival Cup, or the Challenge Cup for the Voice Section, you will be put forward into the local heat of the Rotary Young Musician Competition. The date for this is to be confirmed.
- 7) Entrants must follow the entry criteria for each Class entered. It is the responsibility of the entrant and their Parent / Carer to make sure the repertoire selected is of the correct standard. If in doubt, please consult your teacher. The Festival reserves the right to change the result of a Class if it is found that a piece of the incorrect level has been performed.
- 8) Entrants can enter any number of Classes but only one entry per Class. Every entry must be a different piece (i.e. you may not play the same piece in more than one Class).
- 9) Entrants and their parents / carers agree that any official photography taken will be allowed to be used for SWMF publicity purposes unless we have been notified otherwise on the entry form.

Accompanying and Photocopies

- 10) If your piece requires an accompaniment, you may bring your own accompanist, or you can pay to use our Festival accompanist. (All Jazz performances will be accompanied by the live Jazz Trio and this will be included in the Jazz entry fee.)
- 11) If you use our accompanist, the relevant fees must be received with your entry form by the closing date.
- 12) Backing tracks are allowed in the Rock & Pop Section and for Percussion entries only. They are **not** allowed in any other part of the Festival.
- 13) **You must bring an original, purchased copy of your music on the day of your performance plus a photocopy for the adjudicator, otherwise you will not be**

allowed to perform. If your music has been downloaded from the internet, it must be authorised for use by you or your parent / carer who has purchased it.

Application Forms & Fees

- 14) All applications must be on the official entry form. Please go to swchs.net and search for Saffron Walden Music Festival or follow the Facebook link.
- 15) To be accepted, your application and fee must be received by the closing date.
- 16) Where an age is specified for a Class, for example, in the Voice Section, it is your age on 1st September 2024.
- 17) You will be sent the relevant Class times by email following the closing date for entries.
- 18) The fees for each class entered are stated on the application form.
- 19) The fees for our Festival accompanists vary depending on the class being entered. Details are on the application form. The fee includes one rehearsal with the accompanist.
- 20) No child should be excluded from the Festival for financial reasons. We have a Bursary Scheme which allows for reduced fees to be paid to assist any child or young person who may otherwise not be able to take part. Details are at the bottom of the application form.
- 21) All payments should be made by bank transfer to the account shown on the application form. Entry fees are non-refundable unless the Festival is cancelled.
- 22) Applications will be accepted on a first come first served basis and may be refused if Classes are oversubscribed.
- 23) Classes may be amalgamated or split depending on the number of applications received.
- 24) Accompaniment parts are not required at the time of entry but may be requested by the accompanist before a scheduled rehearsal.

Class Rules

- 25) Please arrive at least 15 minutes before the time of your class.
- 26) Entrants should follow any stated time limits and choose repertoire that is appropriate for each Class entered.
- 27) Adjudicators may cut short a performance if it is too long and this may impact on the assessment.
- 28) The adjudicators' decisions are final.
- 29) Ensemble classes are not eligible to compete for the Festival Cup, however they will receive feedback from adjudicators and certificates for all participants. They may also be invited to play in the Finale concert.
- 30) You are welcome to bring friends, family and music teachers to support you as you perform in your Class(es).
- 31) The Finale Concert is open to the public but Classes and Sections are limited to participants and supporters only. All musicians taking part in the Festival, their

families, friends and teachers are invited to the Finale Concert. Entry to the Finale Concert is free and tickets are not required.

Certificates, Cups & Medals

- 32) Each participant will receive written feedback and a certificate at the end of their Class.
- 33) Medals will be awarded to those whom the adjudicator feels are most deserving, for example, for a particularly expressive or promising performance.
- 34) Challenge Cup Class winners will receive a small cup. The winner of this cup is not necessarily the Section winner.
- 35) The Ellie Morrow Trophy will be awarded to the most promising performance up to Grade 4 (or equivalent) in each Section.
- 36) Medals, Trophies and Cups will be presented at the Finale Concert.
- 37) Winners of the Festival Cup and the Jazz Trophy will hold them for one year.

They will be responsible for their care and safe custody and for their return.

The Saffron Walden Music Festival Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry. They will make all decisions based on the best interests of the Festival overall and the successful and smooth running of the Festival.

The Saffron Walden Music Festival is a not-for-profit community organisation and we will collect donations during the Festival to help us with running costs in future years.

