East Grinstead Music & Arts Festival

Speech & Drama Syllabus

Monday 5 and Tuesday 6 April 2027

Adjudicator

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ANN BAUER has spent her working life in education teaching in secondary and primary schools, theatres, university and therapy teams, as well as examining drama and theatre studies. Ann ran her own drama school for many years and is also an adjudicator for The British and International Federation of Festivals. Ann trained to teach under John Hodgson at Bretton Hall, his major influence was the importance of improvisation. Ann continues to be an enthusiastic teacher of improvisation for developing all performance skills. She believes strongly in the inclusive power of drama, that it offers confidence building, team work, and the discipline of controlling body, voice - and nerves. Combining that with her love of the written word, her first degree was English; she counts herself lucky to spend her life talking about what she loves. Currently Ann combines her teaching with specialist teaching, research and writing in SEN. In her spare time Ann still attends ballet and tap classes, a lifelong passion, enjoys theatre going, advocacy in SEN, precious time with her family and long distance back-packing treks.

CLASS RULES

The East Grinstead Festival has entered into an agreement with the Authors' Licensing & Collecting Society. This means that entrants do not have to seek copyright permission for any Poetry, Prose or Solo Dramatic items performed, to a time limit of 10 minutes.

No Costumes allowed in any Section other than Musical Theatre: Practice skirts however may be worn. Hand properties may be used unless otherwise stated.

Copies of poems can be obtained from the Section Secretary. All poems should be memorised.

Please note: this year the age requirements for performers reflects School Years rather than individual age on the date of the festival.

VERSE SPEAKING

Class	Age	Time	Fee
001 S1 Verse Speaking (School Years Reception, Years 1 & 2) Award: Ashurst Young Drama Group Cup Test: Mumbling Bees by Daphne Lister (New Oxford Treasury of Children's Poems) OR Mister Giraffe by Geoffrey Lapage (Once Upon a Rhyme)	6 and younger	Up to 1.5 mins	£8.00
002 S2 Verse Speaking (School Years 3 & 4) Test: Goodbye Room by Michelle Magorian (Orange Paw Marks) OR The Island by Dorothy Aldis (Read Me 1)	Age 7 and 8	Up to 2 mins	£8.00
003 S3 Verse Speaking (School Years 5 & 6) Test: Homework by Elizabeth Smith (100 Best Poems for Children) OR The Lighthouse by Marjorie Wilson (Book of 1000 Poems)	Age 9 and 10	Up to 2 mins	£8.00
004 S4 Verse Speaking (School Year 7) Test: The Paint Box by E.V. Rieu OR The Chosen One by Roger Stevens	Age 11 and 12	Up to 2 mins	£8.00
005 S5 Verse Speaking (School Years 8, 9 & 10) Test: Night Writing by Carol Ann Duffy OR Something Told the Wild Geese by Rachel Field (Puffin Book of 20th Century Children's Verse)	Between 13 and 15	Up to 2 mins	£9.00
006 S6 Verse Speaking (School years 11 & 12) Test: After We've Gone by Fran Landesman OR Stop All the Clocks by W.H. Auden	Between 16 and 18	Up to 2 mins	£9.50

DUOLOGUE VERSE SPEAKING

Own Choice

Class	Age	Time	Fee
007 S7 Duologue Verse Speaking (Up to School Year 7) Award: Tandy Watson Salver (with Class S8) Movement is permitted but should be secondary to the verse and its purpose should only be to enhance the text. It is the age of the older performer that determines which class should be entered. Poems should be memorised - not read. Group of 2 people	12 and younger	Up to 2 mins	£16.00 per duo
008 S8 Duologue Verse Speaking (School years 8, 9 & 10) Award: Tandy Watson Salver (with Class S7) Movement is permitted but should be secondary to the verse and its purpose should only be to enhance the text. It is the age of the older performer that determines which class should be entered. Poems should be memorised - not read. Group of 2 people	Between 13 and 15	Up to 2 mins	£18.00 per duo

