

Ballymena Festival of Music, Speech and Dance

Speech and Drama

Thu 22nd February, Fri 23rd February, Sat 24th February, Mon 26th February, Tue 27th February, Wed 28th February, Thu 29th February, Fri 1st March, Sat 2nd March

No recordings or photographs to be taken in the performing area

Adjudicator

Shelley Lowry

Shelley Lowry has been involved in the festival movement since she was four years old. As a shy child, her mother decided to enlist the help of a qualified speech and drama teacher. Having gained confidence through participation in festivals, Shelley went on to win several Northern Ireland Public Speaking Competitions, and successfully landed a role in the critically acclaimed Ulster Youth Theatre. Shelley gained a Bachelor of Arts degree with Honours from Manchester Metropolitan University. After graduating she moved to London and pursued a career in television production, working for the BBC. She returned to Northern Ireland in 2002 and established a school of speech, drama, communication and musical theatre. Shelley has worked as a musical theatre director and delivers drama workshops to schools and theatre groups. She provides communication skills training to adults and for young people with learning difficulties. Shelley has presented several corporate training videos and provided voice-over for televised documentaries. Her students regularly participate in major film and television productions and some have landed roles which enabled them to share the screen with the biggest names in the film industry. Shelley regards festivals as an ideal performance training ground, an invaluable educational resource and personal development platform. This will be her first time to adjudicate in Ballymena, although she did spend some time with us during her training to become an adjudicator. She looks forward to being in Ballymena in 2024.

Thu 22nd February. Venue: Arts Workshop

Adjudicator: Shelley Lowry

09:30 619A SS15 Girls P1

Set test: 'Don't cry, Caterpillar' by Grace Nichols' Book A, page 190

Award: FIRST PRIZE: MINIATURE CUP

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| 1 Izzy McNickle | 9 Lily Doyle |
| 2 Caitlin Doran | 10 Aoibhe Townsend |
| 3 Malliadh McDermott | 11 Rosa Scullion |
| 4 Cara O'Dornan | 12 Grace Dougan |
| 5 Ceala O'Boyle | 13 Amelia Magee |
| 6 Sue Alvarez | 14 Annalise Martin-O'Connell |
| 7 Lila Kelly | 15 Ivy McKenna-Horsfall |
| 8 Sofia Rosca | 16 Niamh Chappell |

11:30 619B SS15 Girls P1

Set test: 'Don't cry, Caterpillar' by Grace Nichols' Book A, page 190

Award: FIRST PRIZE: MINIATURE CUP

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| 1 Molly McAteer | 9 Sophie O'Neill |
| 2 Savannah Fern Simpson | 10 Maria Grancea |
| 3 Nuala Rose Scullion | 11 Cara Buick |

4 Ellie McAuley	12 Emmie McCoy
5 Fallon -Rose Conway	13 Sophia Mitrea
6 Luna O'Kane	14 Nina Crozier
7 Marie Murphy	15 Carmen Hayes
8 Grace Hart	16 Niamh Savage

14:00 **623** **SS17 Girls P2**

Set test: 'B, beautiful B' by Judith Nicholls: Book B, page 46

Award: FIRST PRIZE: MINIATURE CUP

1 Alexa Scullion	12 Brea O'boyle
2 Otilia Iftime Bozo	13 Sofia Heaney
3 Elizabeth McSorley	14 Sophie Vasile
4 Ariana Urda	15 Lottie Gault
5 Arianna Moga	16 Thea Hudson
6 Déarbhla Maguire	17 Julia Lacatus
7 Sarah Cosmescu	18 Eimear McGarry
8 Clara Beckett	19 Georgia Murphy
9 Aoibhinn Hamill	20 Chloe O'Neill
10 Sofia Stefan	21 Lilianna Szymanik
11 Krisiya Koleva	

