

ROTARY **YOUNG** **MUSICIAN** COMPETITION



Information for Competitors

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The Four Stages of the Competition are:

1. **Local Heats** - organised by local Rotary clubs and hosted by schools or colleges between September and December. The winners of each category are entered into the district finals.

Local Rotary clubs may be found by using the club finder facility in the dialogue box "Find My Nearest Club" in the Home Page of the Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland website www.rotarygbi.org/

2. **District Finals** - organised by Rotary Districts between January and mid-February. In the case of high numbers of entrants, it may be necessary to hold preliminary rounds prior to a district final. The winners of each category are entered into a regional final.
3. **Regional Finals** - organised by Rotary between mid-February and March. The winners of each category are entered into the National final.
4. **National Final** - organised by Rotary and to be held on 30th April 2016 at Abraham Darby Academy, Ironbridge Road, Madeley, Telford, TF7 5HX.

It should be noted that RIBI does not fund any expenses of the regional winners to attend the National Final.

The dates for local heats, district finals and regional finals may have local variations. Interested parties should check dates with their local Rotary Club in the first instance.

Competition Guidelines

Format

Competitors perform a selection of works of their own choice.

Competitors may perform the same musical compositions in each and/or subsequent stages.

Competitors may perform from memory or from music at any stage. In the case of vocal candidates, it should be remembered that part of the assessment of the performance concerns communication with the audience and performing from a copy of music may prevent candidates from achieving this criterion to the fullest extent.

Competitors should be accompanied by a single instrument in sympathy with the performance; vocalists may accompany themselves. In the case of vocal, guitar and percussion candidates only, CD backing tracks are permissible. However, the backing track must not contain the part being performed by the competitor; in such cases where the backing track does

contain the part being performed by the competitor, the judges will disqualify such candidates from the competition. Backing tracks are solely the responsibility of the competitor who must provide the performing medium (audio player, amplifier etc). Candidates will be permitted to have someone to operate the equipment. This will not be the responsibility of the organiser.

There may be occasions when the context of a performance does not require an accompaniment e.g. in the context of traditional folksongs or music written expressly for solo instrumental performance such as J. S. Bach's Cellos Suites or Debussy's 'Syrinx' for solo flute. In such cases, candidates would not be expected to 'manufacture' an accompaniment never intended by the composer.

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 at all stages of the competition. No other instrument will be provided. Competitors must provide their own accompanists; no 'official accompanist' will be provided

It should be noted that competitors offering solo piano do not require an accompaniment. Competitors offering solo piano as their instrument should not have any other instrument playing. This would make the performing ensemble a duo, trio, quartet etc. and would not satisfy the competition criteria of 'solos instrumental performance'.

If a competitor provides an electrical instrument the competitor must present an up to date PAT certificate to the organiser on the day of the competition. Failure to do so will disqualify the competitor from the competition.

Adjudicators

Persons with appropriate skills will be appointed by Rotary.

For regional or national finals, a Rotarian will not be appointed as an adjudicator.

The adjudicators will judge each performance according to:

- Melodic & rhythmic accuracy
- Intonation
- Tempo & flow
- Tone
- Mood and character,
- the appropriateness of the programme
- and the holistic view of the 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 and not subject to any appeal.

Prizes

At all stages of the competition, competitors will receive a certificate of participation.

After the judges have determined the result of the competition, one or more judges will comment on their observations before announcing the results.

At the national final a trophy and a prize will be given to the winner in each category.

How to enter

To enter a local heat contact your local Rotary club which can be found by visiting www.rotarygbi.org. In case of difficulty, contact the national organiser Sandra Townsend at young-musician@ribi.org quoting the home address and the address of the school/organisation.

Entrants need to complete the entry form at the end of this Information Pack and submit it and other information required to the stage organiser by the time specified.

Competition Procedure

Arrival

Before each competition, the competition organiser will conduct a draw to determine the order in which each competitor performs. The order will be notified to competitors at the competition. If possible competitors will be given prior notice of the order. In unforeseen circumstances the organisers reserve the right to make adjustment on the day if the need arises.

