



NEWARK & SHERWOOD CONCERT BAND

Young Soloist of the Year

Information and Rules

The competition is open to all young musicians aged 18 and under on 31 August 2019.

Competitors may only enter one age group.

Classes are for strings, woodwind, brass, keyboard and voice.

- Group 1 11 years old and under on 31 August 2019
- Group 2 12 years old to under 16 years old on 31 August 2019
- Group 3 16 years old to under 19 years old on 31 August 2019

The winner of each group will be invited to perform at the final held on the 28 September 2019

General information

The entry fee is £5, (spectators £2.50).

The closing date for applications is Tuesday 30th April 2019. The competition will be in two stages:

- Preliminary rounds Kelham Hall & Country Park Tuesday 18th June 2019
 - 7.00pm Group 1
 - 8.00pm Group 2
 - 9.00pm Group 3
- Finalists accompanied by the Newark and Sherwood Concert Band
 - 7.30pm Palace Theatre, Newark Saturday 28 September 2019

Other information

Please note the organisers of the competition will not be held responsible for any loss or damage to competitors' property, however, incurred.

Preliminary Rounds - General Rules

- Competitors will perform in front of the spectators and the adjudicator.
- Competitors must perform one piece and should select their own choice of music. A piece played in the preliminary round may be performed again as part of a final performance.
- Competitors who are entering on a percussion must provide their own instruments.
- The maximum length of each performance *including any spoken introduction* shall be 5 minutes.
- Any competitor who exceeds the allotted time will be asked to stop by the adjudicators.
- Competitors must provide two copies of the music they are performing for the adjudicators. This may be a photocopy, but if so, this will be retained by the adjudicator to destroy after the competition. Originals will be returned to the competitors.
- Competitors must provide their own accompanist or bring a pre-recorded backing track. A piano and sound system will be provided.
- Competitors will be provided a space to warm up prior to their performance.
- If you are late for your allocated time, we cannot guarantee that you will be able to take part in the competition. In the event that you are running late, please contact the event organiser (details overleaf).
- The adjudicators' decision is final and no additional clarification will be given after the event.
- Please ensure that you (*and where applicable your accompanist*) arrive and register by 6.45pm.

The Final

Saturday 28 September 2019 at 7.30pm at the Palace Theatre in Newark as part of the Newark and Sherwood Concert Band "By Request" concert.

- Each Finalist will have the opportunity to perform on stage in front of the audience accompanied by either:
 - Newark and Sherwood Concert Band
 - Their own accompanist
 - Their own pre-recorded backing track
- Each Finalist will be invited to attend a rehearsal with Newark and Sherwood Concert Band prior to the final.
- Each Finalist will receive two complimentary tickets to the Final.
- Tickets will also be available online and at the box office from the Palace Theatre, Newark.

The overall winner – Newark and Sherwood Concert Band, Young Soloist of the Year – will be selected at the final by an external adjudicator.

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Newark and Sherwood Concert Band will not share personal information or contact details. Your information will be kept until the conclusion of the competition and then destroyed. Please sign up to our mailing list to hear about future events and competitions.