15:30 **675** **SC68 TV news reading 10-12 years**

3 mins

Award: FIRST PRIZE: FESTIVAL BADGE

1 Luke Cushenan	4 Joseph Hawksford
2 Joseph Scullion	5 Eva Rafferty
3 Aoife Doherty	6 Ciaran O'Neill

16:01 **677** **SC70 Informative Speech, 10-12 years**

2 mins

Award: FIRST PRIZE: FESTIVAL BADGE

1 Ciaran O'Neill	4 Joseph Scullion
2 Eva Rafferty	5 Luke Cushenan
3 Joseph Hawksford	6 Aoife Doherty

Fri 23rd February. Venue: Arts Workshop

Adjudicator: Shelley Lowry

09:30 620A SS16 Boys P1

Set test: 'My puppy' by Aileen Fisher: Book A, page 68

Award: FIRST PRIZE MINIATURE CUP

1 Cathal McNeilly	9 Oliver Sarbu
2 Gabriel Dunga	10 Ben Patterson
3 Peter Crozier	11 Frank McSorley
4 Oliver McLernon	12 Isaac Strange
5 Lonan Wilson	13 Patrick Martinescu
6 Leo Hanley	14 James Hilditch
7 Roan Fusco	15 Eduard Bichinet
8 Adrians Zelcs	16 Rhys Montgomery

11:30 620B SS16 Boys P1

Set test: 'My puppy' by Aileen Fisher: Book A, page 68

Award: FIRST PRIZE MINIATURE CUP

1 Mark Holmes	9 Alex McAuley
2 Klaus Corodi	10 Jathniel Owolabi
3 Ollie McManus	11 Danny McTaggart
4 Joseph McAuley	12 Eric Pop
5 John Lavery	13 Thomas Connelly
6 Ronan McStay	14 Aodhan Magill
7 Owen Andrews	15 David Baronescu
8 Thomas Padgett	

14:00 624 SS18 Boys P2

Set test: 'Snowball' by Shel Silverstein: Book A, page 438

Award: FIRST PRIZE: MINIATURE CUP

1 Beau Ashman	13 Caleb Devenny
2 Eoin McCorley	14 Fionntan Goodall
3 Lucas Carronda	15 Darragh McLaughlin
4 Caelan McKay	16 Darragh Devlin
5 Ayush Sharun	17 Oliver Logan
6 Reuben Ennis-McManus	18 Lorcan Totten
7 Padhraic Maguire	19 Paidi Hefrron
8 Logan Williamson	20 Micah Mullan
9 Charlie King	21 Cahir O'Neill
10 Archer Meban-Coulter	22 Conall Hau
11 Dylan Moran	23 Zach Macrory
12 Oliver Deane	

15:30 606 SP1 Prepared prose, boys and girls 9 years and under

2 mins

Award: FIRST PRIZE: FESTIVAL BADGE

1 Elizabeth Crowe	4 Lorcan Clarke
2 Elena Clarke	5 Kate Nestorenko
3 Grace Keenan	

15:51 610 SP5 Memorised prose, boys and girls 9 years and under 2 mins

Award: FIRST PRIZE: FESTIVAL BADGE

1 Odhran Kelly

5 Lorcan Clarke

2 Elena Clarke

6 Leo Logan

3 Georgia McCann

7 Catherine Thompson

4 Grace Keenan

8 Sam Steele

Sat 24th February. Venue: Arts Workshop

Adjudicator: Shelley Lowry

09:30 640 SV31 Girls and Boys under 6 years

Set test: 'The Seaside' by Jo Peters: Book B, page 43

Award: FIRST PRIZE: Miniature Cup

1 Se McVeigh	5 Ronan McGarry
2 Oisin Mullan	6 James Brush
3 Aoibhin McVeigh	7 Archie Hood
4 Jonathan King	

09:52 641 SV32 Girls 6 and 7 years

Set test: 'Sounds' by Irene Rawnsley: Book B page 170

Award: FIRST PRIZE: Miniature Cup

1 Maya Mullan	6 Aoife Mullan
2 Elena Clarke	7 Eliza Hilliard
3 Catherine Thompson	8 Emma Madden
4 Cara McCann	9 Susannah Nevin
5 Matilda Hoey	

10:20 642 SV33 Boys 6 and 7 years

Set test: 'Song of the Kite' by Judith Nicholls: Book B, page 43

Award: FIRST PRIZE: Miniature trophy

1 Daniel Mahany	3 James King
2 Leo Logan	

11:30 646 SV37 Boys 8 and 9 years

Set test: 'Autumn' by Adrian Henri: Book A, page 312

Award: FIRST PRIZE: Miniature Cup

1 Lorcan Clarke	4 Odhran Kelly
2 Samuel McGeagh	5 Jamie Butler
3 Sam Steele	

11:46 645 SV36 Girls 8 and 9 years:

Set test: 'Overheard on a saltmarsh' by Harold Monro: Book A, page 212

Award: FIRST PRIZE: Miniature Cup

1 Lena O'Kane	8 Elizabeth Crowe
2 Keavy Dillon	9 Eireann Rose Collins
3 Harriet Wilson	10 Eva Madden
4 Kate Nestorenko	11 Éabha McCann
5 Grace Keenan	12 Eilíacs Lavery
6 Eadaoin McCloy	13 Caoimhe Fitzsimons
7 Georgia McCann	

Mon 26th February. Venue: Arts Workshop

Adjudicator: Shelley Lowry

09:30 625A SS19 Girls P3

Set test: 'Sounds like magic' by Celia Warren: Book B, page 170

Award: FIRST PRIZE; MINIATURE CUP

1 Clíodhna-Rose Gribben	10 Ceola McKeever
2 Saathvika Aneesh	11 Amelia King
3 Lara O'Neill	12 Kaliesa Green
4 Fiadh Shannon	13 Emily Burnett
5 Sophie Coyle	14 Fionnuala Higgins
6 Molly McAleese	15 Sophie McCartney
7 Hanna Rajczyk	16 Indie Devenny
8 Emma McFadden	17 Caoimhe Doran
9 Grace Wilkinson	18 Amelia Hanif

11:30 625B SS19 Girls P3

Set test: 'Sounds like magic' by Celia Warren: Book B, page 170

Award: FIRST PRIZE; MINIATURE CUP

1 Caoimhe Boyd	10 Joanna Lijo
2 Fiadh O'Loughlin	11 Eimear Heffron
3 Alana Owens	12 Annie Maguire
4 Aoife Kennedy	13 Eabha Logan
5 Clara Kearney	14 Aoife Darcy
6 Regina Kistruga	15 Sofia Dovbyk
7 Aaliyah Lynn	16 Clara O'Reilly
8 Anna McNeilly	17 Mia Devenny
9 Isla Roddy	18 Alyssa Ilalokhoin

14:00 626 SS20 Boys P3

Set test: 'Penguins on ice' by Celia Warren: Book B, page 49

Award: FIRST PRIZE: MINIATURE CUP

1 Theo McLaughlin	14 Oisín McLaughlin
2 Abel Kanakkattu	15 Louis O'Neill
3 Caolan Cudden	16 Joshua McKenna
4 Liam Liddy	17 Freddie Adair
5 Mark McAuley	18 Carter Brett
6 Ezra McAllister	19 Louis Buick
7 Cezar Sarbu	20 Kacper Kopczynski
8 Fintan Mooney	21 Luke Tumelty
9 Cillian Kelly	22 Caoimhin Malone
10 Patrick Kerr	23 Daniel Hart
11 Harry Hasson	24 Faolan McDermott
12 Ciaran Kelly	25 Harry Crutchley
13 Conor Kelly	26 Cillian Duffin

15:30 607 SP2 Prepared prose, boys and girls 10 and 11 years

2 mins

Award: FIRST PRIZE: FESTIVAL BADGE

1 Tiernan Lavery	2 Megan Hood
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15:39	608	SP3 Prepared prose, boys and girls 12 and 13 years	3 mins
Award: FIRST PRIZE: FESTIVAL BADGE			
1 Lucy Cumberland			
15:45	611	SP6 Memorised prose, boys and girls 10 and 11 years	3 mins
Award: FIRST PRIZE: FESTIVAL BADGE			
1 Naoisha Kelly		3 Aaron Waide	
2 Clara Rea		4 Megan Hood	
16:06	612	SP7 Memorised prose, boys and girls 12 and 13 years	3 mins
Award: FIRST PRIZE: FESTIVAL BADGE			
1 Eabha Kelly			
16:12	613	SP8 Memorised prose, boys and girls 14 years and over	3 mins
Award: FIRST PRIZE: FESTIVAL BADGE			
1 Philippa Cummings			

Tue 27th February. Venue: Arts Workshop

Adjudicator: Shelley Lowry

09:30 627A SS21 Girls P4

Set test: 'Old Mr McGuire' by Brian Patten: Book A, page 429

Award: FIRST PRIZE: Miniature Cup

1 Georgia Mackle	12 Eva Marie Boyle
2 Cora Dillon	13 Mia Charzewska
3 Cora MacLeod	14 Ciara Neeson
4 Shay Doyle	15 Ivania Tijo
5 Aine O'Connor	16 Olivia Gribbin
6 Eithne O'Loan	17 Amelia Browne
7 Natalia Cucu	18 Sarah Killough
8 Kitty Adair	19 Naomi Strange
9 Aoife Ward	20 Aisling McGill
10 Rosa Murphy	21 Isla Tumelty
11 Cara Dougan	

