

Hastings Musical Festival

Speech, Drama and Mime Syllabus

Rules

1 Dates - The provisional dates for this section are 4th & 5th March 2019.
Please check your programme for confirmation.

2 Presentation - Credit will be given for choice of repertoire, presentation, dress and deportment, including a bow at the end of the performance. No Costume allowed, unless specified.

3 Age groups - This year, with the exception of Speech Medal classes, competitors aged under 16 should be entered for the class appropriate to their school year.

Please also note that, for the first time in this section, for ALL classes, AGE IS TAKEN AS FROM 1ST SEPTEMBER OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR (2018).

Please ensure, for entrants under 19, that their date of birth is included in their details on the entry form.

4 Suitability of material - For Own Choice pieces, suitability of content and language must be considered with regard to age group. The suitability of material is decided at the Adjudicator's discretion and must not contain profane or offensive words. "Adult" or offensive material is not acceptable and Adjudicators are advised to take this into account when marking. They also have authority to stop any performance at their discretion. This would lead to automatic disqualification.

5 Test pieces - Several test pieces, as indicated, have been taken from anthologies which have been named in the syllabus in an abbreviated form. A copy of these test pieces will be available for inspection at the Hastings and Bexhill branches of the East Sussex County Library. All classes, including those for prose speaking, should be learnt.

6 Copyright - The Hastings Musical Festival has entered into an agreement with the Authors' Licensing and Collecting Society. This means that performers do not have to seek permission for any poetry, prose or solo dramatic items performed to a time limit of 10 minutes.

Dramatic Items must be announced with title and author at the time of performance to qualify for copyright indemnity, and the performer must not change the words or gender of the character.

Own Choice - The Section Secretary will supply you with a form on which to enter the title, author and publisher of own choice selections after all entries have been received. Please return this completed by the requested date.

Performers and teachers will be delighted to know that their participation in this festival means authors will be directly reimbursed as a consequence of their works being performed at this festival.

Duologues and group dramatic activity are not covered by this agreement and copyright for these items should be sought by performers at the time of entry.

7 All performers in group work must be within the specified age range.

8 All performers are asked to bow at the conclusion of their piece.

Adjudicator

Jenny Thornton AGSM(Teaching) ALAM(Acting, Public Speaking) CertEd, CDE, LISTD(Dance)

Jenny trained at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama and, having led a performing arts team, now enjoys running her own performance centre, delivering drama, dance and musical theatre to students from 4 years to adults. Her work in a local secondary school involves A Level Drama and Theatre Studies and she also works in drama clubs. She is an Assistant Principal for Edexcel, examining GCSE practical performances and an adjudicator for The British and International Federation of Festivals.

Classes

READING AT SIGHT

Test: An extract of prose chosen by the adjudicator.

4000 Reading Prose at Sight (School Year 6 and Under)

Fee £7.50

Year 6 and under

4004 Reading Prose at Sight (School Years 7, 8 & 9)

Fee £7.50

Year 7 to Year 9

SPEECH SOLOS

4016 Speech (Age 4 Years and Under)

Award: CRAIGLYNNE TROPHY

Fee £7.50

4 and younger

Own Choice: Verse.

No time limit.

4020 Speech (School Years 1 & 2)

Fee £7.50

Year 1 to Year 2

'My Colours' by Colin West

From: Julia Donaldson 'Poems to Perform'

MacMillan Children's Books

4024 Speech (School Years 3 & 4)

Fee £7.50

Year 3 to Year 4

'The Rooks' by Jane Euphemia Browne

From: Off By Heart

A & C Black

4028 Speech (School Years 5 & 6)

Fee £7.50

Year 5 to Year 6

'Wildlife' by Peter Dixon

From: A First Poetry Book

MacMillan Children's Books

(PLEASE NOTE: this poem begins: 'Our garden's full of wildlife....')

4032 Speech (School Years 7 & 8)

Fee £7.50

Year 7 to Year 8

'Creative Writing' by Gervase Phinn

From: Julia Donaldson Poems to Perform

MacMillan Children's Books

4036 Speech (School Years 9, 10 & 11)

Fee £7.50

Year 9 to Year 11

'What I Love About School' by Roger McGough

From: Julia Donaldson Poems to Perform

MacMillan Children's Books

4040 Speech Share-a-Poem 2 persons (Any age)

Fee £12.00 per ensemble/group

Group of 2 people

Up to 2.5 minutes

Own Choice.

Some movement allowed. No costumes.