Competitors must provide **three copies** of their selected works for the adjudicators. Competitors failing to do so will be adjudicated but the assessment may be adjusted accordingly. It should be noted that competitors playing guitar must submit copies of staff notation: tablature is not an acceptable alternative, although competitors may play from tablature. Photocopying facilities will not be available at the competition venue. Copies will be required at least two weeks prior to the National final.

Photocopies of music published as individual pieces will not be permitted unless competitors can provide written permission from the publishers.

Photocopies of music not published as individual pieces but in an anthology, will be accepted provided the competitor has a copy of the original publication.

All photocopies will be retained and destroyed by the organiser immediately after the event.

Cuts to competitors' parts are not permitted

If there are any variations to or extemporising in the competitors' parts, they must be clearly marked in the copies for the adjudicators. Any extemporisation of 20% or more is likely to effect the adjudicators' assessment.

Cuts to the accompaniment should be avoided. However cuts are permissible to long introductions or long passages in the accompaniment where the competitor is not involved. Any cuts to the music must be clearly marked in the copies for the adjudicators.

Performance

A master of ceremonies will invite each competitor in order of the ballot, to come to the front or stage to perform.

Competitors may introduce their selection of works.

The selection of music should consist of a minimum of two pieces in contrasting styles which may be differing movements of the same composition.

It is recommended that performers include some variety of style and musical period in their choice of music. The balance of the programme will be taken into consideration by the adjudicators in the event of a tie.

In the instrumental category, with the exception of percussion, competitors should play only one type of instrument. Percussionists may combine tuned and untuned percussion in their performance but this is not compulsory.

Vocal competitors should select songs suitable for a family audience, giving due consideration to the appropriateness of the lyrics.

The time for competitors' performance must not exceed 10 minutes. The timing will begin when the competitor enters the performance area and includes any introductions performers may choose to make, along with tuning breaks and breaks between movements. The adjudicators will not judge that part of the performance after ten minutes' duration.

The performance time for Local Heats and District Finals may have local variations. Interested parties should check performance times with their local Rotary Club.

Amplification although permitted will not be provided by the organisers. Performers must provide their own amplification with an up to date PAT certificate to be presented to the organiser on the day of the competition. Failure to do so will result in the candidate being disqualified.

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, one or more judges will comment on their observations before announcing the result.

Youth Competitions

This Young Musician competition is one of seven competitions for young people organised by Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland. The others are 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 www.rotarygbi.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 2015/2016

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 the date specified.

Entrant's Name:		Age on 31 Aug 2015:	
Home Address:		Email:	
		Tel No:	
Instrumental <input type="checkbox"/>	Instrument (if instrumental)		
Vocal <input type="checkbox"/>			
Please tick category			
Music Selection:	TITLE	COMPOSER	
Name of Accompanist:			
Entrant's signature:		Date:	
Email:			
Tel No:			
Sponsored by Rotary Club of:		District:	
Contact Person:		Email:	
		Tel:	

The parent, guardian or carer of the above entrant has given permission:

- a. for the named person to take part and be identified in the competition. Yes/ No
- b. for photographic/video records to be taken and used for Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland (RIBI) publicity purposes in printed, electronic and online formats. Yes/No
- c. In signing this form the parent/guardian/carer allows permission for contact by the RIBI, District and Club Public Relations Officers for public relations purposes. Yes/No
- d. Any entrant over 18 at the date of the competition should sign this declaration below

Not agreeing to c and d does not preclude the individual from entering the competition.

Parent/ Guardian/ Carer/ Entrant (please print name and delete status as appropriate)	Signature:	Date:
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This form can be used for all stages. Please tick which stage you are entering.

Club <input type="checkbox"/>	District <input type="checkbox"/> (preliminary round)	District <input type="checkbox"/>	Regional <input type="checkbox"/>	RIBI <input type="checkbox"/> (National)
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