SONNET

Own Choice of a sonnet

Class	Age	Time	Fee
009 S9 Sonnet Class (School Years 7 to 12) Award: Griffin Cup Own Choice	Between 12 and 18	Up to 2 mins	£9.00

PROSE READING

Performers must read a passage from the specified work. A copy of the selection should be provided for the adjudicator

Class	Age	Time	Fee
010 S10 Prose Reading (School Years Reception, Years 1 & 2) Any book by Julia Donaldson	6 and younger	Up to 1.5 mins	£8.00
011 S11 Prose Reading (School Years 3 & 4) Any book by A.A. Milne	Age 7 and 8	Up to 2 mins	£8.00
012 S12 Prose Reading (School Years 5 & 6) Any book by Michael Morpurgo	Age 9 and 10	Up to 2 mins	£8.00
013 S13 Prose Reading (School Year 7) Any book by Rick Riordan	Age 11 and 12	Up to 2 mins	£8.00
014 S14 Prose Reading (School Years 8 9 & 10) Any book by Terry Pratchett	13 and older	Up to 2 mins	£9.00
015 S15 Prose Reading (School years 11 & 12) Any book by David Baldacci	Between 16 and 18	Up to 2 mins	£9.50

DICKENS PROSE READING

Any passage from "David Copperfield". Performers must read a passage from the specified work. A copy of the selection should be provided for the adjudicator.

Class	Age	Time	Fee
016 S16 Dickens Prose Reading (Up to School Year 7) Award: Dickens Cup (with Class S17)	12 and younger	Up to 2 mins	£8.00
017 S17 Dickens Prose Reading (School years 8, 9 & 10) Award: Dickens Cup (with Class S16)	Between 13 and 15	Up to 2 mins	£9.00

NEWSREADER CLASSES

In pairs, performers are to read from their own prepared news bulletin on two or more topics of their choice, from the past, present or future e.g., local news, current affairs, sport celebrities etc.

Class	Age	Time	Fee
018 Paired Television News Readers (Up to School Year 7) Group of 2 people	12 and younger	Up to 2.5 mins	£16.00 per duo

Class	Age	Time	Fee
019 Paired Television News Readers (School years 8, 9 & 10) Group of 2 people	Between 13 and 15	Up to 2.5 mins	£18.00 per duo

STORY TELLING

Performers must compose and narrate their own story. Outline notes, using headings may be used but NOT READ.

Class	Age	Time	Fee
020 S20 Story Telling (Up to School Year 7) Award: Kelly's Directories Cup (with Class S21)	12 and younger	Up to 3 mins	£8.00
021 S21 Story Telling (School years 8, 9 & 10) Award: Kelly's Directories Cup (with Class S20)	Between 13 and 15	Up to 3 mins	£9.00

GROUP/CHORAL SPEAKING

Class	Age	Time	Fee
022 S22 Group/Choral Speaking (Up to School Year 7) Own Choice Group of a minimum of 4 people	12 and younger	Up to 3 mins	£25.00 per group
023 S23 Group/Choral Speaking (School years 8, 9 & 10) Own Choice Group of a minimum of 4 people	Between 13 and 15	Up to 3 mins	£30.00 per group

BIBLE READING

Own Choice of a passage using original wording, not a modern translation.

Class	Age	Time	Fee
024 S24 Bible Reading (Up to School Year 7) Award: Parklands Cup (with Class S25)	12 and younger	Up to 2 mins	£8.00
025 S25 Bible Reading (School years 8, 9 & 10) Award: Parklands Cup (with Class S24)	Between 13 and 18	Up to 2 mins	£9.00

ACCENT & DIALECT

Own Choice with a copy of the selection provided for the adjudicator. Only the accent or dialect will be adjudicated

Class	Age	Time	Fee
026 S26 Accent & Dialect Any Age	Any	Up to 2 mins	£9.00

POETRY COMPOSITION

Written Adjudication only
Competitors are invited to submit original verse
POEMS SHOULD BE UPLOADED BY 1st MARCH

Class	Age	Time	Fee
027 S27 Poetry Composition (Up to School Year 7)	12 and younger		£8.00
028 S28 Poetry Composition (School years 8, 9 & 10)	Between 13 and 18		£9.00
029 S29 Poetry Composition Adult	19 and older		£9.50

DRAMATIC SOLO

Own Choice
Suitability of material: We encourage a family audience and therefore "adult" or offensive material is not acceptable.