4044 Speech Prose Speaking (School Year 2 and Under)

Award: BARTON SCHOOL AWARD

Fee £7.50

Year 2 and under

Up to 1 minute

Own Choice

4048 Speech Prose Speaking (School Years 3, 4, 5 & 6)

Fee £7.50

Year 3 to Year 6

Up to 2 minutes

An extract from any book by Nina Bawden

4052 Speech Prose Speaking (School Years 7 & 8)

Award: CHRISTINE LEWIS CUP

Fee £7.50

Year 7 to Year 8

Up to 2.5 minutes

An extract from any book in the Harry Potter series by J K Rowling

4056 Speech Prose Speaking (School Years 9, 10 & 11))

Award: MOLLIE & BASIL NORTHEN CUP

Fee £7.50

Year 9 to Year 11

Up to 2.5 minutes

An extract from any book by Gerald Durrell

4058 Speech Prose Speaking (Age 16 and Under 19)

Fee £7.50

Age between 16 and 18

Up to 3 minutes

An extract from any book by Thomas Hardy

4060 Speech Prose Speaking (Age 19 and Over)

Fee £10.00

19 and older

Up to 3 minutes

An extract from 'Titus Groan' by Mervyn Peake

HUMOROUS VERSE

The rule stating 'Not to be acted' indicates that there can be moderate use of gesture and body language but no movement of the feet.

4065 Speech Humorous Verse (School Year 2 and Under)

Award: RALPH CUP

Fee £7.50

Year 2 and under

Up to 2 minutes

Own Choice: Speech, not to be acted.

4068 Speech Humorous Verse (School Years 3 & 4)

Award: ELITE TROPHY A Presented by: JANET SLACKE

Fee £7.50

Year 3 to Year 4

Up to 2 minutes

Own Choice: Speech, not to be acted.

4072 Speech Humorous Verse (School Years 5 & 6)

Award: ELITE TROPHY B Presented by: JANET SLACKE

Fee £7.50

Year 5 to Year 6

Up to 2 minutes

Own Choice: Speech, not to be acted.

4084 Speech Humorous Verse (School Years 7 & 8)

Award: VAL JONES MEMORIAL CUP Presented by: BAS JONES AND EMMA NORTHEN

Fee £7.50

Year 7 to Year 8

Up to 2.5 minutes

Own Choice: Speech, not to be acted.

4092 Speech Humorous Verse (School Years 9, 10 & 11)

Award: DI DAVIDSON MEMORIAL CUP

Fee £7.50

Year 9 to Year 11

Up to 2.5 minutes

Own Choice: Speech, not to be acted.

4096 Speech Humorous Verse or Prose (Age 16 and Under 19)

Award: ADELE CUP

Fee £7.50

Age between 16 and 18

Up to 3 minutes

Own Choice: Speech, not to be acted.

4100 Speech Humorous Verse or Prose (Age 19 and Over)

Award: SOPHIE DANN CHALLENGE TROPHY Presented by: MICHAEL AND AUDREY DANN

Fee £10.00

19 and older

Up to 4 minutes

Own Choice: Speech, not to be acted.

DRAMATIC MONOLOGUES

A Monologue is an acted speech for one from a play but not a song or poem from a musical.

Modern dress only but a suggestion of costume is allowed. A small table and chairs are available for performers to use in dramatic items. A small hand held prop is allowed.

4116 Dramatic Monologue (School Year 6 and Under)

Fee £7.50

Year 6 and under

Up to 3 minutes

Own Choice: Other than Shakespeare

4120 Dramatic Monologue (School Years 7 & 8)

Award: VAL ATKINSON MEMORIAL TROPHY Presented by: TIM AND JUDY ATKINSON

Fee £7.50

Year 7 to Year 8

Up to 5 minutes

Own Choice: Other than Shakespeare.

4124 Dramatic Monologue (School Years 9, 10 & 11)

Fee £7.50

Year 9 to Year 11

Up to 5 minutes

Own Choice: Other than Shakespeare.

4128 Dramatic Monologue (Age 16 and Under 19)

Fee £7.50

Age between 16 and 18

Up to 5 minutes

Own Choice: Other than Shakespeare.

4130 Dramatic Monologue (Age 19 and Over)

Fee £10.00

19 and older

Up to 5 minutes

Own Choice: Other than Shakespeare.

4132 Dramatic Monologue - Shakespeare (School Years 7, 8 & 9)

Award: SHAKESPEARE TROPHY Presented by: SILVIA CAVALIER

Fee £7.50

Year 7 to Year 9

Up to 5 minutes

Own Choice: From Shakespeare.

