



## Wyre Forest Young Musician Of The Year St George's Hall, Bewdley Saturday 9 February 2019

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**Bewdley Youth Festival** is holding the fifth annual music **Wyre Forest Young Musician of the Year** competition for young musicians who are in education and who either live in the Wyre Forest district or attend a school or college within the district.

The competition is open to young people with a minimum age of 12 and a maximum age of 18 as at 31 December 2018.

The competition will take place during the afternoon of Saturday 9th February 2019, with the category winners invited to perform at a gala concert in the evening at which the Young Musician of the Year will be chosen and the winner of the prize for Best Original Composition will be announced.

### **The categories for the competition are:**

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

### **In addition there will be 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 2018)

### **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 will be in place 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 and an accompanist will be arranged).

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

Entry to the Evening gala event will be £5 for adults and free for those who are 18 or under or 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 Monday 4th February 2018 to:

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

By email to [competition@byfest.org.uk](mailto:competition@byfest.org.uk)

The competition will be held in St George's Hall, Bewdley from 2:00 pm.\*

Category winners and other competitors may be requested to perform in the Grand Finale gala from 7:00 pm in St George's Hall

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

All enquiries by email please to Peter Barnett, Director of Bewdley Youth Festival:  
[peter.barnett@bewdleyyouthfestival.org.uk](mailto:peter.barnett@bewdleyyouthfestival.org.uk)

\* Subject to change depending on the number of entries received – entrants will be advised by email in advance of the final timetable.