



HASTINGS MUSICAL FESTIVAL NEWS

Newsletter for Friends/Volunteers of Hastings Musical Festival

Hastings 2024 Music Festival - Venue

Fantastic news – we are back at The White Rock Theatre for 2024 and the future is secure. From 31st January 2024 the theatre will be run by The Guildhall Trust and it sounds very positive.

CEO of The Guildhall Trust, Andy Grays, said: “We are very excited about becoming the new operator for the White Rock. I’d like to thank Hastings Borough Council for entrusting such an important cultural asset to us. We will make both them and the community proud. The venue has tremendous potential, and we aim to explore this potential through programming, community partnerships, schools and creative engagement, and investment in the building. As a charitable trust, we’re a values-led organisation which places community and cultural engagement at the heart of everything we do.”

100 Club

The 100 Club is vital to the Festival and we still need more 100 Club members. If you can spare £2 a month you can buy a ticket, help the Festival and be in with a chance to win £50 each month. Please contact Deirdre if you could help us in this way – we need around 15 more members to complete our numbers. You can always buy a couple of numbers and pay monthly direct by BACS. If you have not renewed your 100 Club this year please contact Deirdre on dgoodger46@gmail.com

Volunteers

Volunteers are essential, so important for our festival. I hope you will all come along next year and volunteer for us again. Lisa will be in contact with volunteers but if you wish to contact her the email is steve.lisa@aol.co.uk

Hastings History Project

We are working with project co-ordinator Lucy Bailey on the Hastings Musical Festival History Project, including an exhibition at Hastings Museum next Spring in conjunction with Museum curator Alice Roberts-Pratt January/February 2024. Apart from housing the actual exhibition the museum is going to provide us with a dedicated portal on their website where we will be uploading old programmes, pictures, information and stories regarding the festival over the years. The History project will also involve contacting alumni and showcasing the festival’s legacy. Lucy would like to send emails to you asking if you have any items or articles you would like to share and also if you would like to be interviewed for the project.

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We have a film being produced by Hastings students which will be shown at the exhibition and linked to our website when completed. Please feel free to contact Lucy direct on lucybaileycreative@outlook.com

Hastings Rotary Young Musician of the Year

What a super evening we had at The Henry Ward Hall, His Place, on Sunday November 19th. There were 11 wonderful performances by the young singers and instrumentalists and if you did not come then you missed a great night out! Make sure you come next year!

All the performers were amazing but the adjudicators chose Galina Baxter, Clarinettist and Alfie Ward-James, Vocalist to go through to the District heat of the Rotary Young Musician of the Year.

AGM

The AGM will be held on December 11th at 7.30pm at The White Rock Hotel in the Notley Room. Please come along if you can.

Entries

Entries for the festival close on November 30th so please get your entries in or remind others of the closing date. This year we are trialling a new non-competitive showcase class for non-fee paying primary schools to enter. We are offering support to set up a small choir and coach travel to the festival on choirs day. Please encourage any primary schools you know who do not enter the festival to give us a call or email.

Festival Dates:

Speech, Drama and Mime – Feb 26th, 27th and 28th

Dance – Sunday March 3rd to Thursday March 14th

Instrumental – Monday 4th March to Friday 8th March

Singing – Monday 11th March to Friday 15th March

Instrumental First Access – orchestras and groups – Friday 8th March

Choirs Day – Friday 15th March

Festival Finale and Trophy Presentation - Sunday 17th March



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