4136 Dramatic Monologue - Shakespeare (School Years 10 & 11)

Award: BARD'S CHALLENGE CUP Presented by: LIZ O'ROURKE

Fee £7.50

Year 10 to Year 11

Up to 5 minutes

Own Choice: From Shakespeare.

4138 Dramatic Monologue - Shakespeare (Age 16 and Under 19)

Fee £7.50

Age between 16 and 18

Up to 5 minutes

Own Choice: From Shakespeare

4140 Dramatic Monologue - Shakespeare (Age 19 and Over)

Award: ANNELIESE DANN CHALLENGE TROPHY Presented by: MICHAEL & AUDREY DANN

Fee £10.00

19 and older

Up to 5 minutes

Own Choice: From Shakespeare.

CREATIVE PERFORMANCE - SOLO

4148 Speech Original Verse (School Year 6 and Under)

Award: CHALLENGE SHIELD Presented by: PHILIP THRUPP

Fee £7.50

Year 6 and under

Up to 2 minutes

Own Choice: As written and spoken or read.

4152 Speech Original Verse (School Years 7, 8 & 9)

Award: JOSEPHINE AUSTIN CUP

Fee £7.50

Year 7 to Year 9

Up to 3 minutes

Own Choice: As written and spoken or read.

4154 Speech Original Verse (School Years 10 & 11)

Fee £7.50

Year 10 to Year 11

Up to 3 minutes

Own Choice: As written and spoken or read.

4156 Speech Original Verse (Age 16 and Under 19)

Award: BRIDGET MOSE MEMORIAL CUP Presented by: MRS MOLLIE MOSE

Fee £7.50

Age between 16 and 18

Up to 3 minutes

Own Choice: As written and spoken or read.

4158 Speech Original Verse (Age 19 and Over)

Fee £10.00

19 and older

Up to 4 minutes

Own Choice: As written and spoken or read.

SPEECH MEDALS

The winner of a Bronze Medal may enter for the Silver Medal and the winner of a Silver Medal may enter for the Gold Medal even if under the minimum age for the class, but not in the same year.

4160 Speech Bronze Medal (Age 11 and Under 15)

Award: BRONZE MEDAL

Fee £10.00

Age between 11 and 14

'Thunder' by Elizabeth Bishop

From: Carol Ann Duffy 101 Poems for Children

MacMillan Children's Books

4164 Speech Silver Medal (Age 15 and Under 19)

Award: SILVER MEDAL

Fee £14.00

Age between 15 and 18

a) 'Snow and Snow' by Ted Hughes

From: Carol Ann Duffy 101 Poems for Children

b) Own contrasting choice of verse: not to exceed 3 minutes

4168 Speech Gold Medal (Age 19 and Over)

Award: GOLD MEDAL FOR A WINNING MARK OF 90 OR MORE. CASH PRIZE OF £150 FOR A WINNING MARK OF 87 OR MORE. Sponsored by HASTINGS ROUND TABLE

Fee £18.00

19 and older

a) 'Church Going' by Philip Larkin

From Poetry Please

Faber & Faber

b) Own choice verse or prose, not from a play.

Not to exceed 4 minutes.

Qualification for this class would be Grade 8 of a recognised Speech and Drama Examination Board or at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

DRAMATIC DUOLOGUES

Modern dress only but a suggestion of costume is allowed. A small table and chairs are available for performers to use in dramatic items. A small hand held prop is allowed.

In Duologues, any minimum age limit applies only to the elder partner, but the younger must not perform in any other age group of an exactly similar class.

4172 Dramatic Duologue - Shakespeare (School Year 11 and Under)

Award: DOROTHY CATT CHALLENGE TROPHY Presented by: MISS DOROTHY CATT

Fee £12.00 per ensemble/group

Group of 2 people

Year 11 and under

Up to 5 minutes

Own Choice: Any duologue from Shakespeare

4176 Dramatic Duologue - Shakespeare (Age 16 and Under 19)

Award: GWENDOLINE CRANE CHALLENGE CUP Presented by: MRS J SPURR

Fee £12.00 per ensemble/group

Group of 2 people

Age between 16 and 18

Up to 5 minutes

Own Choice: any duologue from Shakespeare.

4178 Dramatic Duologue - Shakespeare (Age 19 and Over)

Fee £15.00 per ensemble/group

Group of 2 people

19 and older

Up to 5 minutes

Own Choice: any duologue from Shakespeare.

4180 Dramatic Duologue (School Year 6 and Under)

Award: HASTINGS STAGE STUDIO TROPHY

Fee £12.00 per ensemble/group

Group of 2 people

Year 6 and under

Up to 4 minutes

Own Choice: Duologue from any play other than Shakespeare or adaptation from a novel .

