

# Inverness Music Festival 2026

## Syllabus

**Celebrating Performance**

**for Everyone**



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We are in Late Entry Phase until 4/1/26. This means that empty and full classes have closed. We are now scheduling, and more classes will close over the Christmas period. You can still enter, if the class is open, but please do not delay. If you cannot see the right class for the performance you wish to make, please email [invernessmusicfestival@gmail.com](mailto:invernessmusicfestival@gmail.com) for advice.

## Where to Start

Inverness Music Festival takes place between 5th and 15th March 2026, at Inverness Methodist Church.

Our motto is 'Performance for Everyone'. We want to encourage people of all ages and all stages to take part in amateur performance. Whatever it is that you would like to do- sing, play, act, debate- we would like to give you the chance to take to the stage. Solo performances and groups of all kinds are equally welcome.

The festival is organised into a series of 'classes'. Most of our classes, by tradition, run as fun and friendly 'competitions'. An adjudicator will watch each performance and make constructive comments. If you wish to compete, a mark will be awarded. However, you do not need to receive a mark, or even comments if you prefer not to.

The first step to taking part is to browse our syllabus. Classes are grouped into instruments, (Classical, contemporary and traditional), Vocal, Speech and Drama and composition. We also have a primary art competition. There are also separate classes for beginners, and different stages of skill. 'Open' classes are for confident and/ or experienced musicians and performers. Most of our classes are live, but if you find you cannot attend, it is possible to send in a recording for feedback. If you are not sure which class is right for you, just ask for advice- we are very happy to help [invernessmusicfestival@gmail.com](mailto:invernessmusicfestival@gmail.com)

Once you have chosen a class, you need to make your entry. The initial closing date is 20th December. Then you have plenty of time to practice! We will give you your exact time to attend nearer the time.

We cannot give exact dates and times until the entries are made. However, Classical Contemporary Strings and Woodwind/ Brass is likely to be 5th and 6th March, and piano 6th-7th March. Speech and Vocal classes will run on 5th, 6th, 12th and 13th March. Traditional music events will take place on 13th- 14th March. Our 'Premier Competition' will take place on Sunday 15th March.

If you have a specific restriction on dates or times when you can take part, then please ask for advice, or note it down on your entry when you are asked 'Is there any additional support needed to facilitate this performance?'. We cannot guarantee to accommodate all requests.

## Classical and Contemporary Music

In the classical and contemporary music section you will find classes for Woodwind, Brass, Strings, Piano and Ensembles.

Music from a wide range of genres can be played here.

### **000 Brass Elementary (Grade 1-2)**

Award: Fraser Cup - Highest mark from classes 00,01,02

Entrants perform one piece - own selection from current or previous ABRSM or Trinity Syllabus.

This is a live competitive class.

If you would prefer your entry to be considered as non-competitive, you can specify this on the 'additional questions' when you make your entry.

There is also an option for recorded performance (non-competitive) if an entrant is unable to attend the live event.

Fee £7.50

### **007 Woodwind Advanced (Grade 5-6)**

Award: Christina Cameron Quaich (2) for the best performance from Classes 5,6,7

Entrants perform one piece -Own Choice Selection from current or previous ABRSM or Trinity Syllabus.

This is a competitive class. If you would prefer your entry to be considered as non-competitive, you can specify this on the 'additional questions' when you make your entry.

There is also an option for recorded performance (non-competitive) if an entrant is unable to attend the live event.

Fee £10.00

### **009 Beginner Strings**

Award: Christina Cameron Shield

This class is suitable for early stage players of any stringed instrument.

You should be able to play a short tune once or twice through.

We can provide an accompanist if you would like, or you can play unaccompanied.

As a guide, you have probably been playing for up to a year. A piece from ' Fiddle Time Joggers' or similar would be suitable, or the first half of Suzuki Book 1.

If you are beyond the beginner/ early stage, please be respectful and move on to the elementary classes.

Players learning Scottish fiddle who wish to play a traditional tune should look at the Scottish traditional classes.

