East Grinstead Music & Arts Festival

Singing Syllabus

Rules

1 The Festival does not provide an official accompanist so entrants must arrange their own if required.

2 Age of performers is calculated as at 1 September 2026. For duets and ensembles, if the performers are in different age categories, we will accept entries for the higher age group.

3 Please state the name of your accompanist (if using) on the entry form where appropriate.

4 Titles and composers of all pieces chosen must be stated on the entry form.

5 Any choir or singer who wishes to perform with recorded accompaniment must declare this on their entry form.

6 Please provide a copy of the sheet music on the day and ideally also with your entry form.

7 Backing tracks (without pre-recorded backing vocals) may be used. If you are using a backing track you must bring amplification equipment on which to play it.

Adjudicator

Belinda Mikhaïl

Belinda Mikhaïl is an experienced performer, vocal coach and educator specialising in Musical Theatre and contemporary singing. She combines a professional performing career with advanced academic study in the physiology and pedagogy of the voice.
Belinda won the Associated Board and Queen Mother Scholarships to study piano and singing as a joint first study at the Royal College of Music, where she was awarded the Hopkinson Gold Medal for her final recital.
As a vocal specialist, Belinda works across Musical Theatre, classical, jazz, pop and rock, running a London-based private and online teaching practice. She has coached performers including Simone Ashley (Bridgerton), Siouxsie Sioux and Oscar-winning actress Juliette Binoche. Her students have gone on to perform in leading West End productions such as Dreamgirls, High Society, Anything Goes, Chicago, Singin' in the Rain, West Side Story,Hadestown, SIX and Dirty Dancing.
Alongside teaching, Belinda has recorded for Sony BMG and Universal and appeared as a featured soloist on film soundtracks. Her solo piano performance of the theme from Chariots of Fire was heard at every medal ceremony at the London Olympic Games. She is also a professional Voice Over artist and a British and International Federation adjudicator.
Her broad experience as a performer, educator, vocal specialist and adjudicator informs her

commitment to nurturing confident, technically secure, expressive and versatile performers.

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WE HOPE THAT EVERY PERFORMER WILL CONSIDER THEIR PERFORMANCE AS A REAL STAGE PRESENTATION WITH REGARD TO DRESS, ANNOUNCING, AND BOWING AT THE END.

Masterclass

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Class	Age	Time	Fee
200 V1 Masterclass in Musical Theatre We are once again offering a singing masterclass where our adjudicator will work with entrants on up to two songs of their choice. They should come with two songs that they have already rehearsed and know from memory. Song choices should be age appropriate and ideally contrast in style. The masterclass will involve one to one work on one or both song choices with a performance at the end. This will appeal to confident individuals who may be thinking of auditioning for colleges or shows or for exams. This class will run for up to two hours with 15 minutes work with each entrant. Numbers are limited and will be offered on a first come first served basis.	13 and older		£25.00

Choral section

Choirs

Two contrasting pieces of own choice. 5 or more performers. Any combination of voices.

Class	Age	Time	Fee
202 V3 Adult choirs, accompanied Award: Belcanto Cup (shared with V4) Two contrasting pieces of own choice. Any combination of voices. With accompaniment. Group of a minimum of 5 people	18 and older	Up to 10 mins	£25.00 per group
203 V4 A capella choirs - 18 years and over Award: Belcanto Cup (shared with V3) Two unaccompanied contrasting pieces of own choice including barber shop, madrigal or any other. Any combination of voices. Group of a minimum of 5 people	18 and older	Up to 10 mins	£25.00 per group

Duet

Own choice. Must be a song arranged for 2 voices in harmony. With or without costume.

Class	Age	Time	Fee
204 V5 Duets -18 years and over Award: Town Twinning Silver Salver (shared with V6 and V7) Any song, any combination of voices. With or without accompaniment. Harmony is expected Group of 2 people	18 and older	Up to 4 mins	£21.00 per duo

Groups

Three to six voices. Own choice, with or without costume.

