



ROTARY CLUB OF BISHOP'S STORTFORD

Young Musician Competition – April 27th, 2019

Rules and Information

Aims

This competition aims to offer young people:

- experience of performing on a public stage
- an opportunity to showcase their musical talent
- impartial feedback and assessment of performance by experienced adjudicators

Who can take part?

- This competition is open to all students (amateur), in full time education in or residing in postcodes CM21, CM22, CM23, CM24, up to and including the age of 18 on 27st April 2019 (the date of the competition). There will be a Junior Section (up to and including age 12 at the date of competition), an Intermediate Section (up to and including age 15 at the date of competition) and a Senior Section (age limit as above). This does not preclude students from entering the section for a higher age group, but only one age group can be entered in each class. Please note this competition is for amateurs. For the purpose of this competition an amateur is considered to be a person whose main source of income is not made from musical performances, although they may receive occasional out of pocket expenses or prizes. If in doubt, please confirm eligibility with margaretwebb01@gmail.com.
- Two winners may be chosen, age permitting, to go forward to the 2020 Rotary District 1240 Young Musician Final: solo instrumentalist and solo vocalist.

The next stages of the competition are:

District Final Organised by Rotary District 1240 between January and mid-February 2020. The winners will be entered into the Regional Final.

Regional Final Organised by Rotary between mid-February and March 2020. The winners will be entered into the National Final.

National Final Organised by Rotary to be held around May 2020.

COMPETITION GUIDELINES

Format

- Competitors may perform more than one piece, provided that the time limit is not exceeded. There will be no penalty for a performance being well within the time limit. As a guide, junior performances should not exceed 5 minutes, intermediate performances should not exceed 7 minutes and senior performances should not exceed 10 minutes.
- There will be classes for piano (including organ), strings (including guitar), brass, woodwind and vocal.
- Competitors may perform the same musical compositions in subsequent stages, if applicable. Competitors may perform from memory or from music at any stage.
- Competitors should be accompanied by a single instrument, where applicable, in sympathy with the performance; vocalists may accompany themselves, where applicable.
- An acoustic piano, either a grand or upright (the organisers having established which is the most suitable and appropriate) will be provided for competitors or accompanists. No other instrument will be provided. Competitors may provide their own accompanist or express a wish for an official accompanist, for which a contribution of £5 for Junior and Intermediate classes and £10 for Senior classes will be payable.

Adjudicators

- Highly skilled adjudicators will be appointed by The Rotary Club of Bishop's Stortford.
- The adjudicators will judge each performance according to the musicality and technical ability of the contestants, the choice of a suitable programme of music and the overall performance on the day.
- The adjudicators will not enter into any discussion or correspondence regarding their decision. The decision of the adjudicators will be final.
- Only in exceptional circumstances and at the sole discretion of the competition organiser, will correspondence or discussions be entered into following the event by the competition organiser

Prizes

- Each entrant will receive a certificate of participation.
- The winner of each Junior class will receive an adjudicator's critique, a small trophy and a voucher worth £15.
- The winner of each Intermediate class will receive an adjudicator's critique, a small trophy and voucher worth £20.
- The winner of each Senior class will receive an adjudicator's critique, a small trophy and a voucher for £25.
- The two overall winners (one vocalist and one instrumentalist) will receive a voucher for £100 and a trophy to be returned after one year, which will be permanently engraved with the winners' names. They will also have the honour of representing The Rotary Club of Bishop's Stortford at the next stage of the competition, age permitting.
- Certificates for each entrant and the prizes for the winner will be given at the end of each class.

How to enter

- Entrants need to complete the entry form at the end of this Information Pack and submit it and other information required to Margaret Webb at margaretwebb01@gmail.com by the date specified, or by post to her address: 3 The Chase, Bishop's Stortford, CM23 3HT. Alternatively, entrants can submit their entry and payment online at <http://www.bsrotary.org> where they will find the Young Musician page as a prominent featured page. The entry form and information will appear when they click on

'Details'. Entrants must provide a copy of their music for the adjudicator and for the official accompanist (if they have paid the fee for this) at the time of entering or, at the latest, by 30th March 2019.

Competition Procedure

Arrival

- Entrants should report to registration on arrival, which should be at least 15 minutes before the class is scheduled to start

Performance

- Each competitor will be invited to come to the front or stage to perform.
- Photographs must not be taken, and audio and video recordings must not be made by anyone other than those nominated by the organiser.

Results

After the adjudicators have determined the result of the competitions, they will give positive feedback to the performers before announcing the results.

Evening Concert

Entrants should be aware that class and competition winners will need to be available for a concert at 7.00 pm, with an interval for refreshments and adjudication. The evening will end at approximately 9.30 pm.

Youth Competitions

This Young Musician competition is one of a number of other competitions for young people organised by Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland. The others include Young Chef, Young Photographer, Young Writer, Youth Speaks, Young Citizen Awards and the Technology Tournament. To find out more about these competitions and other opportunities for young people, please contact your local Rotary Club or visit ribi.org.

Working with Children

Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland has adopted this statement of policy in working with children, the vulnerable and those with disability:

The needs and rights of the child, the elderly, the vulnerable and those with disability take priority. It is the duty of every Rotarian to safeguard to the best of their ability, the welfare of and prevent the physical, sexual or emotional abuse and neglect of all children, the elderly, persons with disability or otherwise vulnerable persons with whom they come into contact during their Rotarian duties.

ENTRY FORM

Please read the Information Pack before completing this form clearly. By signing this form you confirm you have read, understood and agreed to the Information Pack. Please return the form to the competition organiser by **16th March 2019** at the latest.

Entrant's Name:	Age on April 27 st 2019:
	Date of birth:
Home Address:	Email:
	Tel No:
Instrumental <input type="checkbox"/> Vocal <input type="checkbox"/>	Instrument (if instrumental)
Music Selection (Title and Composer) <i>(A copy of the music will be required by the adjudicator and accompanist if used. You may amend your music selection, but we must be notified of any changes by 30th March 2019)</i>	
Official accompanist required (see continuation sheet for cost)	YES/NO (delete as applicable)
Entrant's signature	Date
School/College	

The parent, guardian or carer of the above entrant has given permission for the named person to take part and be identified in the competition and for photographic/video records to be taken and used by Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland for publicity purposes in printed, electronic and online formats. In signing this form the parent/guardian/carer gives permission to be contacted by Rotary public relations officers. Any entrant over 18 at the date of the competition should sign this declaration below.

Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International ("Rotary") respect your privacy and are committed to protecting it through our compliance with their privacy policy ("Policy"). Maintaining protection of the information entrusted to our care by our constituents is of the utmost importance to Rotary. Retention of entrants' contact details will enable them to receive information about future similar competitions. Please visit <https://www.rotary.org/en/privacy-policy> for full details.

Parent/ Guardian/ Carer Entrant (please print name and tick status)	Signature	Date
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Please send completed form to: Rtn Margaret Webb, 3 The Chase, Bishop's Stortford, Herts, CM23 3HT, together with a cheque payable to The Rotary Club of Bishop's Stortford. Entry fees: £5 for each Junior class entered, £8 for each Intermediate class entered and £10 for each Senior class entered. If an official accompanist is required, please send a cheque, again payable to The Rotary Club of Bishop's Stortford, for £5 for each Junior and Intermediate class and £10 for each Senior class for which accompanist is required.