This is a friendly competitive class. If you would prefer your entry to be considered as non-competitive, you can specify this on the 'additional questions' when you make your entry.

There is also an option for recorded performance (non-competitive) if an entrant is unable to attend the live event.

Fee £5.00

### **010 Upper Strings Elementary - (Grade 1-2)**

Award: Jean Slater Shield- Best of Elementary Strings

A performance of a single piece of own choice from the current (or previous) ABRSM or Trinity or exam syllabus.

The official accompanist can be booked.

This class is suitable for Upper strings- Violin. Viola.

This is a competitive class. If you would prefer your entry to be considered as non-competitive, you can specify this on the 'additional questions' when you make your entry.

There is also an option for recorded performance (non-competitive) if an entrant is unable to attend the live event.

Fee £7.50

### **012 Strings Elementary Free Choice Class**

A performance of a single piece of own choice.

This class is suitable either for instruments such as harp, mandolin, guitar which are not represented elsewhere, or players of stringed instruments who do not wish to select from the grade syllabus.

You will have progressed beyond the beginner stage, and be building confidence.

This is a friendly competitive class, but be aware we look forward to hearing a variety of instruments and styles.

You may request the official accompanist if you wish or play unaccompanied.

If you would prefer your entry to be considered as non-competitive, you can specify this on the 'additional questions' when you make your entry.

There is also an option for recorded performance (non-competitive) if an entrant is unable to attend the live event.

Fee £7.00

### **013 Upper Strings Intermediate ( Grade 3-4)**

A performance of a single piece of own choice from the current (or previous) ABRSM or Trinity exam syllabus.

The official accompanist can be booked.

This class is suitable for Upper Strings - Violin. Viola

This is a competitive class. If you would prefer your entry to be considered as non-competitive, you can specify this on the additional questions on your entry.

There is also an option for a recorded performance (non-competitive) if an entrant is unable to attend the event.

Fee £8.50

### **015 Strings Intermediate Free Choice Class**

Award: Frank Gale Memorial Trophy - Best of Intermediate Strings

A performance of a single piece of own choice.

This class is suitable either for instruments such as harp, mandolin, guitar which are not represented elsewhere, or for players of stringed instruments who do not wish to select from a graded exam syllabus.

Players of cello or double bass may also enter this class ( updated 22/12/25).

You will be a confident learner, playing at an improvers level, but not yet considering yourself advanced. Typically you may have been playing for 2-3 years.

You may request the official accompanist, or play unaccompanied.

If you would prefer your entry to be considered non-competitive, you can specify this on the 'additional questions' when you make your entry.

There is also an option for recorded performance (non-competitive) if an entrant is unable to attend the live event.

Fee £8.50

### **016 Upper Strings Advanced (Grade 5-6)**

Award: Scjarek Cup \_ Best of Upper Strings Advanced.

A performance of a single piece of own choice from the current or previous ABRSM or Trinity exam syllabus.

The official accompanist may be booked.

This class is suitable for upper strings- Violin, Viola

This is a competitive class. If you would prefer your entry to be considered as non-competitive, you can specify this on the additional questions with your entry.

There is also an option for recorded performance (non -competitive) if an entrant is unable to attend the event.

Fee £9.50

### **018 Strings Free Choice Advanced Class**

A solo performance of a short recital of two pieces.

This class is suitable either for instruments such as harp, mandolin, guitar which are not represented elsewhere, or players of stringed instruments who do not wish to select from the grade syllabus.

We look forward to hearing a variety of instruments and styles. It is permissible to play different instruments in the two pieces if wished.

You will be a confident and experienced, playing at an advanced level.

If you would prefer your entry to be considered as non-competitive, you can specify this on the 'additional questions' when you submit your entry.

There is also an option for recorded performance (non-competitive) if an entrant is unable to attend the event.

Fee £10.50

### **019 Open Strings Recital Class**

Award: Open Strings Cup

Open to String Players of a standard consistent with Grade 7 or above (see notes below).

Entrants in this class may not enter Grade classes for grades 1-6).

