

Festival of the Performing Arts 2023 MUSIC

What's New for 2023?

On-line system open for entries from June 16th

Trophy return date at RJA &HS - Saturday 30th September 10-3 p.m.

Closing date - midnight Friday 6th October 2023

Do print out our 2023 syllabus and have a good read. With 290-odd classes, there's something for everyone.

We have changed the way our string classes 64 – 75 are organised to make them dependent on amount of time learning the instrument. Classes are available for entries of less than three years of learning, less than five years, and five years and over. We think this will make the adjudication fairer overall. We have also split the string classes into upper strings (violin and viola) and lower strings (cello and double bass). Performers may enter more than once provided they play on a different string instrument.

There is also a string memory Class (64) and a string recital class for under 18s (75). If you want to perform but hate competition, then look at class 132 for non- competitive **Junior instrumental solo for first-time entrants**, and your teacher can even play along with you.

Class 133 is a similar class for adults who might like to return to performing in our Eisteddfod. For a competitive element Class 74 is for you or perhaps the Concerto class 131?

We have classes for **BSL Signed Music Performance** (287-294). By popular request we have made a distinction between classes for native and non-native BSL users. We have made our joint ensemble and choir classes non-competitive to celebrate the joy of working together harmoniously. We will also welcome two new judges this year, Mary and Anne Whittaker, who are happy to share their wealth of knowledge in this field.

You will see that we can only offer a few classes for large singing groups and instrumental groups. To compensate for this and following on from our hugely successful Choral Showcase in March, we are **planning Choral Showcase 2024 for March 13th-16th 2024, AND an Instrumental Showcase 2024 on April 24th - 26th 2024**. More details to follow.

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