Class	Age	Time	Fee
205 V6 Trios 18 years and over Award: Town Twinning Silver Salver (shared with V5 and V7) Any song, any combination of voices. With or without accompaniment. Harmony is expected. Group of 3 people	18 and older	Up to 4 mins	£24.00 per trio
206 V7 Quartets - 18 years and over Award: Town Twinning Silver Salver (shared with V5 and V6) Any song, any combination of voices. With or without accompaniment. Harmony is expected. Group of 4 people	18 and older	Up to 4 mins	£25.00 per group

Choirs

Two contrasting pieces of own choice. 5 or more performers. Any combination of voices.

Class	Age	Time	Fee
207 V8 Infant Choir - under 8 years Award: Maria Dunn Trinity Shield Two short songs of own choice - one with actions or percussion. Group of a minimum of 3 people	7 and younger	Up to 8 mins	£25.00 per group
208 V9 Junior Choirs - Under 13 years Award: Freeland Shield Two contrasting pieces of own choice, one to be two or more parts. (Descant counts as a part.) Group of a minimum of 5 people	12 and younger	Up to 8 mins	£25.00 per group
209 V10 Junior Choir - 18 years and under Award: East Grinstead Festival Shield Two contrasting pieces of own choice, one to be two or more parts. (Descant counts as a part.) Group of a minimum of 5 people	18 and younger	Up to 8 mins	£25.00 per group

Musical staged production

Minimum 3 performers. A short staged scene with costume, movement, dance, props (with or without a workable set). Every aspect of performance will be taken into account by the Adjudicator.

Class	Age	Time	Fee
210 V11 Musical Staged Production Class Award: East Grinstead Operatic Rose Bowl A short staged scene with costume, movement, dance, props (with or without a workable set). Every aspect of performance will be taken into account by the Adjudicator. Group of a minimum of 3 people	18 and younger	Up to 15 mins	£25.00 per group

Duet

Own choice. Must be a song arranged for 2 voices in harmony. With or without costume.

Class	Age	Time	Fee
211 V12 Duet - Under 12 years Award: Robin Pye Cup (shared with V15 and V18) Own choice. Must be a song arranged for voices in harmony. With or without costume. Group of 2 people	11 and younger	Up to 4 mins	£15.00 per duo

Class	Age	Time	Fee
212 V13 Duet 12 and under 15 years Award: Amelia Regnante Cup (shared with V16 and V19) Own choice. Must be a song arranged for 2 voices in harmony. With or without costume. One performer may be below the age category. Group of 2 people	14 and younger	Up to 4 mins	£17.00 per duo
213 V14 Duet 15 and Under 18 years Award: Helena Voller Rose Bowl (shared with V17 and V20) Own choice. Must be a song arranged for 2 voices in harmony. With or without costume. One performer may be below the age category. Group of 2 people	17 and younger	Up to 4 mins	£20.00 per duo

Groups

Three to six voices. Own choice, with or without costume.

Class	Age	Time	Fee
214 V15 Trios - Under 12 years Award: Robin Pye Cup (shared with V12 and V18) Own choice. Must be a song arranged for voices in harmony. With or without costume. Group of 3 people	11 and younger	Up to 4 mins	£18.00 per trio
215 V16 Trios 12 and under 15 years Award: Amelia Regnante Cup (shared with V13 and V19) Own choice. Must be a song arranged for voices in harmony. With or without costume. One or more performers may be below the age category. Group of 3 people	14 and younger	Up to 4 mins	£21.00 per trio
216 V17 Trios - 15 and under 18 Award: Helena Voller Rose Bowl (shared with V14 and V20) Own choice. Must be a song arranged for voices in harmony. With or without costume. One or more performers may be below the age category. Group of 3 people	17 and younger	Up to 4 mins	£24.00 per trio
217 V18 Groups Under 12 years Award: Robin Pye Cup (shared with V12 and V15) Four to six voices. Own choice, with or without costume. Must be a song for voices arranged in harmony. Group of 4 to 6 people	11 and younger	Up to 4 mins	£25.00 per group
218 V19 Groups 12 and under 15 years Award: Amelia Regnante Cup (shared with V13 and V16) Four to six voices. Own choice, with or without costume. Must be a song for voices arranged in harmony. One or more performers may be below the age category. Group of 4 to 6 people	14 and younger	Up to 4 mins	£25.00 per group

