

# Vocal Section

## PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

Saturday 8 November and Sunday 9 November 2025 – (morning, afternoon and evening if necessary)

Venue: Homefield Preparatory School, Western Road, Sutton SM1 2TE

## ADJUDICATOR

**Rebecca Lodge Birkebaek, LRAM** - is a singer, conductor and teacher with over 30 years of experience in choral music. She has worked with choirs and ensembles across the country and is known for her clear, practical approach and strong musical leadership. A former staff member of the BBC Singers and the Chorus of the Royal Ballet and Opera, Rebecca brings a high level of professional experience to her work. She is dedicated to supporting singers of all ages and skill levels, helping them grow in confidence and ability. Her focus is always on honest music-making and effective, expressive ensemble singing. Having had so many wonderful opportunities to perform in the Sutton Music Festival as a child, she is delighted to be returning as an adjudicator!

## ENTRY RELATED ENQUIRIES

Vocal Section Secretary: Mrs Gwen Russell

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## AWARDS - See Festival Rules Paragraph 5

**The H R TAYLOR CHARITABLE TRUST VOCAL AWARD of £ 100** will be given, at the adjudicator's discretion, to the most impressive solo VOCALIST

**The 90TH FESTIVAL TROPHY** will be awarded to a high achieving performer across any two or more sections of the Festival

## SPONSORSHIP - generously provided by **HOMEFIELD SCHOOL** and **CARSHALTON CHORAL SOCIETY**

## OFFICIAL FESTIVAL ACCOMPANIST

Our Official Festival Accompanist **MUST** be requested and paid for at the time of entry. Accompanist fees are banded by a letter suffixed to the Entry fees for each class in this syllabus.

Please note that a rehearsal with an Official Accompanist is not possible on the day of the classes. **All rehearsals will be at your own expense and MUST be arranged directly with the accompanist via e-mail. We advise for an early booking as availability may be limited.**

**For all other enquiries please contact the Section Secretary, Mrs Gwen Russell.**

**VOCAL:** all classes

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OFFICIAL ACCOMPANIST FEE BANDS	
A	£25
B	£22
C	£16
D	£12
E	£9
F	£8
G	£7

## **SENIOR CLASSES - 19 years and over**

### **Recital Class (not operatic)**

- 100 Own choice of **three** songs by contrasting composers (not songs from shows, films or light entertainment)  
Not exceeding a total of 12 minutes

*Prize: The MARTIN ATTWATER ROSE BOWL*

£ 14.00 D

*The PREMIER VOCAL CUP FOR SENIOR SOLO SINGING will be awarded to the competitor giving the best performance in Classes 101, 104 and 105*

### **Premier Art Song**

- 101 Own choice of one Classical song from the 19<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> Centuries sung in the English language. e.g. Quilter, Barber, Rorem, Vaughan Williams, Maconchy, Dring, etc.  
Not exceeding 5 minutes

£ 9.50 E

### **Unaccompanied Folk Song**

- 102 Own choice of one traditional air  
Not exceeding 5 minutes

£ 9.50

*The SIR LANDON RONALD CUP FOR LIEDER will be awarded to the competitor giving the best performance in Classes 103 and 139*

### **Lieder**

- 103 Own choice of one song to be sung in German.  
Not exceeding 5 minutes

£ 9.50 E

*The PREMIER VOCAL CUP FOR SENIOR SOLO SINGING will be awarded to the competitor giving the best performance in Classes 101, 104 and 105*

### **Operatic or Oratorio**

- 104 Own choice of an aria in original key OR an aria from any Oratorio, Passion, Requiem or sacred Cantata  
Not exceeding 5 minutes

£ 9.50 E

## French Song

- 105 Own choice of one song (not from opera), to be sung in the original language  
Not exceeding 4 minutes £ 9.50 F

## Closed Class

- 106 Open only to competitors who have not won a first place in a solo vocal class in any festival at the date of entry.  
Own choice of one piece  
Not exceeding 4 minutes £ 9.50 F

## Contemporary Class

- 107 Own choice of one song (A Solo Pop, R'n'B, Country, Jazz, etc. style)  
Acoustic instrumental accompaniment accepted (piano/guitar/ukulele etc) OR  
Backing track – entrant MUST provide own equipment  
Not exceeding 6 minutes £ 9.50 E

