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VIRTUAL COMPETITION

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PLEASE NOTE THIS YEAR THE EVENT IS A VIRTUAL COMPETITION.

Introduction

The Rotary Young Musician Competition is a well-organised, established and successful competition promoted by Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland (Rotary GBI).

Due to the Coronavirus this year there will only be a THURROCK competition. It will be a virtual competition and submission of entries will be online. Full details are given below.

The competition is open to all levels, grades and styles of young instrumentalists and vocalists. The organisers particularly would welcome entrants from modern genres.

Aims and Objectives

The competition aims to offer young people:

- the experience of performing on a virtual stage
- an opportunity to showcase their musical talent

Who can take part?

The competition is open to all schools and college communities, including those that are home educated and any other young peoples' community organisations, for example, Scout Groups, Girl Guides.

All students (amateur) should be in full time education up to the age of 17 on 31st August 2020

Students attending schools and community organisations in the Borough of Thurrock, or who live in the Borough of Thurrock, should enter the competition organised by the 'Rotary Club of Gray's Thurrock', through their respective group as detailed above using the entry form at the end of this document.

Please note this competition is intended for amateurs; for the purpose of the competition, an amateur is considered to be a person whose main source of income is not made from musical performances, although there may be occasions when the receipt of occasional out of pocket expenses or prizes may be received. The competition is **not open to full time students of music or performing arts**, studying for a qualification above A Level or equivalent.

There are two categories in the competition:

- solo instrumental
- solo vocal

Competition

The competition is organised by the Rotary Club of Gray's Thurrock in partnership with Thurrock Music Services and the Gateway Learning Community Trust.

This is an online competition and the video containing the results will be released on 8th January 2021

Competition Guidelines

Format

This is a competition at which competitors are judged within the context of a live performance. Competitors perform a selection of works of their own choice.

Competitors entering for this local competition will be placed in one of the following classes:

Beginner – Grade 0 – Grade 3 standard

Intermediate – Grade 4 – Grade 5 standard

Advanced – Grade 5 - Diploma standard

Please note: Competitors do not need to have passed a grade exam to enter but they do need to indicate the standard they are playing at. Their instrumental teacher can offer advice on this.

Competitors are required to perform **one** piece of music lasting no longer than 5 minutes.

Competitors should record their entry and submit it via the email. They may perform from memory or from music at any stage. In the case of vocal candidates, it should be remembered that part of the assessment of the performance concerns communication with the audience and performing from a copy of music may prevent candidates from achieving this criterion to the fullest extent. Instrumentalists can choose to play an accompanied piece (with piano) or an unaccompanied piece.

Competitors should be accompanied by a single instrument in sympathy with the performance; vocalists may accompany themselves. In the case of vocal, guitar and percussion candidates only, CD backing tracks are permissible. However, the backing track must not contain the part being performed by the competitor; in such cases where the backing track does contain the part being performed by the competitor, the judges will not mark such performances. It is not the responsibility of the organiser to source backing tracks.

There may be occasions when the context of a performance does not require an accompaniment e.g. in the context of traditional folksongs or music written expressly for solo instrumental performance such as J. S. Bach's Cellos Suites or Debussy's 'Syrinx' for solo flute. In such cases, candidates would not be expected to 'manufacture' an accompaniment never intended by the composer. We will not be arranging or supplying any accompanist this year.

It should be noted that competitors offering solo piano do not require an accompaniment. Competitors offering solo piano should not have any other instrument playing. This would make the performing ensemble a duo, trio, quartet etc. and would not satisfy the competition criteria of 'solo instrumental performance'.

Adjudicators

An adjudicator with the appropriate skills will be appointed by the Thurrock Music Service.

The adjudicator will judge each performance according to:

- Melodic & rhythmic accuracy
- Intonation
- Tempo & flow
- Tone
- Mood and character
- The appropriateness of the programme
- The holistic view of the performance on the day

The **adjudicators will not enter into any discussion or correspondence regarding their decision.**
The decision of the adjudicator will be final and not subject to any appeal.

