

Derby Arts Festival Instrumental Section 2026

Adjudicator: Graeme Humphrey

Monday 20th April to Thursday 23rd April 2026

St John the Evangelist Church, Bridge Street, Derby DE1 1DY

- Please read all our [rules](#) carefully
- Only enter once into each class
- Performing from photocopies is strictly forbidden and will result in disqualification with no refund of entrance fees.
- A photocopy may be provided for the adjudicator and will be destroyed after the festival.
- The qualifying date for “age” classes is 1st April 2026
- The age of the oldest child in a duet or trio determines the age entry requirement.
- All classes can be competitive or non-competitive. Please inform the adjudicator’s steward at the start of the class if you do NOT wish to compete and require an adjudication only.

Class	Class no.	Fee	Age/ Level	Music to be played	Trophy
Brass Solo	In 1	A	Grades 1-3 Yr 13 and under	1 piece own choice. Time limit: 3 minutes	Junior Brass Trophy
Brass Solo	In 2	B	Grades 4-5 Yr 13 and under	1 piece own choice. Time limit: 4 minutes	Janice Blake Trophy
Brass Solo	In 3	C	Grades 6-8 Yr 13 and under	1 piece own choice. Time limit: 6 minutes	Young Musicians' Cup
Woodwind Solo	In 4	A	Grades 1-3 Yr 13 and under	1 piece own choice. Time limit: 3 minutes	Jean Couchman Cup
Woodwind Solo	In 5	B	Grades 4-5 Yr 13 and under	1 piece own choice. Time limit: 4 minutes	Special Certificate
Woodwind Solo	In 6	C	Grades 6-8 Yr 13 and under	1 piece own choice. Time limit 6 minutes	Special Certificate
Recorder Solo	In7	A	Grades 1-3 Yr 13 and under	1 piece own choice. Time limit: 3 minutes	Lillian Pullon Cup
Recorder Solo	In 8	B	Grades 4-5 Yr 13 and under	1 piece own choice. Time limit: 4 minutes	Special Certificate

Recorder Solo	In 9	C	Grades 6-8 Yr 13 and under	1 piece own choice. Time limit: 6 minute	Descant Recorder Trophy
Bowed String Solo (violin, viola, cello, double bass)	In 10	A	Grade 1 and under Yr 13 and under	1 piece own choice. Time limit: 3 minutes	Irene Slater Cup
Bowed String Solo (violin, viola, cello, double bass)	In 11	B	Grades 2-3 Yr 13 and under	1 piece own choice. Time limit: 4 minutes	A Rosetta Wood Memorial Cup
Bowed String Solo (violin, viola, cello, double bass)	In 12	C	Grades 4-5 Yr 13 and under	1 piece own choice. Time limit: 5 minutes	Hilda Davies Trophy
Bowed String Solo (violin, viola, cello, double bass)	In 13	D	Grades 6-8 Yr 13 and under	1 piece own choice. Time limit: 7 minutes	Joyce Solomon Cup
Plucked String Solo (Harp, guitars, ukulele, mandolin etc.)	In 14	A	Grades 1-3 Yr 13 and under	1 piece own choice. Time limit: 3 minutes	Haslam Cup
Plucked String Solo (Harp, guitars, ukulele, mandolin etc.)	In 15	B	Grades 4-5 Yr 13 and under	1 piece own choice. Time limit: 4 minutes	Special Certificate
Plucked String Solo (Harp, guitars, ukulele, mandolin etc.)	In 16	C	Grades 6-8 Yr 13 and under	1 piece own choice. Time limit: 6 minutes	Winifrid Hunt Rose Bowl
Mini Recital (Any brass, woodwind, bowed/plucked string instrument, or piano)	In 17	F	Grade 7 and above Yr 13 and under	2 or 3 contrasting pieces. Time limit: 12 minutes	Derby Concert Orchestra Cup
Duet: all instruments including piano	In 18	A	Yr 3 and under	1 piece own choice. Time limit: 3 minutes	Special Certificate
Duet: all instruments including piano	In 19	B	Yrs 4-6	1 piece own choice. Time limit: 4 minutes	Constance Booth Cup
Duet: all instruments including piano	In 20	C	Yrs 7-9	1 piece own choice. Time limit: 5 minutes	Special Certificate
Duet: all instruments including piano	In 21	D	Yrs 10-13	1 piece own choice. Time limit: 7 minutes	Special Certificate
Duet: all instruments	In 22	D	Aged 18 and over	1 piece own choice	Sydney Smith Memorial Cup