Class	Age	Time	Fee
219 V20 Groups 15 and under 18 years Award: Helena Voller Rose Bowl (shared with V14 and V17) Four to six voices. Own choice, with or without costume. Must be a song for voices arranged in harmony. One or more performers may be below the age category. Group of 4 to 6 people	17 and younger	Up to 4 mins	£25.00 per group

Junior Section

Competitors must be under 18 years old as at 1 September 2025

Early Learners

Own Choice. With or without accompaniment.

Class	Age	Time	Fee
220 V21 Early Learners - 8 years and under. Award: Davey cup Own choice. With or without accompaniment	8 and younger	Up to 3 mins	£8.00

Two Contrasting Songs

Own choice

Class	Age	Time	Fee
221 V22 Two Contrasting Songs - 9 and 10 years Award: Mario Lanza cup Own choice.	Age 9 and 10	Up to 6 mins	£10.50

Pop

any age appropriate pop song, including blues, jazz and rock but excluding a song from a musical.

Class	Age	Time	Fee
223 V24 Popular music song - 9 and 10 years Award: Sackville cup Any age appropriate pop song, including blues, jazz and rock but excluding a song from a musical.	Age 9 and 10	Up to 4 mins	£8.00

Song from a Musical Show

Own choice. With or without costume.

Class	Age	Time	Fee
224 V25 Song from a Musical Show - 9 and 10 years Award: Sackville cup Own choice. With or without costume.	Age 9 and 10	Up to 4 mins	£8.00

Folk Songs

Unaccompanied

Class	Age	Time	Fee
225 V26 Folk Song - 9 and 10 years Award: Junior Folk Song Cup Unaccompanied.	Age 9 and 10	Up to 3 mins	£8.00

Modern Songs

Own choice. Any song composed since 2000.

Class	Age	Time	Fee
226 V27 - Modern Song 9 and 10 years Award: Millennium cup Own choice. Any song composed since 2000	Age 9 and 10	Up to 3 mins	£8.00

Own Choice

Own choice - May be sung with or without accompaniment.

Class	Age	Time	Fee
227 V28 Own choice 9 and 10 years Award: Sean Nos cup Own choice - An age appropriate song that may be sung with or without accompaniment	Age 9 and 10	Up to 3 mins	£8.00

Two Contrasting Songs

Own choice

Class	Age	Time	Fee
228 V29 Two Contrasting Songs 11 and 12 years Award: Gilbert and Sullivan Centenary Cup Own choice	Age 11 and 12	Up to 6 mins	£10.50

Pop

any age appropriate pop song, including blues, jazz and rock but excluding a song from a musical.

Class	Age	Time	Fee
230 V31 Popular Music Song 11 and 12 years Award: Kathleen Jenkins cup Any age appropriate pop song, including blues, jazz and rock but excluding a song from a musical.	Age 11 and 12	Up to 4 mins	£8.00

Song from a Musical Show

Own choice. With or without costume.

Class	Age	Time	Fee
231 V32 Song from a musical show 11 and 12 years Award: Jan Swabey Cup Own choice. With or without costume	Age 11 and 12	Up to 4 mins	£8.00

Folk Songs

Unaccompanied

Class	Age	Time	Fee
232 V33 Folk Song 11 and 12 Years Award: Leo Callinan Cup Unaccompanied	Age 11 and 12	Up to 3 mins	£8.00

Modern Songs

Own choice. Any song composed since 2000.