4184 Dramatic Duologue (School Years 7, 8 & 9)

Award: McCORMACK MEMORIAL CUP Presented by: MRS McCORMACK

Fee £12.00 per ensemble/group

Group of 2 people

Year 7 to Year 9

Up to 4 minutes

Own Choice: Duologue from any play other than Shakespeare or adaptation from a novel.

4188 Dramatic Duologue (School Years 10 & 11)

Fee £12.00 per ensemble/group

Group of 2 people

Year 10 to Year 11

Up to 5 minutes

Own Choice: Duologue from any play other than Shakespeare or adaptation from a novel .

4192 Dramatic Duologue (Age 16 and Under 19)

Award: GWEN WATFORD SILVER CHALLENGE CUP

Fee £12.00 per ensemble/group

Group of 2 people

Age between 16 and 18

Up to 5 minutes

Own Choice: Duologue from any play other than Shakespeare or adaptation from a novel.

4196 Dramatic Duologue (Age 19 and Over)

Award: RADCLIFFE GROUP SILVER CHALLENGE CUP

Fee £15.00 per ensemble/group

Group of 2 people

19 and older

Up to 5 minutes

Own Choice: Duologue from any play other than Shakespeare or adaptation from a novel.

DRAMATIC SHAKESPEARE

Modern dress only but a suggestion of costume is allowed. A small table and chairs are available for performers to use in dramatic items. Small hand held props are allowed.

4200 Dramatic Shakespeare Scene (School Year 11 and Under)

Award: ARTHUR CHEVALIER SILVER MEMORIAL CUP Presented by: MR PAUL CHEVALIER

Fee £15.00 per ensemble/group

Group of 3 to 20 people

Year 11 and under

Up to 10 minutes

Own Choice: an enactment of any scene from Shakespeare. No fewer than three speaking parts.

4204 Dramatic Shakespeare Scene (Any Age)

Award: AGNES CLELAND CHALLENGE CUP Presented by: MRS P BARNETT & MISS CLELAND

Fee £15.00 per ensemble/group

Group of 3 to 20 people

Up to 10 minutes

Own Choice: an enactment of any scene from Shakespeare. No fewer than three speaking parts.

CREATIVE PERFORMANCE - ENSEMBLE

4205 Improvisation Duologues (School Year 6 and Under)

Fee £12.00 per ensemble/group

Group of 2 people

Year 6 and under

Up to 3 minutes

From a subject provided by the Adjudicator, an improvised performance of between 2 minutes (minimum) - 3 minutes (maximum). The performers will be given 5 minutes to prepare the piece. During performance, a bell will be rung after 2 and 2.5 minutes to assist the duo in concluding the presentation.

4206 Improvisation Duologues (School Years 7, 8 & 9)

Fee £12.00 per ensemble/group

Group of 2 people

Year 7 to Year 9

Up to 4 minutes

From a subject provided by the Adjudicator, an improvised performance of between 3 minutes (minimum) - 4 minutes (maximum). The performers will be given 5 minutes to prepare the piece. During performance, a bell will be rung after 3 and 3.5 minutes to assist the duo in concluding the presentation.

4207 Improvisation Duologues (School Years 10 & 11)

Fee £12.00 per ensemble/group

Group of 2 people

Year 10 to Year 11

Up to 4 minutes

From a subject provided by the Adjudicator, an improvised performance of between 3 minutes (minimum) - 4 minutes (maximum). The performers will be given 5 minutes to prepare the piece. During performance, a bell will be rung after 3 and 3.5 minutes to assist the duo in concluding the presentation.

4208 Devised Performance/Improvisation Group (School Year 11 and Under)

Award: HILARY CLULOW TROPHY

Fee £15.00 per ensemble/group

Group of 4 to 6 people

Year 11 and under

Up to 10 minutes

Teams of 4-6 persons

From a subject provided by the Adjudicator, an improvised performance of between 5 minutes (minimum) - 10 minutes (maximum). 5 minutes set up allowed. The performers will be given 1 hour to prepare the piece.

4210 Devised Performance/Improvisation Group (Any Age)

Fee £15.00 per ensemble/group

Group of 4 to 6 people

Up to 10 minutes

Teams of 4-6 persons.

From a subject provided by the Adjudicator, an improvised performance of between 5 minutes (minimum) - 10 minutes (maximum). 5 minutes set up allowed. The performers will be given 1 hour to prepare the piece.