The programme of music should be introduced by the entrant and include 2-3 pieces with a maximum performance length of 12 minutes. Credit will be given for contrast.

Performers of all stringed instruments including pedal harp, lever harp and Classical guitar may enter.

Please specify instrument on the application form.

Winners of this class are eligible to enter the Curtis Craig competition.

Fee £15.50

Up to 12 mins

### **020 Early Stage Piano (Online)**

For players who have not yet taken any exams

1 own choice selection.

Note this is an online class and entry is by video only. Entrants will be able to see other entrants videos when the class is released. (Early piano players wanting to play live could look at other classes eg duet with experienced player or traditional solo beginners - please ask if advice needed)

Fee £5.50

### **021 Piano Grade 1**

Own choice selection from Current ABRSM or Trinity Syllabus Grade 1.

One piece.

Solo piano.

You may choose whether you wish to enter online (by submitting a video) or live at the venue.

There will be separate placings for the live and online submissions.

23/12/2025 Live entries now closed. You may still enter for ONLINE, or email for advice about waiting list.

Performers who do not wish to play a piece from the exam syllabus are encouraged to look at the themed piano section.

Fee £6.50

### **022 Piano Grade 2**

Award: Little Grade 2 Piano Trophy

One piece- Own choice selection from current or previous ABRSM or Trinity Syllabus Grade 2.

You may choose to enter live or online (by video).

23/12/2025 Live Entries closed. You may still enter for online performance, or email for information about waiting list.

There will be separate placings for live and online entries.

Fee £7.50

### **025 Piano Grade 5**

Award: Small Piano Shield

One piece- own choice selection from current or previous ABRSM or Trinity syllabus.

This is a live class.

There is always the option to submit a video for non-competitive comments if the entrant is unable to attend on the day.

Fee £9.50

### **030 Beginner/ Experienced Player Piano Duet**

A performance of a duet by a beginner and an experienced player (eg teacher).

'Beginners' may be up to approximately Grade 1 level.

One piece

Live class only.

Non competitive entries are also welcome-

Felling anxious? You may also like to consider Classes 113 and 114 - these classes are non-competitive and for all standards

Fee £8.00 per duo

Group of 2 people

### **031 Elementary Piano Duet Grade 1-2**

Performance of single piece of an appropriate standard.

Either:

Both players must be of elementary standard

or

1 player will be of elementary standard and they will be accompanied by their teacher or more advanced player. In this case, only the elementary player will receive adjudication.

Live Only

Fee £9.00 per duo

Group of 2 people

### **032 Intermediate Piano Duet Grade 3-5**

A performance of a single piece of appropriate standard.

Either both players must be of intermediate standard or

- one intermediate standard player may be accompanied by a teacher or other more advanced player. In this case, only the intermediate standard player will receive adjudication

Live only

Fee £9.00 per duo

Group of 2 people

### **033 Advanced Piano Duet/ (Grade 6 or above)**

Award: The Summerfield Trophy

A performance of up to 8 minutes consisting of either one or two pieces. At least part of the recital must be at Grade 6 or equivalent standard.

Pianists of appropriate standard may perform with their teacher if required (adjudication will be for the amateur pianist only)

This is a live competition.

Advanced piano duet recordings may be submitted for feedback if required.

Fee £11.00 per duo/trio

Group of 2 to 3 people

### **035 Intermediate Themed Piano**

You will be taking part in our themed piano class. The theme for 2026 is 'Celebrate'. It is up to you to decide on a piece which interprets this theme.

You should introduce your piece and say why you chose it.

You will probably have been playing for at least a couple of years and are gaining confidence.

Single Piece. Live class

Fee £8.00

### **038 Primary Small Ensemble**

Award: Eastgate Cup (for ensembles including strings)

All players must be primary age. However there may be an adult accompanist or adult in a supporting role.

The class is suitable for a small group playing in a non-traditional genre - classical, or contemporary.

We would suggest 2-8 performers, playing either one or two pieces.

This class is live only

Fee £11.00 per group

Group of 2 to 8 people

### **041 Groups/ Bands/ Small Orchestras - Elementary**

Award: Fraser Trophy for Elementary Music Groups

Our class for groups either playing different instruments, or different parts.