Class	Age	Time	Fee
233 V34 Modern Song 11 and 12 years Award: EGMAF Singing Cup Own choice. Any song composed since 2000	Age 11 and 12	Up to 3 mins	£8.00

Own Choice

Own choice - May be sung with or without accompaniment.

Class	Age	Time	Fee
234 V35 Own Choice 11 and 12 years Award: Rebecca Abigail cup Own choice - An age appropriate song that may be sung with or without accompaniment	Age 11 and 12	Up to 3 mins	£8.00

Two Contrasting Songs

Own choice

Class	Age	Time	Fee
235 V36 Two Contrasting Songs - 13 and 14 years. Award: Grace Earll Cup Own choice.	Age 13 and 14	Up to 6 mins	£11.50

Pop

any age appropriate pop song, including blues, jazz and rock but excluding a song from a musical.

Class	Age	Time	Fee
236 V37 Popular Music Song 13 and 14 years Award: East Grinstead Junior Choir Cup for solo singing Any age appropriate pop song, including blues, jazz and rock but excluding a song from a musical.	Age 13 and 14	Up to 4 mins	£9.00

Song from a Musical Show

Own choice. With or without costume.

Class	Age	Time	Fee
237 V38 Song from a Musical Show - 13 and 14 years Award: Brixton Cup Own choice. With or without costume.	Age 13 and 14	Up to 4 mins	£9.00

Folk Songs

Unaccompanied

Class	Age	Time	Fee
238 V39 Folk Song - 13 and 14 years Award: Senior Folk Song Cup (shared with V45) Unaccompanied.	Age 13 and 14	Up to 3 mins	£9.00

Modern Songs

Own choice. Any song composed since 2000.

Class	Age	Time	Fee
239 V40 Modern Song - 13 and 14 years Award: Sargeant Diamond Jubilee Trophy Own choice. Any song composed since 2000.	Age 13 and 14	Up to 3 mins	£9.00

Own Choice

Own choice - May be sung with or without accompaniment.

Class	Age	Time	Fee
240 V41 Own choice - 13 and 14 years Award: Ivor Novello cup Own choice. With or without accompaniment.	Age 13 and 14	Up to 3 mins	£9.00

Two Contrasting Songs

Own choice

Class	Age	Time	Fee
241 V42 Two Contrasting Songs - 16 to 18 years Award: Sargents of East Grinstead cup Own choice.	Between 16 and 18	Up to 6 mins	£12.50

Pop

any age appropriate pop song, including blues, jazz and rock but excluding a song from a musical.

Class	Age	Time	Fee
242 V43 Popular music song 16 to 18 years Award: Simmons cup Any age appropriate pop song, including blues, jazz and rock but excluding a song from a musical	Between 16 and 18	Up to 4 mins	£10.00

Song from a Musical Show

Own choice. With or without costume.

Class	Age	Time	Fee
243 V44 Song from a Musical Show - 16 to 18 years Award: June Easther cup Own choice. With or without costume.	Between 16 and 18	Up to 4 mins	£10.00

Folk Songs

Unaccompanied

Class	Age	Time	Fee
244 V45 Folk Song - 16 to 18 years Award: Senior Folk Song Cup (shared with V39) Unaccompanied.	Between 16 and 18	Up to 3 mins	£10.00

Modern Songs

Own choice. Any song composed since 2000.

Class	Age	Time	Fee
245 V46 Modern Song - 16 to 18 years Award: Ferrison Cup Own choice. Any song composed since 2000.	Between 16 and 18	Up to 3 mins	£10.00

Own Choice

Own choice - May be sung with or without accompaniment.

Class	Age	Time	Fee
246 V47 Own choice - 16 to 18 years Award: East Grinstead Courier cup Own choice. With or without accompaniment.	Between 16 and 18	Up to 3 mins	£10.00