4212 Creative Performance - Devised Physical Theatre (School Year 11 and Under)

Fee £15.00 per ensemble/group

Group of 2 to 20 people

Year 11 and under

Up to 10 minutes

This class may include elements of physical theatre, dance drama, street theatre, mask work, choral speaking and group mime, based on a theme of your own choice.

Modern dress only but a suggestion of costume is allowed. Significant hand props may be used. Live or recorded music may be used.

4214 Creative Performance - Devised Physical Theatre (Any Age)

Fee £20.00 per ensemble/group

Group of 2 to 20 people

Up to 10 minutes

This class may include elements of physical theatre, dance drama, street theatre, mask work, choral speaking and group mime, based on a theme of your own choice.

Modern dress only but a suggestion of costume is allowed. Significant hand props may be used. Live or recorded music may be used.

SHORT PLAYS

Any short original or published play or excerpt from a published play by any author - duration 30 minutes. Maximum 20 players.

10 minutes set up time will be allowed. Costumes and make-up are allowed but should be kept to a minimum. Small props such as a table, chairs etc. and hand props permitted.

The Short Play classes are held in the Sussex Hall at the White Rock Theatre. This venue is a flexible space, and performers are invited to make creative use of it.

The Stage is 10m wide and 4m deep. Tabs are situated 2/3rds from the front of the stage and should be operated by the entrant. Lighting is a basic wash. There is no sound desk, but groups may use recorded sound effects or incidental music on their own CD/Cassette players.

There is no need for performers to feel confined to the stage area. Other areas of the Hall may also be used. On request, it is possible to rearrange seating to modify the performance area(s), so that, for example, presentations could be made "in the round".

4236 Short Play (Age under 19)

Award: WINIFRED M GOULD MEMORIAL CUP Presented by THE RADCLIFFE GROUP; GRANT MEMORIAL CHALLENGE CUP Presented by MRS C PORTCH FOR THE BEST INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE

Fee £20.00 per ensemble/group

Group of 2 to 20 people

18 and younger

Up to 30 minutes

Own Choice: a one act play or scene(s) from a play other than Shakespeare.

4244 Short Play (Age 19 and Over)

Award: GWENDOLINE CRANE SILVER CHALLENGE BOWL FOR THE WINNING PLAYERS; KIM WOODING CHALLENGE CUP FOR THE BEST INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE; RON GREGORY PRODUCER'S CHALLENGE CUP Presented by MRS RON GREGORY AND THE BEXHILL PLAYERS FOR THE BEST PRODUCER

Fee £25.00 per ensemble/group

Group of 2 to 20 people

19 and older

Up to 30 minutes

Own Choice: a one act play or scene(s) from a play other than Shakespeare.

MIME

Performers must mime a piece of their own choice without audible articulation. The subject of the mime must be descriptive and announced by the performer or by the Platform Steward. If the latter, performers should hand the Steward a card showing the mime title. Make-up is not permitted. Costume is not permitted for any mime class. No scenery other than curtains. No properties whatsoever, not even hand props. Chairs and tables as provided by the Festival may be used.

4252 Mime Solo (School Year 6 and Under)

Award: PIERROT & COLUMBINE GOBLET Presented by DOREEN CLELAND & PATRICIA & ADRIAN BARNETT

Fee £7.50

Year 6 and under

Up to 3 minutes

Own Choice

4256 Mime Solo (School Years 7, 8 & 9)

Award: F PENFOLD CHALLENGE CUP Presented by MISS F PENFOLD

Fee £7.50

Year 7 to Year 9

Up to 4 minutes

Own Choice

4260 Mime Solo (School Years 10 & 11)

Award: CHRISTINE PORTCH CHALLENGE CUP Presented by MRS C PORTCH

Fee £7.50

Year 10 to Year 11

Up to 4 minutes

Own Choice

4262 Mime Solo (Any Age)

Fee £7.50

Up to 4 minutes

Own Choice

4264 Mime Duologue (School Year 6 and Under)

Award: MARTHA NICOLSON TROPHY

Fee £12.00 per ensemble/group

Group of 2 people

Year 6 and under

Up to 4 minutes

Own Choice

4268 Mime Duologue (School Years 7, 8 & 9)

Award: URQUHART GOBLETS

Fee £12.00 per ensemble/group

Group of 2 people

Year 7 to Year 9

Up to 5 minutes

Own Choice

4270 Mime Duologue (School Years 10 & 11)

Fee £12.00 per ensemble/group

Group of 2 people

Year 10 to Year 11

Up to 5 minutes

Own Choice

4272 Mime Duologue (Any Age)

Fee £12.00 per ensemble/group

Group of 2 people

Up to 5 minutes

Own Choice