Class	Age	Time	Fee
030 DR1 Drama solo (Up to School Year 7)	12 and younger	Up to 3 mins	£8.00
031 DR2 Drama solo (School years 8, 9 & 10)	Between 13 and 15	Up to 3 mins	£9.00
032 DR3 Drama solo (School Years 11 & 12)	Between 16 and 18	Up to 4 mins	£9.50

DRAMATIC DUOLOGUE OR TRIOLOGUE

Own Choice

Class	Age	Time	Fee
033 DR4 Dramatic Duologue or Triologue (Up to School Year 7) Group of 2 to 3 people	12 and younger	Up to 6 mins	£16.00 per duo/trio
034 DR5 Dramatic Duologue or Triologue (School years 8, 9 & 10) Group of 2 to 3 people	Between 13 and 15	Up to 6 mins	£18.00 per duo/trio
035 DR6 Dramatic Duologue or Triologue (School Years 11 & 12) Group of 2 to 3 people	Between 16 and 18	Up to 8 mins	£19.00 per duo/trio

DRAMATIC SOLO FROM SHAKESPEARE

Own choice

Class	Age	Time	Fee
036 DR7 Shakespeare solo (School Year 7)	Age 11 and 12	Up to 4 mins	£8.00
037 DR8 Shakespeare solo (School years 8, 9 & 10) Award:	Between 13 and 15	Up to 4 mins	£9.00
038 DR9 Shakespeare solo (School Years 11 & 12) Award:	Between 16 and 18	Up to 4 mins	£9.50

DRAMATIC DUOLOGUE OR TRIOLOGUE FROM SHAKESPEARE

Own Choice

Class	Age	Time	Fee
039 DR10 Dramatic Duo or Triologue from Shakespeare (School Year 7) Group of 2 to 3 people	Age 11 and 12	Up to 6 mins	£16.00 per duo/trio
040 DR11 Dramatic Duo or Triologue from Shakespeare (School years 8, 9 & 10) Group of 2 to 3 people	Between 13 and 15	Up to 6 mins	£18.00 per duo/trio
041 DR12 Dramatic Duo or Triologue from Shakespeare (School Years 11 & 12) Group of 2 to 3 people	Between 16 and 18	Up to 6 mins	£19.00 per duo/trio

SOLO MIME

Own Choice. No costumes or properties allowed.

Class	Age	Time	Fee
042 DR13 Mime solo (Up to School Year 7) Award: Prebble Cup (with Class DR15)	12 and younger	Up to 2 mins	£8.00
043 DR14 Mime solo (School years 8, 9 & 10) Award: Renah Bennet Shield (with Class DR16)	Between 13 and 15	Up to 2 mins	£9.00

MIME DUOLOGUE

Class	Age	Time	Fee
044 DR15 Mime Duologue (Up to School Year 7) Group of 2 people	12 and younger	Up to 3 mins	£16.00 per duo
045 DR16 Mime Duologue (School years 8, 9 & 10) Group of 2 people	Between 13 and 15	Up to 3 mins	£18.00 per duo

GROUP MIME

Class	Age	Time	Fee
046 DR17 Group Mime (Up to School Year 7) Group of a minimum of 4 people	12 and younger	Up to 8 mins	£25.00 per group
047 DR18 Group Mime (School years 8, 9 & 10) Group of a minimum of 4 people	Between 13 and 15	Up to 10 mins	£30.00 per group