Note our performance space is small (front of the church) so we can comfortably accommodate around 12 players. Depending on instrument size, and need for seating, there may be room for a small increase. Please discuss before entering if unsure.

As a guide the approximate grade standard for the majority of performers should be less than grade 3.

Live Only. 1 or 2 pieces.

Fee £14.50 per group

Group of 7 to 16 people

### **044 Bands and Orchestras by Recorded Performance**

Your band or orchestra might have too many players for a live performance,

Or it might be difficult to get everyone together in Inverness

However, we would still be delighted to hear your performances.

Upload your video for non-competitive feedback.

Please note we may use your video on facebook or play it in the church (although this is not guaranteed), so by entering this class you give us permission. If you have any concerns about this, please email [invernessmusicfestival@gmail.com](mailto:invernessmusicfestival@gmail.com).

You do not have to upload your video and score until January 2026.

Fee £10.00 per group

Group of 2 to 99 people

## **Scottish Traditional Music**

These classes include all Scottish Traditional music, solo performers, groups and bands.

Here you will find, specialist fiddle, clarsach, song and piping classes. However, you can play any instrument at all under the 'traditional performance' classes.

Gaelic performances are welcome.

#### **045 Traditional Music Performance Beginner Solo**

Award: Balnain Trophy

One tune/ piece twice or 3 times through.

This should be music in any Scottish traditional style.

Includes self accompanied song and any instrument.

Beginner means you are in the early stages of your learning journey and are just beginning to gain confidence. Come and show us what you can do.

Fee £6.00

#### **047 Scottish Traditional Performance Intermediate Solo**

Award: Liz Quinn Cup

A performance of music in a Scottish Style. Either two or 3 different tunes should be included. This class is suitable for all instruments with the exception of clarsach and fiddle (which have their own classes). Singers accompanying themselves on clarsach may enter here however.

You should be a confident player although not yet expert. If you have a grade book, the approximate equivalent standard would be 3-5.

Fee £8.50

#### **048 Scottish Traditional Music Performance Open Solo**

Award: Black Isle Shield for Accordion Menzies Cup for Performance

This class is for confident players who can give a fluent recital of Scottish traditional style music.

You should give a recital of 6-10 minutes.

Suitable for all instruments which do not have a separate class (ie does not include fiddle, clarsach, bagpipes). Does include Accordion (trophy for best accordion player), Piano, whistle, self accompanied song (accompaniment can be clarsach), small pipes. any other instrument. Can be a performance which includes more than one instrument.

An accompanist is NOT permitted.

The winner will be invited to take part in the Elizabeth Davis competition. The runner up may also be invited if they play a different instrument and receive a distinction

Fee £14.00

#### **049 Clarsach Elementary**

Award: Coisir nan Teud trophy for best of Classes 48,49,50

One piece played either twice or 3 times through.

Own choice selection from RCS graded exam syllabus grade 1 or 2 or equivalent standard.

This is a live class, but entrants who cannot attend can submit entries online (by video) for non-competitive comments.

Fee £7.50

#### **050 Clarsach Intermediate**

A performance of own selection of two tunes.

You should be gaining in confidence and style.

As a guide, the tunes might be compatible with the RCS graded syllabus grade 3.

Live class. Entrants who cannot attend may submit a video for non-competitive comments.

Fee £9.50

#### **052 Clarsach Open**

Award: Soroptimists International of Inverness Quaich

A recital of music on the clarsach lasting 6-10 minutes.

This class is open to all.

You should be a confident and experienced player.

The winner will be invited to perform in the Elisabeth Davis Competition.

Fee £14.50

### **053 Fiddle Elementary**

Award: Allan Trophy

A performance of own choice of tune, either 2 or 3 times through.

You should be in the developmental stage of your fiddle playing. Your tune selection may, as a guide, be compatible with the selection available RCS Grade 1-2.

The class is live. However entrants who are unable to attend may submit a video for non-competitive comments.