11:30 627B SS21 Girls P4

Set test: 'Old Mr McGuire' by Brian Patten: Book A, page 429

Award: FIRST PRIZE: Miniature Cup

1 Chloe Patterson	11 Eden-Rose O'Lone
2 Frankie Booth	12 Emily Grace Rowan
3 Mya McAleese	13 Erin McAuley
4 Nia Zmitriate	14 Lauren Fisher
5 Laura Petrak	15 Amelia Gorska
6 Eva Power	16 Jessica McIlmunn
7 Bianca Januszkiewicz	17 Aine McShane
8 Makena Goodall	18 Sophia McGaughey
9 Annie Scullion	19 Ella Woods
10 Aurora Jennings	20 Gracie Kennedy

14:00 628 SS22 Boys P4

Set test: 'The Morning rush' by John Foster: Book B, page 18

Award: FIRST PRIZE: Miniature Cup

1 Caolan McLoughney	13 Vinny Johnston
2 Joshua Duddy	14 Jack Beagan
3 Jacob Adair	15 Alex Neagu
4 Sean McCurdy	16 Noah Tumelty
5 Conleth Mloran	17 Davin Kerr
6 Daniel McNeilly	18 Sean Neeson
7 Dominic Pasinski	19 Austin Worthington
8 Kieron Cushenan	20 Oisin Moran
9 Ollie O'Kane	21 Conall McStay
10 Blaise O'Neill	22 Niall Logan
11 Joseph Gardner	23 Eamonn Scullion
12 Oisin Goodall	

15:30 659 SQ50 Quick Study, 9 and 10 years

Award: FIRST PRIZE: MINIATURE SHIELD and badge

1 Tiernan Lavery

4 Grace Keenan

2 Sam Steele

5 Georgia McCann

3 Odhran Kelly

15:46 660 SQ51 Quick Study, 11 and 12 years

Award: FIRST PRIZE: MINIATURE SHIELD and badge

1 Naoisha Kelly

2 Megan Hood

15:53 661 SQ52 Quick Study, 13 and 14 years

Award: FIRST PRIZE: MINIATURE SHIELD and badge

1 Lucy Cumberland

15:57 662 SQ53 Quick Study 15 to 18 years

Award: FIRST PRIZE: MINIATURE SHIELD and badge

1 Sophie Cumberland

Wed 28th February. Venues: Arts Workshop, Main Theatre Braid Arts Centre

Adjudicator: Shelley Lowry

Venue: Arts Workshop

14:00 639 SS31 Prepared reading

3 mins

Set test: Own choice

Award: The winner will receive 'The Elizabeth McCann award' of a £50 book token to be used to purchase books for the school library. Elizabeth McCann was a Festival volunteer who loved reading.

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| 1 Lola McKee | 8 Katie O'Connor |
| 2 Macy Stewart | 9 Michael McGale |
| 3 Oisín Heffron | 10 Anna Hilditch |
| 4 Isla Martin | 11 Erin Kinghan |
| 5 Kaitlyn McAteer | 12 Lauren Mitchell |
| 6 Holly Henry | 13 Charlie Harrison |
| 7 Frankie Donnelly | 14 Akvile Bespalovaite |

Venue: Main Theatre Braid Arts Centre

09:30 634 SS26 Boys P6

Set test: 'Counting the stars' by Ian McMillan: Book B, page 78

Award: FIRST PRIZE: Miniature Cup

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| 1 Michael McAuley | 10 Bobby Campbell |
| 2 Mason McGaughey | 11 Dylan Drain |
| 3 Fintan McCoy | 12 Carson Magee |
| 4 Conan Goodall | 13 Zack McManus |
| 5 Liam O'Neill | 14 Ronan Hamill |
| 6 Kieran O'Loan | 15 Daniel Kelly |
| 7 Lwandile Ncube | 16 Alex Gardner |
| 8 Adam Wright | 17 Daire Kelly |
| 9 Carl Donelan | 18 Aodhan Graham |

