2024 Syllabus: 2nd – 9th March 2024 Bedfordshire Festival of Music, Speech and Drama Make your entries online at: <u>www.bedfordshirefestival.org.uk</u> by 1st December 2023

Strings

A piece which has appeared at more than one level in any of the exam boards will be accepted at either level. Own choice pieces selected should be from a recognised graded collection or exam syllabus or a piece 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 performers from all the instrumental classes will be eligible to compete for the Swan Hotel Rose Bowl at the Gala Concert on the final day of the Festival. Performers will be notified before the event if they have been selected to perform and should hold themselves available to compete if asked to do so. Those who perform at the Gala Concert qualify to be considered for the Woodfine Lousada Musical Sponsorship Cup & Prize of £250. This Is awarded to the most outstanding Musical performance at the Gala Concert.

Harp

Class 120 Harp Solo - any age; entry fee £13.00 Own choice. (Time limit 6 minutes) A Harpur String Orchestra Challenge Cup

Guitar & Ukulele

Class 122 Acoustic strummed or plucked Instrument solo including guitar, ukulele, banjo and sitar - any age or standard; entry fee £13.00

Own choice. (Time limit 6 minutes) A Festival Cup

Class 123 Electric Guitar Solo - any age or standard; entry fee £13.00

Own choice (which may include improvisation) - backing tracks permitted. All equipment to be provided and set up by entrant.

(Time limit 6 minutes)





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Any Bowed Instrument

(See Rule 12 and Classes 150, 151, 154, 156A, 157A and 157B in 'Ensembles and Other') Backing tracks are not permitted for these classes.

Class 125A Any bowed instrument - Pre-Grade 1; entry fee £10.00

Own choice. The selection does not need to be from an exam syllabus or graded collection. Titles for own choice items for this class should be submitted with entry on 1st December. However, should it be necessary, then a new title may be submitted any time before 1st February.

In classes 125B-129 own choice pieces selected should be from a recognised graded collection or

exam syllabus or a piece of the appropriate standard for the class. Class 125B Any bowed instrument - Grade 1; entry fee £10.00 Own choice.

Class 126A Any bowed instrument - Grade 2; entry fee £10.00 Own choice. The Joan Lee Memorial Cup

Class 126B Any bowed instrument - Grade 3; entry fee £10.00

Own choice. A Festival Cup

Class 127A Any bowed instrument - Grade 4; entry fee £10.00 Own choice.

The Lord Luke Challenge Bowl

Class 127B Any bowed instrument - Grade 5; entry fee £10.00 Own choice. A Festival Cup

Class 128A Any bowed instrument - Grade 6; entry fee £13.00 Own choice.

The Mrs J Bryant Cup

Class 128B Any bowed instrument - Grade 7; entry fee £13.00

Own choice. A Festival Cup

Class 129A Any bowed instrument - Grade 8; entry fee £13.00 Own choice. (Time limit 9 minutes)

The Angelique de Reyghere Cup





Class 129B Any bowed instrument – Above Grade 8; entry fee £13.00

Own choice. (Time limit 9 minutes) A Festival Cup

Class 131 String Recital - any age; entry fee £20.50

The majority of pieces performed should be of grade 7 standard or higher. A contrasting programme. The choice of programme will be taken into consideration. Formal dress required. (Time limit 15 minutes, including any introductions and breaks) The Charles Turnham Cup The Festival Sponsorship Prize of £30, £20

Class 132 World Music Strings - any age; entry fee £13.00

Any piece of non-Western tradition. Either unaccompanied or accompanied by any suitable live instrument(s). (Time limit 5 minutes)

Class 133 Strings – age 10 and under; entry fee £10.00

Own choice. Time limit 5 minutes A Festival Cup

Class 134 Strings – age 11 - 15; entry fee £10.00

Own choice. Time limit 8 minutes A Festival Cup

Class 135 Strings – age 16 and over; entry fee £13.00

Own choice. Time limit 10 minutes A Festival Cup

String Duets

Any stringed instrument: piano accompaniment optional. Entrants can perform more than once within a class with a different duet partner each time.

Class 136 String Duets - any age; entry fee £15.00

Own choice. (Time limit 4 minutes) The R Rose and Co. Cup