



Wyre Forest Young Musician of the Year
St George's Hall, Bewdley
Saturday 4 February 2023

Bewdley Youth Festival is holding the eighth annual music **Wyre Forest Young Musician of the Year** competition for young musicians who are in education and who either live in, or attend an educational establishment, in the Wyre Forest district.

The competition is open to young people with a minimum age of 12 and a maximum age of 18 as of 31 December 2022.

The competition will take place during the evening of **Saturday 4 February 2023** after which the Category Winners and the Young Musician of the Year will be chosen. Should the number of entries received mean that it would be difficult for all performers to be fitted into the evening event preliminary heats will be held during the afternoon.

The categories for the competition are:

- Classical Music Section (Instrumentalists and Singers)
- Solo Instrumentalist (non-classical)
- Solo Singer (accompanied or unaccompanied)
- Group (two or more members, acoustic or amplified)

In addition there are prizes for:

- The Wyre Forest Young Musician of the Year
- The Bewdley Festival prize for best original composition
- The Best Young Musician aged 14 or Under (as at 31 December 2022)

Competition Rules:

Competitors will perform one piece of their own choice with a maximum performance time of 4 minutes.

Competitors may perform from memory or from sheet music.

Where possible, solo competitors should be accompanied by a single instrument in sympathy with the performance; vocalists may accompany themselves. CD backing tracks may be used if no accompanist is available.

Competitors can enter more than one category.

Competitors performing their own composition will automatically be entered for the Best Original Composition prize.

Acoustic and electronic pianos will be provided for competitors or their accompanists. A drum kit and amplifiers will be provided for competitors using electric guitars and bass guitars.



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Competitors should wherever possible provide their own accompanists. (Should this prove difficult please contact the organisers).

The competition will be open to the public and all competitors are encouraged to bring supporters and to stay and support their fellow competitors.

Entry to the Evening event will be £5 for adults and free for those aged under 19 or those currently in education. Tickets can be purchased online or from the café at St George's Hall.

Entries not sent through the school or college attended by the entrant will be verified with the educational establishment.

Please send entry forms by Friday 27th January 2023 to:

Youth Music Competition
Bewdley Festival
St George's Hall
Load Street
Bewdley
DY12 2EQ

By email to competition@byfest.org.uk

Timings are subject to the number of entries received and final details of times and the running order will be sent to the email address provided by the entrant and their school/college during the week prior to the competition.

All enquiries by email please to competition@byfest.org.uk