11:30 637 SS29 Choral Speaking: P1, P2, P3, not fewer than 10 voices

Set test: 'The Duck' by Ogden Nash: Book A, page 4

Award: FIRST PRIZE: FESTIVAL CHALLENGE CUP AND A FESTIVAL AWARD OF £75

- 1 St Brigid's Primary 3 Choral Poem

11:34 638 SS30 Choral Speaking: P4, P5, P6, P7, not fewer than 10 voices

Set test: 'The Furry Ones' by Aileen Fisher: Book A page 424

Award: FIRST PRIZE: THE MRS. J. McSPADDEN CHALLENGE CUP AND A FESTIVAL AWARD OF £75

- 1 St. Colmcille's P.S. Grp A
2 St Brigid's Primary 7 Choral Poem
3 St. Colmcille's P.S. Grp B

Thu 29th February. Venue: Arts Workshop

Adjudicator: Shelley Lowry

09:30 **629** **SS23 Girls P5**

Set test: 'Wings' by Pie Corbett: Book B, page 168

Award: FIRST PRIZE: Miniature Cup

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| 1 Brona Kearney | 17 Evie Donnelly |
| 2 Lana Williamson | 18 Éabha McCorley |
| 3 Cara Mussen | 19 Lucy Campbell |
| 4 Alayna McIlmunn | 20 Georgie Scullion |
| 5 Catherine Palmer | 21 Freya Heaney |
| 6 Rebecca Wilson | 22 Holly O'Neill |
| 7 Niamh McErlean | 23 Emme Graham |
| 8 Aoibhin O'Mullan | 24 Mila Fusco |
| 9 Lucy O'Hara | 25 Mya Kate Doyle Bell |
| 10 Maria Kelly | 26 Rachel Furtuna |
| 11 Ava Rose Fox | 27 Marika Szczesna |
| 12 Grace Heffron | 28 Maia Heaney |
| 13 Lexi Taylor | 29 Amy Nguyen |
| 14 Beth Ford | 30 Orlaith McShane |
| 15 Allie McAdam | 31 Saorla Heffron |
| 16 Laura Mullan | |

11:00 **Break**

11:30 **630** **SS24 Boys P5**

Set test: 'The Owl and the Astronaut' by Gareth Owen: Book A, page 138

Award: FIRST PRIZE: Miniature Cup

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| 1 Pedar Magill | 13 Thomas Bolton |
| 2 Tomas Puckorius | 14 Callum O'Boyle |
| 3 Julian Szulc | 15 Aodhan Mullan |
| 4 Jerry Ming Lui | 16 Tiernan Letters |
| 5 Rory McLaughlin | 17 Oran O'Reilly |
| 6 Dermot Scullion | 18 Oscar Fagan |
| 7 Yordan Kolev | 19 Caoimhin McStay |
| 8 Sonny Stevenson | 20 John McAuley |
| 9 Jude Lindsay | 21 Joseph Kelly |
| 10 Ethan Mullan | 22 Hugo Smyth |
| 11 Gabriel McQuillan | 23 Jaxzon Law |
| 12 Michael-Paul Scullion | 24 Joel McKenna |

13:00 **Lunch**

14:00 **633** **SS25 Girls P6**

Set test: 'I asked the little boy who cannot see' by Anonymous, Book A, page 88

Award: FIRST PRIZE: Miniature Cup

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| 1 Emily McErlean | 18 Amelie Agnew |
| 2 Eimhear Magill | 19 Annie Staples |
| 3 Sophie Zilizi | 20 Grace Campbell |
| 4 Cliodhna Keenan | 21 Connie McGavock |

5 Farrah Johnston
6 Mihika Rangari
7 Lauren Mitchell
8 Emma McNeilly
9 Gabrielle Butler
10 Cara Mulholland
11 Ella Olphert
12 Meja Lukauskaite
13 Nevaeh McDonagh
14 Belle Hudson
15 Anna Hilditch
16 Katie Hurrell
17 Aoife Magill

22 Olivia O'Neill
23 Aleksandra Nerka
24 Daniella Dumba
25 Cacie Angel Wilson
26 Maria Dorrity
27 Ava Gribbin
28 Josephine McKay-Dunne
29 Sienna Smyth
30 Clodagh McTaggart
31 Aoibh Dowds
32 Swara Surve
33 Anna Scullion
34 Mary Ella Mullan

