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OSWESTRY YOUTH MUSIC FESTIVAL 2024

Welcome to the syllabus for 2024. It looks like it will be bigger than ever as we have introduced more vocal classes and may have to extend the festival by yet another day. The syllabus is now available to download online if you haven't already received a paper copy, and you can find it on the Oswestry Town Council's website under the Youth Music Festival heading (www.oswestry-tc.gov.uk).

As the vocal classes have continued to rise in popularity over the years, we have decided to make an amendment to the age categories. This will help to keep the classes manageable in size without having to limit the number of entries. The 12 & under vocal category has now become 11 & under, and there is an additional category of 13 & under covering test piece, own choice, pop and Musical Theatre. The 11 & under own choice vocal class (Class 60) will now be the class where the winner will go forward to the Sunday final.

If overall numbers continue to rise, we will extend the Youth Music Festival by another day, with the possibility of starting the vocal classes on Tuesday 27th February. This decision will be made when all the entries are in, and further information will be issued in January.

We are keeping the two percussion exhibition classes for another 2 years and if they prove to be well subscribed, they will become permanent in the future.

Further to last year's changes to the eligibility of performing in older age classes, we have changed this again so that performers may enter their own age group, plus **any one** older age group in the same category.

Please note that in ensembles and choirs, all performers must be of the stated age or below. No other performers are allowed apart from a conductor and/or piano accompanist.

The closing date for entries is **Friday 19th January 2024 at 1.00 pm**, so please make sure that you get them to us in good time. Once again, we have decided not to increase the entry fees.

If you choose to use one of our official accompanists, do please ensure that you **send the piano music in with the entry form**. Your entry may be refused if any required accompaniments are not sent at the right time.

The entry form for the Logo competition is attached. The winner of the competition will be selected by the Festival Committee and will be presented with their prize by the Mayor. Entry forms should be submitted to the Guildhall no later than Friday 19th January at 1.00 pm. There is no entry fee for this competition.

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Please note that trophy winners from 2023 should return their trophies to the Guildhall no later than **31st December** this year. From 2024 onwards, we will be asking all winners to arrange their own engraving.

In 2024, we are introducing a new initiative where fabric bags will be available for sale. These will cost £5 and will have the newly designed Oswestry Youth Music Festival logo printed on them. The price of programmes will remain the same at £1, but please note that at all venues, payments and donations need to be in cash. Although we are thankful of Oswestry Town Council's continued support all donations are gratefully received to make this event as sustainable as possible.

We are always looking for additional volunteers to help out during the festival, so if you know anyone who would like to be a clerk, steward or announcer, please get in touch. Full training will be given, and you can sign up for as many or as few sessions as you like.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me on 01691 680550, 07977 617793 or at susanhturner@hotmail.co.uk.

We look forward to receiving all your entries.

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