Fee £7.50

### **054 Fiddle Intermediate**

Award: The Webster Memorial Trophy

A performance of 2 tunes of different tempos.

You will have been playing for some time and are fluent and confident. However you are not yet at an expert level.

As a guide, the difficulty level of your tunes may be compatible with RCS graded syllabus, Grade 3.

The class is live, but entrants who are unable to attend may, if they wish, submit a video for non-competitive comments.

Fee £10.00

### **056 Slow Air - Open**

Come and play us your favourite slow air.

You should play the tune at least twice through.

This is a non-competitive class suitable for all levels of fiddle playing, all ages.

If you have never played in the festival before and want to give it a try, this could be for you.

The adjudicator will give written comments, but you can state if you just want to play, with no comments.

Fee £4.00

### **058 Chanter 10 years and Under**

Award: Inverness Pipe Bands Trophy

Any 2 or 4 part March of own choice - 2-part twice or 4 part once through.

In the event an entrant is unable to attend the live class, they may submit a video for non-competitive comments.

Fee £7.00

10 and younger

### **059 Chanter 11 years and older**

Award: Maclennan Quaich

Any 2 or 4 Part March of own choice - 2-part twice or 4 part once through.

In the event an entrant is unable to play live, they may submit a video for non-competitive comments.

Chanter players may enter Novice Piping, but no other Piping classes.

Fee £7.00

11 and older

### **060 Novice Piping**

Award: The Lovat Cup

Any 2 or 4 part March (2/4) of own choice. 2 part twice though or 4 part once through.

For early stage pipers who typically have been playing for less than a year.

This is a live class, but in the event entrants are unable to attend they may submit a video for non-competitive comments.

Fee £8.00

### **061 Piping Intermediate**

Award: Piping Society of Inverness Cup

Own Choice of March AND own choice of Strathspey and Reel. It is possible to retune after the March.

If unable to attend you may submit a video for comments (non-competitive)

Entrants may NOT also enter Open Piping, but may enter the Open Jig,

Fee £10.50

### **063 Open Piping**

Own Choice of March AND own choice of Strathspey and Reel. It is possible to retune after the March.

Highland dress should be worn.

The winner of the competition is eligible to perform at the Elizabeth Davis Premier Competition.

it is possible to perform on a non-competitive basis if preferred.

Please note that those wishing for feedback on a Piobaireachd performance may enter the Advanced Recital Category (Class 112) This is non-competitive. You will give your performance and receive advice and feedback from our adjudicator.

Fee £14.00

### **064 Piping Ideas Inverness**

Award: The Curtis Craig Memorial Quaich will be presented to the performance the adjudicators find the most innovative and enjoyable.

Your opportunity to be creative.

Maybe you have written your own tunes? Maybe you would like to play as a duo or ensemble or with another instrument?

Anything piping related you would like to do- we would like to see it....

This class may be held at a separate time to the other piping classes.

Fee £10.00

### **065 Piping Jig - Open Competition**

Award: The RBL Inverness Branch Piping Quaich

One jig of own choice.

Open to all.

If you are unable to attend in person you may submit a video for non-competitive comments.

Fee £11.00

### **066 Traditional Scottish Song Primary**

Award: The Urquhart Cup

One song of own free choice.

May be in Dialect or Gaelic if preferred.

The official accompanist may be requested.

Primary age.

Fee £6.50

### **067 Scottish Traditional Song Secondary**

Award: Milligan Cup

One Scottish Song of own choice.

Official accompanist may be requested.

May be sung in dialect or in Gaelic

Fee £9.50

### **068 Traditional Scottish Song Open**

Award: Kinoull Cup

2 Songs in a traditional Scottish style.

Own choice - this may include Gaelic song and songs in dialect. Also includes modern compositions in a traditional style.

The official accompanist may be requested.

Open to confident performers of all ages.

Fee £13.50

### **069 Scots Song Session - Open 1-4 Singers**

Award: Saltire Society Trophy

A performance of a Scottish Song or Scottish Heritage Song in a more relaxed session or folk club style.