## Songs from the Shows

- 108 Songs from the Shows  
Own choice of a solo song from any musical show or film, but not theme music.  
No props or costume.  
Not exceeding 6 minutes £ 9.50 E
- 109 Music Theatre Recital  
Own choice of two or three songs from any musical (film or theatre)  
Not exceeding 15 minutes £ 14.00 D

## Duet and Ensemble Classes

- 110 Duet - 2 performers, one voice per part  
Ensemble – minimum of 3 and maximum of 6 performers, one voice per part  
Own choice of one piece. No no-singing conductor £ 12.00 E  
Not exceeding 6 minutes

## **JUNIOR CLASSES – 18 years and under**

*IN JUNIOR CLASSES TEACHERS PLEASE CHOOSE SONGS THAT ARE SUITABLE FOR THE AGE GROUP SELECTED*

### **Recital Classes - Boys and Girls**

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| 128  | 16 to 18 years | £ 13.00 D |
| Own choice of <b>two</b> or <b>three</b> songs by contrasting composers<br>(not songs from shows, films or light entertainment)<br>not exceeding 10 minutes<br><i>Prize: The FARNHAM CUP FOR VOCAL RECITAL</i> |                |           |
| 129  | 13 to 15 years | £ 12.00 E |
| Own choice of <b>two</b> songs by contrasting composers<br>(not songs from shows, films or light entertainment)<br>not exceeding 6 minutes<br><i>Prize: The JUNIOR VOCAL RECITAL CUP</i>                       |                |           |

### **Own Choice Classes - Boys and Girls**

In classes 133 to 136 the chosen songs must be in Classical style and not songs from shows, films or light entertainment. Own choice of one piece.  
*The JUNIOR VOCAL CHALLENGE CUP will be awarded for the most outstanding Performance in Classes 133 to 136*

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| 133 | Boys or Girls - 16 to 18 years     | Time limit: 4 minutes | £ 9.50 E |
| 134 | Boys or Girls - 13 to 15 years     | Time limit: 4 minutes | £ 9.00 E |
| 135 | Boys or Girls - 11 and 12 years    | Time limit: 3 minutes | £ 8.00 F |
| 136 | Boys or Girls - 10 years and under | Time limit: 3 minutes | £ 8.00 F |

### **Unaccompanied Folk Song**

Own choice of one piece

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| 137 | 13 to 18 years     | Time limit: 4 minutes | £ 9.50 |
| 138 | 12 years and under | Time limit: 3 minutes | £ 8.00 |

*The SIR LANDON RONALD CUP FOR LIEDER will be awarded to the competitor giving the best performance in Classes 103 and 139*

### **Lieder**

Own choice of one piece to be sung in German

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| 139 | Boys or Girls – 14 to 18 years | Time limit: 4 minutes | £ 9.50 E |
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## Songs from the Shows

Own choice of a solo song from any musical show or film, but not theme music. No props or costumes

*The GOLDEN JUBILEE VOCAL CUP will be awarded to the competitor giving the Best performance in Classes 140 to 142*

140	16 to 18 years	Time limit: 6 minutes	£ 9.50	E
141	13 to 15 years	Time limit: 4 minutes	£ 9.00	E
142	12 years and under	Time limit: 3 minutes	£ 8.00	F

## Closed Classes – Boys and Girls

Classes 143 and 144 are **CLOSED CLASSES** open only to competitors who have not won a first place in a solo vocal class at any festival at the date of entry.

Songs must be in Classical style and not songs from shows, films or light entertainment. Own choice of one piece

143	15 to 18 years	Time limit: 4 minutes	£ 9.50	E
144	11 to 14 years	Time limit: 3 minutes	£ 8.50	F

## Contemporary Classes – Boys and Girls

Own choice of a solo Pop, R'n'B, Country, Jazz, etc. style song.

Acoustic instrumental accompaniment is permitted (piano/guitar/ukulele etc) OR backing track – entrant **MUST** provide own equipment

145	15 to 18 years	Time limit: 5 minutes	£ 9.50	E
146	14 years and under	Time limit: 4 minutes	£ 8.50	F

## Duet and Ensemble Classes

Duet - 2 performers, one voice per part

Ensemble – minimum of 3 and maximum of 6 performers, one voice per part

148	18 years and under	Own choice of one piece. Not exceeding 5 minutes	£ 12.00	E
149	13 years and under	Own choice of one piece Not exceeding 4 minutes	£ 10.00	F

**PLEASE NOTE THE CUT OFF DATE OF SEPTEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> FOR AGE LIMIT**