

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All competitions must be entered online.
2. Entry fees will not be refunded unless a competition is cancelled.
3. The closing date for entries is January 23rd 2026.
4. No entries will be accepted after this date.
5. The cut-off date for calculating age is the 16th of February 2026.
i.e. if the category is 12 Years and Under, the competitor must be 12 years of age or younger on the 16th of February 2026. For further clarification, please see the Age Limits Explained link.
6. Entries must be in accordance with the category requirements.
It is the responsibility of the entrant to check the relevant category requirements.

COMPETITIONS

7. Where there is a large entry for a given class, the competition will be divided into reasonable sizes, each being a separate competition.
8. Where a time limit applies, the adjudicator will time all competitors and will terminate any performance that exceeds the stated time limit.
9. Copies of music to be performed must be provided for the adjudicator. It is the responsibility of the performer to ensure that all copies used and provided comply with copyright laws and that appropriate permissions or licences have been obtained where required.

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10. The adjudicator's decision is final. Their decision cannot be appealed or discussed further.

11. Photography and recording are prohibited during any competition performance.

ACCOMPANISTS

12. Where an accompanist is required, all competitors must supply their own, as an official accompanist will not be available.

13. Backing tracks cannot be used as means of accompaniment.

MARKINGS

14. A minimum mark of 90 must be achieved to win first prize in any competition.

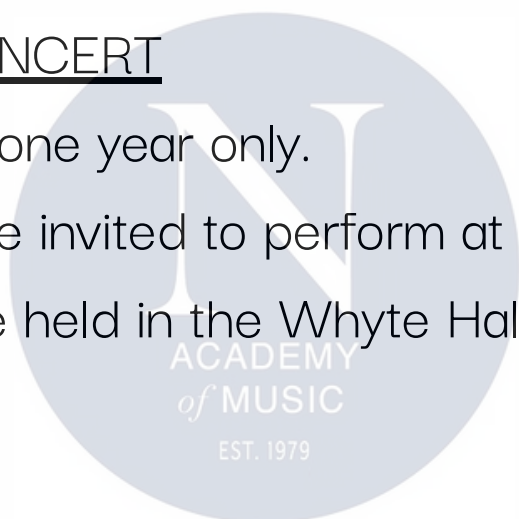
15. In some cases, a competition may take place with only one entrant. In this event, if the adjudicator awards the necessary mark required, the appropriate prize will be awarded.

PRIZES & GALA CONCERT

16. All cups/trophies will be held for one year only.

17. All Cup and Trophy winners will be invited to perform at the Gala Prizewinners' Concert, which will be held in the Whyte Hall, RIAM.

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18. In addition, a selection of winners from the string, wind, piano, and vocal categories will be invited to perform. These additional performers will be chosen by means of a random draw.

19. Gala Concert performers must select a piece that does not exceed the time limit specified for their competition category. For repertoire competitions, performers are required to choose only one movement to perform.

20. Gala concert performers must provide their own accompanist.

