

**Vocal Section**  
**Musicals, Jazz, Pop, Contemporary**

Adjudicator : Ben Costello, BMus PGDip MA FRSA FISM

Classes to be held on 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

St John the Evangelist Church, Bridge Street, Derby, DE1 1DY / DE1 3HZ

Ages are set by school year age on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026 unless stated otherwise.

**Accompaniment information**

Backing tracks can be used in classes V25, V26, V27, V28, V29, V30, V31, V32, V33 and V34. An accompanist can also be used in these classes if preferred.

**Other Information**

Performing from photocopies is strictly forbidden and may result in disqualification with no refund of entrance fees.

Please note : The Adjudicator must be provided with the sheet music. A photocopy may be provided – however, it will be destroyed after the festival. Please ensure any original downloads are clearly marked as such at the top of the front sheet to ensure they are returned to the Entrant and not destroyed.

<b>Class</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Fee</b>	<b>Age Group</b>	<b>Test Piece</b>	<b>Trophy</b>
Vocal Solo with own accompaniment Junior	V17	B	Boy or girl up to academic Year 13	One own choice piece Entrant must accompany themselves and not use a separate accompanist. Entrant must accompany themselves on piano, guitar or other stringed instrument. Time limit 5 mins. Entrants can only enter V17 <b>or</b> V18	Festival Trophy
Vocal Solo with own accompaniment Senior	V18	C	18 years and over – not in class V17	One own choice piece Entrant must accompany themselves and not use a separate accompanist. Entrant must accompany themselves on piano, guitar or other stringed instrument. Time limit 5 mins. Entrants can only enter V17 <b>or</b> V18	Festival Trophy

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Songs from the Shows – Year 6 and under	V25	A	Boy or girl academic Year 6 and under	One own choice piece from a musical, including Walt Disney/Pixar. Time limit 5 mins.	The Young Singers Trophy
Songs from the Shows – Years 7 and 8	V26	B	Boy or girl academic Years 7 and 8	One own choice piece from a musical, including Walt Disney/Pixar. Time limit 5 mins.	The Central Operatic Society Cup
Songs from the Shows – Years 9 to 11	V27	B	Boy or girl academic Years 9 to 11	One own choice piece from a musical, including Walt Disney/Pixar. Time limit 5 mins.	Derby Opera Company Centenary Cup
Songs from the Shows – Years 12 and 13	V28	C	Boy or girl academic Years 12 and 13	One own choice piece from a musical, including Walt Disney/Pixar. Time limit 5 mins.	Songs from the Shows Cup
Songs from the Shows Senior Class	V29	D	18 years and over	One own choice piece from a musical. Time limit 5 mins.	Peter Roper Cup
Song from the Shows Duet	V30	D	Open	One own choice piece from a musical, including Walt Disney/Pixar from the Original Score. Some harmony is expected. Time limit 6mins.	Derbyshire Light Opera Company Cup
Jazz / Blues	V31	C	Open	One own choice from standard repertoire (including Gershwin, Carmichael, Van Heusen, Ellington etc) Own accompanist/accompaniment must be used. Time limit 5 mins. Special Certificate for highest placed entrant up to Year 13 age Trophy for highest placed entrant overall in class	Special Certificate Noel Bollen Shield
Pop and contemporary – Junior	V32	B	Boy or girl up to academic Year 13	One own choice. Backing Track must be used. Time limit 5 mins.	Festival Trophy
Pop and contemporary – Senior	V33	C	18 years and over – not in class V32	One own choice. Backing Track must be used. Time limit 5 mins.	Festival Trophy
Own Composition	V34	C	Open	Own composition song – must be with accompaniment, however the entrant may	Festival Trophy

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				<p>accompany themselves, use an accompanist or use a backing track of their own composition. Time limit 6 mins. Sheet music <b>must</b> be provided to the Section Secretary by 15<sup>th</sup> March 2026 to allow the Adjudicator time to familiarise</p>	
Rapping for Performance	V35	B	Open	<p>Own Choice Piece – lyrics must be submitted by 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026, for Committee to ensure it is appropriate to perform. Please note this is a family festival and the Committee’s decision will be final.</p> <p>Time limit – 5 minutes</p> <p>To be delivered as a Rap. Use of a backing track, beat box, percussive instruments, costume and props permitted</p> <p>Class may be split into two if entries permit;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Up to Age 18</li> <li>b) Over Age 18</li> </ul>	Special Certificate