

CHESTER YOUNG MUSICIANS OF THE YEAR

Chester Music Society is pleased to announce the Chester Young Musicians of the Year competition for 2016

Categories: the competition will be for three classes, all instrumentalists:

- Class 1: entrants up to and including age 12 who have achieved minimum grade 3
- Class 2: age 13 to 15, minimum grade 6
- Class 3: age 16 to 18; minimum grade 8

Entrants may submit any instrument of their choice (other than the organ).

The winners of each of the three classes will be further judged for the title of Chester Young Musician of the Year 2016.

Eligibility: Entrants must be resident within a 40 mile radius of Chester and have achieved the age stated on the date of the competition.

Recommendation: entrants must be recommended by their music teacher, whose details must appear on the application form

Competition Format: Each entrant will be required to perform a varied programme of their own choice, of which one piece must be performed from memory with duration: Class 3: 15 minutes; Classes 1 and 2 approximately 10 minutes.

Music: Copies (including photocopies) of music to be performed shall be supplied by the entrants free of charge for the use of the adjudicator.

Accompanists: Entrants are to provide their own accompanist (if required). If you are unable to find an accompanist Lauren Hibberd will be available on the day. Please contact her to arrange fees and rehearsal time:
laurenhibberd@hotmail.com

Awards will be made as follows:

1. For the winner of each class:
 - A cash prize of £100
2. For the overall winner and Young Musician of the Year:
 - A Trophy (to be retained for twelve months)
 - A cash prize of £250
3. For the winner and the runner up of each class:
 - A public performance organised by Chester Music Society at St Mary's Creative Space, Chester on 18 January 2017
(Participation in this concert is obligatory.)

Bursaries. Winners and runners up in Class 3, and the overall Young Musician, will be invited to apply for one of the two Music Society Bursaries, each worth £500. These will be awarded at the Society's discretion to applicants who show outstanding promise and undertake to use them to advance the applicant's college musical education.

Competition Venue: The King's School, Wrexham Road, Chester CH4 7QQ

Date and Time: Sunday 13 November 2016.

Registration from 09.30. Competition to begin at 10.00. Entrants may express a preference for a morning or afternoon performance, but the organisers can give no guarantee. Entrants will be advised of their start time in advance.

Closing Date for entries: Friday 28 October 2016. Not later than Friday 4 November entrants must also submit – either by post or email – a brief biography and a schedule of the music to be performed. (Copies of the actual scores for the use of the adjudicator may be brought on the day of the competition.)

Adjudication: The competition will be judged by local musician and conductor Richard Howarth. The Adjudicator's decision shall be final. The organisers will not enter into correspondence concerning the outcome of the competition.

Public Admission: The competition on 13 November 2016 and the concert performance on 18 January 2017 will be open to the public. Admission to either event: £5.

You may download the application form from our web site:

www.chestermusicsociety.org.uk

Please post the form,
with your application fee, to:
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