Fri 1st March. Venue: Arts Workshop

Adjudicator: Shelley Lowry

09:30 635A SS27 Girls P7

Set test: 'Marmalade' by Peter Dixon: Book B page 301

Award: FIRST PRIZE: Miniature Cup

1 Kaitlin Boyle	12 Iona Maguire
2 Darcey Ward	13 Meghan McAuley
3 Tiernagh Mullin	14 Lucy Hegarty
4 Cate McCann	15 Erin Gilligan
5 Cara Mullan	16 Beatrice Maftei
6 Erinn Heffron	17 Elise Stevenson
7 Miley Stewart	18 Sara Petrak
8 Aarya Rane	19 Caitlin Adair
9 Alanna Connon	20 Kaitlyn McAteer
10 Eva Rafferty	21 Sophie Brown
11 Erin Hamilton	22 Emma Mitchell

11:30 635B SS27 Girls P7

Set test: 'Marmalade' by Peter Dixon: Book B page 301

Award: FIRST PRIZE: Miniature Cup

1 Ziva Taylor	12 Freya Roddy
2 Julia Wrobel	13 Caragh McShane
3 Macy Stewart	14 Conagh Totten
4 Eve Moore	15 Lexie-Mae McDonagh
5 Akvile Bespalovaite	16 Isla Marie Mackay
6 Francesca O'Dornan	17 Leah Clarke
7 Fiánait Scullin	18 Bryony Goodier
8 Keila Jaceviciute	19 Erin Kinghan
9 Niamh Maguire	20 Isla Martin
10 Ella Burnside	21 Lola Armstrong
11 Lily McGuckien	22 Zoe Scullion

14:00 636 SS28 Boys P7

Set test: 'Smelling rats' by Pie Corbett: Book A, page 178

Award: FIRST PRIZE: Miniature Cup

1 William Sirlow	10 Charlie Neeson
2 James Og Letters	11 Gareth Dekero
3 Kieran Jiang	12 Ethan McCusker
4 Joseph Scullion	13 Najus Zmitra
5 Luca Mitrea	14 Callum Hammond
6 Luke Cushenan	15 Adam McNeilly
7 Jacob Lutton	16 Jay McKee
8 Joseph Hawksford	17 Michael McGale
9 Nataniel Kozlowski	

15:30 650 SV41 Boys and girls 12 and 13 years

Set test: 'At the end of a school day' by Wes Magee

Award: FIRST PRIZE: Festival Certificate

1 Lucy Cumberland	4 Emily Simpson
2 Eabha Kelly	5 Henry Blake
3 Lana Wylie	

15:46 652 SV43 Boys and girls 14 and 15 years
Set test: 'The way through the woods' by Rudyard Kipling: Book A, page 249

Award: FIRST PRIZE: Festival Certificate

1 Ria McKelvey

3 Thomas Blake

2 Ellie Boyle

15:56 664 ST55 Intermediate Drama solo, 13 - 16 years

Award: FIRST PRIZE: Festival badge

1 Philippa Cummings

16:00 658 SV49 Senior Prizewinners Competition 13-17 years

4 mins

Award: FIRST PRIZE: £50 Festival award plus Festival certificate

1 Ellie Boyle

Sat 2nd March. Venue: Arts Workshop

Adjudicator: Shelley Lowry

09:30 647 SV38 Girls 10 and 11 years

Set test: 'Best Friends' by Bernard Young: Book B, page 178

Award: FIRST PRIZE: Festival badge

1 Louisa Wilson

4 Naoisha Kelly

2 Megan Hood

5 Caragh Mahany

3 Clara Rea

09:46 648 SV39 Boys 10 and 11 years

Set test: 'The Marrog' by R C Scriven: Book A, page 24

Award: FIRST PRIZE: Festival badge

1 Edward Wilson

3 Aaron McGeagh

2 Aaron Waide

11:30 657 SV48 Junior Prizewinners Competition, 12 years and under

3 mins

Award: FIRST PRIZE: £50 Festival award plus miniature trophy

1 Catherine Thompson

6 Clara Rea

2 Eabha Kelly

7 Kate Nestorenko

3 Aaron Waide

8 Sam Steele

4 Odhran Kelly

9 Tiernan Lavery

5 Naoisha Kelly

10 Georgia McCann

Festival Byelaws, Equal Opportunities Statement and Safeguarding Policy

1. General

1.1. All entries must be made online by the closing date each year via the Festival website at www.ballymenafestival.net;

1.2. It is the responsibility of the person completing the online entry to ensure that all the details are correct. Any problems with entries should be directed to the Section Secretary as soon as possible and **BEFORE THE CLOSING DATE**;

1.3. Late entries will not be accepted;

1.4. Entry fees are not refundable under any circumstances. Non-receipt of entry fees will result in automatic refusal of entry;

1.5. Entries are accepted on the understanding that all appropriate copyright permissions have been granted where required. Performers and teachers' attention is drawn to the British and International Federation of Festivals' website at www.federationoffestivals.org.uk where further details are available or contact Festivals House on 01625 428297 / 611578 and to any specific requirement as stated in the syllabus;

1.6. Any musician/singer, whose main source of income, whilst not in full time education, is music teaching or performance, is not eligible to enter any music class.

