Bedfordshire Festival of Music, Speech and Drama

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Bedfordshire Festival of Music, Speech & Drama 2025 1st - 8th March

Pianoforte

See also Classes 151, 156A, 157A & 157B

Pianists may enter their chosen grade class as well as any of the additional classes.

Own choice music must be an original piano piece or an arrangement specifically for piano solo in classes 78-86. All classes entered must be at the same level of difficulty.

A piece which has appeared at more than one level in any of the exam boards will be accepted at either level.

In classes 87-97 arrangements are not accepted.

In classes 79-86 own choice pieces selected should be from a recognised graded collection or exam syllabus or be of the appropriate standard for the class.

Any pieces performed which are outside of the specified grade level will prevent the performer from receiving a prize or placing at the discretion of the adjudicator.

Selected winners from the piano classes will be eligible to compete for the Hans Freyhan Award at the Gala Concert in the evening of Saturday 8th March. Performers will be notified before the event if they have been selected to perform and should hold themselves available to compete if asked. Those who perform at the Gala Concert qualify to be considered for the Woodfine Lousada Musical Sponsorship Prize of £250. This is awarded to the most outstanding Musical performance at the Gala Concert.

All piano performers will also be eligible for the Raymond Banning Award. The winner will be chosen by the piano adjudicator for a performer who has shown beauty of touch and tone. The Raymond Banning trophy will be presented during the Gala Concert.

Piano Solo

An electronic keyboard with touch sensitive keys and a pedal will be available for entrants who are not used to playing on a piano for classes 78A, 78B, 79 and 80.

Class 78A Piano Solo - pre-Grade 1; entry fee £10.00

This class is for those Pre-Grade 1 players who have only been playing since September (i.e., less than 6 months at the time of the Festival).

Own choice.

The Mrs B M Gooch Cup

Class 78B Piano Solo - pre-Grade 1; entry fee £10.00

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Own choice.

A Festival Cup

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In classes 79-85 own choice pieces selected could be from a current or recent recognised graded collection or exam syllabus of the appropriate standard for the class.



Class 79 Piano Solo - Grade 1; entry fee £10.00

Own choice.

(Time limit 2 minutes)

The Mr and Mrs N Doughty Cup

Class 80 Piano Solo - Grade 2; entry fee £10.00

Own choice.

(Time limit 2 minutes)

The Dr M G L Lucas Cup

Class 81 Piano Solo - Grade 3 & 4; entry fee £10.00

Own choice.

(Time limit 3 minutes)

The Mr & Mrs J Astell Cup

Class 83 Piano Solo - Grade 5; entry fee £10.00

Own choice.

(Time limit 4 minutes)

The Dorothy Shepherd Memorial Cup

Class 84 Piano Solo - Grade 6; entry fee £13.00

Own choice.

(Time limit 6 minutes)

The Anne Irs Cup

Class 85 Piano Solo - Grade 7; entry fee £13.00

Own choice

(Time limit 6 minutes)

The Paul Paviour Cup

Class 86 Piano Solo - Grade 8 & above; entry fee £13.00

Own choice.

(Time limit 7 minutes)

The Doris Wood Cup

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Class 87 Pre-1800 Piano - age 10 and under; entry fee £10.00

Any piece composed pre-1800.

(Time limit 4 minutes)

The Ivy Darnell Cup

Class 88 Pre-1800 Piano - age 11 - 15; entry fee £10.00

Any piece composed pre-1800.

(Time limit 5 minutes)

The Brendan Hoare Cup

Class 89 Pre-1800 Piano - age 16 and over; entry fee £13.00

Any piece composed pre-1800.

(Time limit 6 minutes)

The Marjorie Thackray Cup

Class 91 19th Century Piano - age 10 and under; entry fee £10.00

Any piece composed in the 19th Century.

(Time limit 4 minutes)

Class 92 19th Century Piano - age 11 -15; entry fee £10.00

Any piece composed in the 19th Century.

(Time limit 5 minutes)

The Keeble Memorial Cup

Class 93 19th Century Piano - age 16 and over; entry fee £13.00

Any piece composed in the 19th Century.

(Time limit 6 minutes)

The Hubert Cullum Cup

Class 95 20th/21st Century Piano - age 10 and under; entry fee £10.00

Any piece composed in the 20th or 21st century.

(Time limit 4 minutes)

Class 96 20th/21st Century Piano - age 11 - 15; entry fee £10.00

Any piece composed in the 20th or 21st century.

(Time limit 5 minutes)

The Hon. Lady Lawson-Johnston Cup



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Class 97 20th/21st Century Piano - age 16 and over; entry fee £13.00

Any piece composed in the 20th or 21st century.

(Time limit 6 minutes)

The Piano Makers' Trophy

Class 104 Piano Programme; entry fee £20.50

A programme of music at grade 6 standard or above that demonstrates a range of moods and styles. Entrants may perform as many or few items within the 10 minute time limit. Items may be linked or themed, or if preferred, the programme could be of just one major work.

(Time limit 10 minutes including any introductions and breaks.)

The H G Engelke Cup

The Festival Sponsorship Prize of £30, £20

Piano Duets

Entrants can perform more than once within a class with a different duet partner each time. The Festival Committee reserve the right to split these classes if there are sufficient entries.

Class 107 Piano Duet ensembles - any age; entry fee £15.00

Own choice.

If 2 pianos are used, one will be a digital piano. Please contact the Festival Secretary if you require a second keyboard.

(Time limit 5 minutes)

The Juvenile Performers' Cup (Bull)



Piano Six Hands

Entrants can perform more than once within a class with different trio partners each time.

Class 110 Six hands - one piano - any age; entry fee £18.50

Own choice

This could be any variety of ages including children and adults, teacher and pupils.

This class is exempt from Rule 1 regarding eligibility.

(Time limit 5 minutes)

The Alderman Ronald Sharman Cup