Trophy for the winners but you don't have to compete if you just want to come and perform without comments- let us know.

One or more of the group may accompany on guitar etc.

Fee Solo: £4.00

Group: £5.00 per person

Solo or Group of 2 to 4 people

### **070 Traditional Scottish Music Duo/ Trio**

Award: Swordale Trophy

A performance of two Scottish traditional tunes or songs by a duet or trio.

This is an open class. However, please state on the entry form if all participants are primary age, as there will be a separate award.

Fee £10.00 per duo/trio

Group of 2 to 3 people

### **071 Scottish Traditional Music Groups/ Bands Primary**

Award: Ness Trophy

A recital of Scottish music to include at least 2 tempos.

Groups must be at least 4 players.

In addition, or included in the 4, there may be one adult or secondary accompanist if needed.

Fee £15.00 per group

Group of a minimum of 4 people

### **072 Traditional Music Groups Mixed School Ages**

A performance of a traditional music set with at least 2 tempos.

Suitable for mixed school age groups.

Fee £12.00 per group

Group of 2 to 16 people

### **074 Open Trad Bands**

Award: The Sheila and Roddie Urquhart Quaich

A recital of Scottish Music to include 3 tempos.

Players may be of any age.

Bands/ Groups must be at least 3 players.

Fee £16.00 per group

Group of a minimum of 3 people

## Vocal

Here you will find descriptions of all the Vocal Classes. These will be held during both festival weeks. There is a large range of events to choose from, including choirs, duets and trios and solo performance. Choirs may like to take part in a sharing event (non-competitive, just for fun)

### **076 Performed Song Primary P1-P2**

Award: Culduthel Cup

One Song Own Choice.

Performed Song can involve dressing up, actions and props.

The category is often entered by schools, but can be entered by organisations (eg uniformed) or friend groups.

In order to meet copyright law, song music must be published for use by choirs, and music provided on the day. Official backing tracks only.

There are a maximum of 6 entries for this class.

Fee £14.00 per group

Group of 4 to 40 people

### **077 Performed Song P3-P5**

Award: Carol Schroder Cup

A performance of one song.

Dressing up, props and actions are encouraged in this class.

Schools are the usual entrants but uniformed groups and friend groups may also enter.

In order to meet copyright law, song music must be published for use by choirs, and music provided on the day. Official backing tracks only.

There are a maximum of 6 entries for this class

Fee £14.00 per group

Group of 4 to 40 people

### **078 Performed Song Mixed Primary Age Groups**

Award: Donna Campbell Memorial Trophy

For this class there should usually be a mix of at least 3 age groups P1-P7. Mixes of two age groups which do not fit the other categories will be considered,

Dress up and have fun. Props and actions encouraged.

One Song

Suitable for schools, uniformed groups, friend groups.

In order to meet copyright law, song music must be published for use by choirs, and music provided on the day. Official backing tracks only.

There will be a maximum of 6 entries for this class.

Fee £14.00 per group

Group of 4 to 40 people

### **080 Choirs P1-P3**

Award: Inshes Challenge Trophy

Please note that groups who want to dress up and use props to interpret their performance should enter performed song.

One Song of own choice.

The official accompanist may be requested.

Note: Composite classes P3/P4 should enter this class unless predominantly P4 pupils.

In order to meet copyright law, song music must be published for use by choirs, and music provided

on the day. Official backing tracks only.

The maximum number of entries to this class is 6.

Fee £14.00 per group  
Group of 4 to 40 people

### **083 Open Choirs Event**

Award: St Aubyn Cup

Open to choirs of all ages and all genres.

Bring us two contrasting songs.

Friendly competition - however we will have a sharing event at the end so please enter Class instead if you would prefer to perform but not to compete.

Fee £15.50 per group

Group of a minimum of 6 people

### **084 Choir Sharing Event**

The theme of this year's festival is 'Celebrate.' so it would be great to hear some party songs, but whatever your choice we would be delighted to hear it

We are asking for a £3 registration fee.