1.7. For all classes where age is relevant, the performer's age must be calculated as at 1st January in the year that the Festival takes place. Proof of age must be produced if requested;

1.8. Confined classes refer to schools or entrants living within the Ballymena postcode area only (i.e.

BT42, BT43 & BT44). Reference to Antrim means postcode area BT41 only;

1.9. Test pieces selected for this Syllabus must be performed as stated - stipulated publisher, key, etc., otherwise they will be disqualified;

1.10. Test pieces selected for this syllabus must not be used for 'Own Choice' classes;

1.11. Test pieces selected under 'Own Choice' must not be performed by the same performer in more than one class;

1.12. The order of performers in the programme will be strictly adhered to except in exceptional circumstances. Specifically, no performer will be allowed to compete in any class outside the programmed time for that class. An entire class, however, may be moved within the programme but only after agreement with the Festival Committee and the performers involved;

1.13a - Non-Monetary Prize Classes: In classes without monetary prizes, if there is only one entrant, the decision to proceed with the class is at the discretion of the secretary. The entrant will receive notification shortly after the closing date, and their entry fee will be refunded if the class does not proceed due to a single entrant. If a class with only one entrant does take place, the performer must achieve a minimum score of 84 marks to be awarded 1st place.

1.13b - Monetary Prize Classes: Classes with monetary prizes will only be timetabled if there are at least three entrants. To qualify for any monetary prize associated with these classes, a minimum score of 87 marks must be attained.

1.14. Where an 'Own Choice' performance is deemed to be inappropriate, the Adjudicator is empowered to terminate the performance;

1.15. No protest will be received against the award of the Adjudicator as to merit;

1.16. No entrant, teacher or interested party may discuss any aspect of the Festival with an Adjudicator before, during or after a class, except at the invitation of the Adjudicator;

1.17. Any protest regarding the violation of the condition of a class must be made in writing within 7 days of the class, accompanied by a fee of £25 which will be refunded if the protest is upheld by the Committee, whose decision is final;

1.18. Prizes will be awarded in each class as follows, subject to the Adjudicator's decision that the necessary standard has been obtained:

Number of Performers	Number of Prizes
One, Two or Three	One;
Four or Five	Two;
Six or More	Three.

Highly Commended certificates may be awarded to performers outside the normal prize range

1.19. All Challenge Cups, Shields and the Mary Wakefield Medallion shall be held by the winner for one year. Trophies must be returned to the Cups and Trophies Coordinators in good order at least 4 weeks before the opening of the next Festival;

a. Any repair costs due to damage of a cup or trophy will be charged to the previous winner;

b. A charge of £10 per cup or trophy will be levied to the previous winner if it is not returned in time

for presentation the following year;

1.20. All trophies are to remain in Northern Ireland;

1.21. Any communication by letter to Committee members requiring an answer, must be accompanied by a stamped, self-addressed envelope, otherwise a reply will not be sent;

1.22. All contact details can be found at the front of the syllabus or on the Festival website at www.ballymenafestival.net

1.23. All decisions made by the Executive Committee will be final.

Equal Opportunities Statement: This festival operates an equal opportunities policy whereby no person by reason of religious belief, political opinion, sex, marital status, race, colour, ethnic origin, sexual orientation or disability is treated less favourably nor is disadvantaged for those reasons by conditions or requirements which cannot be justified. This festival is committed to implementing policies designed to promote equality of opportunity, to secure fair participation for any underrepresented group and to reject absolutely unlawful discrimination of any kind. The festival will implement this policy by ensuring equality of opportunity for all entrants to perform in the festival as a basic right and will take such affirmative action as may be deemed lawful, appropriate and necessary to ensure that all entrants enjoy equality of opportunity. This festival will also provide an Equal Opportunities Complaints Procedure within its rules for any entrant who believes that inequitable treatment within the scope of this policy has been applied to her or him, which will allow the person to raise the matter and have it considered by the committee.