PAIRS IMPROVISATION

Theme supplied to each pair five minutes before performance

Class	Age	Time	Fee
048 DR19 Pairs Improvisation (School years 8, 9 & 10) Group of 2 people	Between 13 and 15	Up to 3 mins	£18.00 per duo
049 DR20 Pairs Improvisation (School Years 11 & 12) Group of 2 people	Between 16 and 18	Up to 4 mins	£19.00 per duo

GROUP IMPROVISATION

Theme supplied to each Group 15 minutes before performance

Class	Age	Time	Fee
050 DR21 Group Improvisation (School years 8, 9 & 10) Group of a minimum of 4 people	Between 13 and 15	Up to 5 mins	£30.00 per group
051 DR22 Group Improvisation (School Years 11 & 12) Group of a minimum of 4 people	Between 16 and 18	Up to 6 mins	£35.00 per group

OPEN CLASS

Class	Age	Time	Fee
052 DR23 Open Class (non competitive) Each group to develop a title of its own choice using any of the following: Verse speaking, Choral speaking, Improvisation, Mime or Drama. Music can be included either as background or as a vocal element in the presentation Group of a minimum of 4 people	Any	Up to 10 mins	£20.00 per group

VERSATILITY CUP CLASSES

Class	Age	Time	Fee
053 SDR1 Junior Versatility (Up to School Year 7) Award: Robin Easther Junior Theatre Cup 1. Own Choice of any Poem (Time Limit: 2 mins) 2. Drama/Mime solo - Own Choice, but different to that already performed (Time Limit: 3 mins) 3. Sight reading chosen by Adjudicator (Time Limit: 2 mins)	12 and younger	Up to 7 mins	£8.00

Class	Age	Time	Fee
054 SDR2 Senior Versatility (Up to School year 12) Award: Robin Easther Senior Theatre Cup 1. Own Choice of any Poem (Time Limit: 2 mins) 2. Drama/Mime solo - Own Choice, but different to that already performed (Time Limit: 3 mins) 3. Sight reading chosen by Adjudicator (Time Limit: 2 mins)	Between 13 and 18	Up to 7 mins	£9.00

Musical Theatre

This is a section to demonstrate both singing and acting skills.

Basic singing skills: including intonation, phrasing, correct breathing technique, right choice of song for voice;

Basic performance skills: including interpretation of song, characterization;

Basic movement skills: any movement must be relevant and meaningful. The performer will be expected to set the scene.

A copy of the lyrics should be provided for the adjudicator. Costume may be worn as well as use of appropriate props.

MUSICAL THEATRE SOLO

Class	Age	Time	Fee
055 MT1 Musical Theatre Solo (School Years 1-4) Own Choice	9 and younger	Up to 4 mins	£8.00
056 MT2 Musical Theatre Solo (School Years 5, 6 & 7) Own Choice	Between 10 and 12	Up to 4 mins	£8.00
057 MT3 Musical Theatre Solo (School years 8, 9 & 10) Own Choice	Between 13 and 15	Up to 4 mins	£9.00
058 MT4 Musical Theatre solo (School Years 11 & 12) Award: Ariel Theatre Shield (with Class MT8) Own Choice	Between 16 and 18	Up to 4 mins	£9.50

MUSICAL THEATRE DUO

Class	Age	Time	Fee
059 MT5 Musical Theatre Duo (School Years 1-4) Own Choice Group of 2 people	9 and younger	Up to 5 mins	£16.00 per duo

Class	Age	Time	Fee
060 MT6 Musical Theatre Duo (School Years 5,6 & 7) Own Choice Group of 2 people	Between 10 and 12	Up to 5 mins	£16.00 per duo
061 MT7 Musical Theatre Duo (School years 8, 9 & 10) Own Choice Group of 2 people	Between 13 and 15	Up to 5 mins	£18.00 per duo
062 MT8 Musical Theatre Duo (School Years 11 & 12) Award: Ariel Theatre Shield (with Class MT4) Own Choice Group of 2 people	Between 16 and 18	Up to 5 mins	£19.00 per duo