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Duet: all instruments including piano with teacher or older player	In 23	A	Yr 3 and under	1 piece own choice. Time limit: 3 minutes	Special Certificate
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Duet: all instruments including piano with teacher or older player	In 25	C	Yrs 7-9	1 piece own choice. Time limit: 5 minutes	Tony Bowers trophy
Duet: all instruments including piano with teacher or older player	In 26	D	Yrs 10-13	1 piece own choice. Time limit: 7 minutes	Lawrence Cocker Trophy
New for 2026 Duet: all instruments including piano with teacher	In 27	D	Any grade Ages 18 and over	1 piece own choice. Time limit 7 minutes	Special Certificate
Small Groups (3-10 in a group)	In 28	E	Yr 6 and under	1 or 2 pieces own. choice. Time limit 8 minutes	Special Certificate
Small Groups (3-10 in a group)	In 29	F	Yrs 7-13	1 or 2 pieces own. choice. Time limit 10 minutes	Ives F Ward Memorial Trophy
Family group (1-8 in a group, excluding voice)	In 30	E	Members of one family	1 or 2 pieces own. choice. Time limit 8 minutes	Eric Aspley Cup
"Have a go" Solo Adult Performance, any instrument, non-competitive	In 31	C	Any grade Aged 18 and over	1 piece own choice. Time limit: 5 minutes	Special Certificate
Piano Solo	In 32	A	Initial or Prep Grade Yr 13 and under	1 piece own choice. Time limit: 2 minutes	Junior Piano Cup
Piano Solo	In 33	A	Grade 1 standard	1 piece own choice. Time limit: 3 minutes	Piano Solo Junior Cup

			Yr 13 and under		
Piano Solo	In 34	B	Grades 2-3 Yr 13 and under	1 piece own choice. Time limit: 4 minutes	Charles Foulds Cup
Piano Solo	In 35	B	Grades 4-5 Yr 13 and under	1 piece own choice. Time limit: 4 minutes	Kathleen and Irene Jansen Cup
Piano Solo	In 36	C	Grades 6-7 Yr 13 and under	1 piece own choice. Time limit: 5 minutes	Muriel Turvey Cup
Piano Solo	In 37	D	Grade 8 standard Yr 13 and under	1 piece own choice. Time limit: 6 minutes	Pam Tear Memorial Trophy
Baroque Keyboard	In 38	F	Any age	1 or 2 own choice pieces. Time limit: 12 minutes	Gladys Whitfield Memorial Trophy
Classical Piano Sonata, composed 1770-1830, 1st movement	In 39	E	Any age	One own choice. Time limit: 10 minutes	Sarah Stevenson Trophy
New for 2026 Piano Solo Nocturne	In 40	E	Any age	Own choice Nocturne written for piano solo	Special Certificate
Open Piano Recital	In 41	H	Grade 8 standard and above Any age	Up to 4 contrasting pieces. Time limit: 15 minutes	James Doar Cup
Jazz, Pop and Rock Solo (any instrument excluding vocal)	In 42	A	Grades 1-3	1 piece own choice. Time limit: 3 minutes	Jane Ford Award
Jazz, Pop and Rock Solo (any instrument excluding vocal)	In 43	B	Grades 4-5	1 piece own choice. Time limit: 4 minutes	Williamson Cup
Jazz, Pop and Rock Solo (any instrument excluding vocal)	In 44	C	Grades 6-8	1 piece own choice. Time limit: 6 minutes	Henry Banks Trophy
Jazz Solo standard or improvisation	In 45	D	Any age	1 piece own choice. Time limit: 7 minutes	Philip Marshall Trophy
Own Composition: for solo or group of any instruments	In 46	D	Year 13 and under	Own composition. Time limit: 5 minutes	Winkler Cup

(up to 4 players, may include 1 vocalist)					
Solo any instrument (for children with learning difficulties)	47	A	Year 6 and under	1 piece own choice. Time limit: 3 minutes	Special Certificate
Solo any instrument (for children with learning difficulties)	48	C	Year 13 and under	1 piece own choice. Time limit: 5 minutes	Special Certificate
New for 2026 Pipe Organ: Junior class	49	D	Ages 18 and under	1 piece own choice, to be played on the Church organ Time limit: 6 minutes	Special certificate
New for 2026 Pipe Organ: Senior class	50	E	Ages 19 and over	1 piece own choice, to be played on the Church organ Time limit: 10 minutes	Special Certificate