Safeguarding Policy

BALLYMENA FESTIVAL OF MUSIC SPEECH AND DANCE

CHAIRMAN: MR DAVID LOUGHRIDGE

VENUE: BRAID ARTS CENTRE, BRIDGE STREET, BALLYMENA

DATES: DURING FEBRUARY, MARCH and JUNE

1. PURPOSE AND FUNCTION OF ORGANISATION. The Festival provides a forum for amateur performance combined with an educational element from professional musicians, dancers and speakers. The safety of children and members of other vulnerable groups is paramount and all, without exception, have the right to protection from abuse. All suspicions and allegations of abuse will be taken seriously, responded to swiftly and appropriately and the Festival's Organising Committee and Volunteers have a responsibility to report concerns.

2. FESTIVAL ENVIRONMENT. The Festival is normally held in THE BRAID ARTS CENTRE, Bridge Street, Ballymena. As this is a PUBLIC AREA, the organising committee and volunteers cannot be held responsible for the care or safety of children and vulnerable adults while they are in the

PUBLIC AREAS.

It is the policy of our Festival to inform and involve parents, guardians, carers and teachers in partnership with the Festival in order to ensure, as far as it is reasonably practical, a safe environment at our Festival. We do this by ensuring that you receive a copy of this policy at the time that you are registering to attend the Festival and also when you receive your timetable.

3. APPLICATION. This policy relates to children under the age of 18 years and members of vulnerable groups of any age whose needs are identified to the Festival organisers by parents, guardians, carers and/or teachers prior to their arrival at the Festival. This should be done by contacting the Officer named at the foot of this document. The Festival actively seeks to meet these needs wherever possible.

4. FESTIVAL PERSONNEL. Within this document, the word 'staff' refers to officers and members of the Festival Committee. The term 'volunteers' refers to additional people who assist the Festival Committee members. All vacancies for volunteers are filled on the recommendation of committee members. Records of names, addresses and telephone numbers are held on file. Instructions as to duties are given to volunteers prior to each Festival. All Staff will be identified by name badges bearing the Festival logo. Anyone wearing a Badge may be approached and will report your concerns to the appropriate person. All concerns and problems will be taken seriously, discussed in a private area provided and documented and dated.

5. ATTENDANCE AT THE FESTIVAL. This Policy is passed to all parents, guardians, carers, teachers and schools who then become partners in implementing this Policy. It is the responsibility of parents, guardians and carers to ensure that children and vulnerable adults are supervised at all times. Teachers must distribute the Policy to persons having parental responsibility for each performer under 18 or Vulnerable Adult. Persons entering performers are required to read understand and comply with this Policy and to undertake to pass copies of it to the parent, guardian or carer of each and every child under 18 or vulnerable adult whom they have entered. Entries will not be accepted unless the appropriate signed papers are returned to the Festival or in the case of 'Online' entries through the festival website, the appropriate box is ticked.

6. PERFORMANCE AREAS AND CHANGING AREAS. As the Festival is held in a PUBLIC AREA, parents, guardians, carers and teachers are reminded that children and vulnerable adults must be supervised at all times including while they are in PUBLIC AREAS (e.g. toilets and Restaurant) and CHANGING AREAS.

7. PHOTOGRAPHS, VIDEO RECORDINGS AND PRESS PHOTOGRAPHY. It is our policy that no recording, other than Photography by Accredited Photographers, will be permitted within the Performance Areas and signs to this effect will be clearly displayed. Staff and volunteers have been instructed to discourage any unauthorised Photography or Recording should it be attempted. The Press are invited to take photographs and it is the responsibility of parents, guardians and carers to ensure that their child, or child in their care, is not photographed if they do not wish this to take place and to tell the photographer. Photographs by Accredited Photographers will be released to the

Media and may be used on the Festival Webpages and Social Media.

8. THE LEGISLATION AND GUIDANCE THAT SUPPORTS THIS POLICY: a) Rehabilitation of Offenders (Northern Ireland) Order 1978, b) The Rehabilitation of Offenders (Exceptions) Order (Northern Ireland) 1979, c) Part V The Police Act 1997, d) The Data Protection Act 1998, e) The Protection Of Children and Vulnerable Adults (Northern Ireland) Order 2003, f) The Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Northern Ireland) Order 2007

9. The Organising Committee will constantly review their Policy, revising and enhancing it as necessary. In doing this, they will look to The British and International Federation of Festivals for support and that body, in turn will look to other agencies for good practice. This Policy was last reviewed September 2017.

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