

## CHESTER YOUNG MUSICIANS OF THE YEAR

**Chester Music Society** is pleased to announce the Chester Young Musicians of the Year competition for 2017

**Categories:** the competition will be open to instrumentalists in three classes:

- 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 2017.

**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. 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 do not know an accompanist, Lauren Turner, an experienced accompanist, will be available on the day. Please contact her in good time to arrange rehearsal, fees and repertoire: [Laurenacturner@hotmail.com](mailto:Laurenacturner@hotmail.com) or 07742 587372.

**Adjudication:** The competition will be judged by local musician and conductor Simon Mercer: [www.simonmercer.org.uk](http://www.simonmercer.org.uk) The Adjudicator's decision shall be final. The organisers will not enter into correspondence concerning the outcome of the competition.

**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:

- An additional cash prize of £250

- A Trophy (to be retained for twelve months)

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 17 January 2018  
(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.

**Venue:** The Competition will be held at the King's School, Wrexham Road, Chester CH4 7QQ

**Date and Time:** Sunday 12 November 2017.

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 27 October 2017. Not later than Friday 3 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.)

**In the event** that the competition is over-subscribed your name may be added to the waiting list and you will be advised if a place becomes available.

**Public Admission:** The competition on 12 November 2017 and the concert performance on 17 January 2018 will be open to the public. Admission to either event: £5.

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

Chester Music Society  
10 Holbein Close  
Chester CH4 7EU

For more information  
Telephone 01244 678589  
or email  
[davidwoods2310@aol.com](mailto:davidwoods2310@aol.com)

## Application form

Name.....

Address.....

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.....Postcode.....

Email.....

Telephone.....

Date of birth.....

*(dd/mm/yyyy)*

Instrument.....

Class being entered

Current grade attained

My preferred start time would be: Morning / Afternoon

School attended.....

Applicant's Teacher:

Name.....

Address.....

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.....Postcode.....

Telephone.....

I enclose my application fee of £10

*(cheques to be made payable to Chester Music Society)*

I agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of the Competition as set out herein

Signed.....

Date.....

You may use this form, or a photocopy,  
or download the form from our web site:  
[www.chestermusicsociety.org.uk](http://www.chestermusicsociety.org.uk)

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