Prizes

At all stages of the competition, competitors will receive a certificate of participation.

After the judges have determined the result of the competition, the judge will comment on their observations before announcing the results.

There will be an instrumental and a vocal winner for each class (Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced)

How to enter this local heat

Entrants need to complete an entry form (included at the end of this document) and submit it to the stage organiser via email: musician@rotaryclubofgraysthurrock.co.uk together with their video entry. All pieces must be submitted online in **MOV or MP4** format only. No other format can be accepted. Where the file is too large to email you will need to send it via WeTransfer. A confirmation email will be sent upon receipt of an entry.

The closing date for submission is midnight Friday 11th December

Competition Procedure

Submission

Competitors can opt to provide a copy of the score for the adjudicator (via email in word, a scanned copy or a photo). It should be noted that competitors playing guitar must submit copies in staff notation: tablature is not an acceptable alternative, although competitors may play from tablature.

Photocopies of music published as individual pieces will not be permitted unless competitors can provide written permission from the publishers. ***Any competitor performing from photocopied music will be disqualified from the competition.***

Photocopies of music not published as individual pieces but, in an anthology, will be accepted provided the competitor has a copy of the original publication. All photocopies will be retained and destroyed by the organiser immediately after the event.

If there are any variations to or extemporisation in the competitors' parts, they must be clearly marked in the copies for the adjudicators. Any extemporisation of 20% or more is likely to affect the adjudicators' assessment.

Cuts to the accompaniment should be avoided. However, cuts are permissible to edit long introductions or long passages in the accompaniment where the competitor is not involved. Any cuts to the music must be clearly marked in the copies for the adjudicators.

Performance

The video submission (**in MOV or MP4 format**) will be passed to our technical area and a video recording of all the entrants will be produced. Access to this file will be made available to all participants in each section.

Competitors must introduce their performance piece. You must announce your name as well as the piece you are about to present.

In the instrumental category, except for percussion, competitors should play only one type of instrument. Percussionists may combine tuned and untuned percussion in their performance, but this is not compulsory.

Vocal competitors should select songs suitable for a family audience, giving due consideration to the appropriateness of the lyrics.

The time for competitors' performance should not exceed 5 minutes. The timing should begin when the competitor first begins to play. A performance which exceeds the stipulated time by more than one minute will be disqualified.

Results

The video of the competition, including the judge's results, will be available on 8th January and a link to this video will be sent directly to competitors prior to its release.



Rotary Youth Competitions

The Young Artist competition is one of several competitions for young people organised by the Rotary Club of Gray's Thurrock. These are: Young Chef, Youth Debate, Young Environmental Project, Young Filmmaker, Young Musician, Young Photographer, Young Writer, Young Citizen Awards, the Technology Tournaments and Primary Athletics.

PLEASE NOTE.

Covid 19 regulations have prevented us from organising many of our activities. To find out more about these competitions and other opportunities for young people across Thurrock go to www.graysthurrockrotary.org.uk or www.facebook.com/groups/grays.thurrock.rotary.youth

Working with Children

Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland has adopted this statement of policy in working with children, the vulnerable and those with disability:

The needs and rights of the child, the elderly, the vulnerable and those with disability take priority. It is the duty of every Rotarian to safeguard to the best of their ability, the welfare of and prevent the physical, sexual or emotional abuse and neglect of all children, the elderly, persons with disability or otherwise vulnerable persons with whom they come into contact during their Rotarian duties.

Entry Form 2019/2020

Please read the Rotary Young Musician Information Pack (above) before completing this form. By signing this form, you confirm you have read, understood and agreed to the contents of the Information Pack and Privacy Notice (page 8) below. **Please complete an entry form and submit it to the stage organiser, by midnight Friday 11th December. Please email to: musician@rotaryclubofgraysthurrock.co.uk**

Entrant's Name: (please type or use CAPITAL letters)	Age on 31 st Aug 2020:
School/College/Organisation:	
Entry Level: Please put X in box below Beginner <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/>	
Please tick category being entered: Instrumental <input type="checkbox"/> Vocal <input type="checkbox"/>	Professed Instrument: (if instrumental)
Title of piece to be performed:	Composer:

Parent/Guardian Contact Details

(only to be completed by Parent/Guardian if Entrant is a minor, under the age of 18 years of age at the time of signing this form)

Parent/Guardian's Email:	Parent/Guardian's Tel No:
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Rotary Details

Sponsored by: The Rotary Club of Grays Thurrock	Rotary District: 1240
Rotarian Contact Name: Nicholas Wilkinson	Email: musician@rotaryclubofgraysthurrock.co.uk
Competition Stage	Local / Club

Entrants under the age of 18 when this form is completed, must get a parent/guardian signature to give permission for the following: -

- For the named Entrant to take part and be identified in the competition.
- For the information on this form to be used and shared in accordance with the Privacy Notice with appropriate competition organisers at each stage.
- For Rotary, District or Club Public Relations Officers to make contact with the parent/guardian/entrant (where over 18 years of age) to discuss public relations opportunities.

By signing this form, you are also acknowledging that you have read and agree to the Privacy Notices referred to below in respect of the use of personal information. In addition, you agree for photographic/video records to be taken and used by the Rotary Club of Gray's Thurrock for publicity purposes in printed, electronic, and online formats. By submitting a video performance, you are giving permission for the video to be used in the public domain.

*Parent/Guardian (Print Name):	**Signature:	Date:
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**delete as appropriate*

***Entrant may only sign this form if they are 18 years of age on the date the Entry Form is signed*

Privacy Notice – Youth Competitions

[For the purpose of this privacy notice, Rotary International in Great Britain & Ireland (RIBI) also includes Rotary clubs and districts and their members. The use of the term ‘you’, ‘your’ also means that of your child where the competition Entrant is a minor, i.e. under the age of 18 years].

Members of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland (“we”) value the trust you put in us to process your personal information and will always be open and honest about the information we collect and how we will use it. We will never do anything with your personal information that you wouldn’t reasonably expect us to in relation to the Youth Competitions and we will always take every effort to protect your privacy.

The RIBI Privacy Notice is available on our website, www.graysthurrockrotary.org.uk and explains how we collect, process and share personal information. This ‘Privacy Notice – Youth Competitions’ is supplementary to the general RIBI Privacy Notice and explains in more detail how you can expect your personal information to be specifically used in relation to the Youth Competition events.

How we use your personal information for Youth Competitions

1. We are collecting your personal information (and that of your child if a minor) for the organisation and administration of the youth competitions only, it will not be used for any other purpose.
2. Club, District or Rotary Public Relations Officers may use your personal information to make contact with you to discuss public relation opportunities and will gain your specific consent at that time for the use of your information, such as photographs/interviews for newspaper articles, club or district websites etc. Where the entrant is a minor only the parent/guardian will be contacted.

Providing your personal information to others for Youth Competitions

3. The personal information will only be shared with others that require it for their role/the services they provide for the organisation and administration of the youth competition events. Initially, this will be at club level competitions.
4. Depending on the Youth Competition, it may be necessary to share some of your information with third parties such as providers of venue hire and catering services. Under such circumstances only the minimum amount of information for the third-party service will be provided, i.e. for caterers, only the name and allergy/special dietary requirement will be disclosed, no other information.
5. Those individuals and organisations that have access to the personal information are also bound by the RIBI Privacy Notice.

Retaining and deleting your personal information

6. All reasonable steps will be taken by those concerned to ensure the personal information they have access to is kept securely and will not be shared with anyone who does not have a legitimate reason to have access to it in relation to the organisation and administration of the competitions.
7. For all youth competitions, personal information will be kept on file for 3 months after the date of the National Final for that specific competition. After this date, the information will be securely destroyed (either by shredding, incineration or deletion from electronic devices) at club, district and national level. This timeframe is necessary to allow for any disputes to be settled before the personal information is destroyed.

By signing the front of this form, you are acknowledging that you have read and agree to the Privacy Notices in respect of the use of personal information for yourself (and your child, where applicable).