Fee £3.00 per group

Group of 4 to 66 people

### **085 Primary Vocal Solo**

A small and cosy event in our Small Hall for primary solo singers.

We suggest:

One Song Chosen from Section C of the current ABRSM syllabus grade 1-3.

However, other song choices will be accepted.

The official accompanist may be requested.

Fee £5.50

### **087 Secondary Solo Vocal Contemporary**

Award: The Voiceworks Jade Trophy

Secondary Aged performers in any contemporary style including rock/ pop/ jazz.

One song of own choice.

The Voiceworks cup will be awarded to the winning male voice performance

The Robertson Cup will be awarded to the winning female voice performance.

Fee £9.50

### **089 Secondary - Songs from Stage and Screen**

Award: Inverness Singers Scroll

Songs from Stage and Screen Perform your choice of Song from Stage and Screen - credit for both vocal performance and ability to interpret the role.

We recommend use of the ABRSM Musical theatre syllabus at an appropriate level.

Fee £10.00

**090 Musical Theatre Event - Adult 16 years and over**

Come and perform your choice of musical theatre song/ scene.

Credit will be given for ability to interpret the role

Fee £13.00

**091 Adult Solo (16 and over) Contemporary Vocal**

Award: Christina Cameron Quaich

One or two songs of own choice. Contemporary style including rock, pop, jazz.

The official accompanist may be requested

Fee £12.00

**092 Adult (16 and over) Solo Vocal Classical**

Award: Rena Beaton Salver

A recital of classical repertoire not to exceed 12 minutes.

The Fairburn trophy is awarded to the best over 16 sacred music performance.

The Inverness Opera Company Trophy is awarded to the best Operatic Performance.

Fee £14.00

## Speech and Drama

Speech and Drama classes will be held on both festival weeks.

This section includes poetry, drama, public speaking and debating, for both groups and solo performers.

### **096 Solo Verse Performance P1-P3**

Please perform:

'The Small Ghostie' by Barbara Ireson

If you prefer, you may choose your own short poem.

Entrants may recite, or read if they prefer.

Fee £3.00

### **101 Senior Poetry/ Drama performance**

Participants aged 14 years to adult are invited to a dramatic performance class.

We had some wonderful Burns performance in the past- whatever you would like to bring- the choice is yours!

Online or Live performances accepted- please specify on entry form.

Fee £4.50

### **103 Group Verse 'Dress up and Perform' P4-P7**

Award: Carol Schroder Cup

Own Choice of poem.

Have fun - dress up, use props, and lets see some poems!

The Carol Schroder Cup will be awarded,

Fee £11.00 per group

Group of 2 to 30 people

Up to 4 mins

### **104 SP16 Public Speaking Teams S1-S3**

Award: The Inverness Speakers Club Trophy

Topic of own choice to be presented within 10 minutes.

Groups may be 2-4 participants and may have up to:

Chair, Speaker 1, speaker 2, vote of thanks.

The Inverness Speakers Club Trophy will be awarded.

Fee £8.50 per group

Group of 3 to 4 people

Up to 10 mins

### **105 SP17 Public Speaking Teams S4-S6**

Award: The Inverness Speakers Club Trophy

Topic of own choice to be presented within 10 minutes.

Teams of 3 will present their topic. Each team will have a chair, a speaker and a vote of thanks.

The Inverness Speakers Club Trophy will be awarded

Fee £8.50 per group

Group of 3 to 4 people

Up to 10 mins

**106 DC01 DEBATING S1- S3**

Award: Loch Broom Shield

Debating teams will consist of 2-3 speakers.

The topic will be set the day before and prepared by the team.

Inverness Festival Debating Rules available on request.

Fee £8.00 per duo/trio

Group of 2 to 3 people

**107 DC02 DEBATING S4- S6**

Award: Debating Trophy

Depending on entry numbers, there may be a Debating Grand final.

Please request Inverness Festival Debating Rules.

Fee £8.00 per duo/trio

Group of 2 to 3 people

## **Performance for ALL**

Here you will find an interesting range of classes - from our Junior Faith event, to sessions specially for those who are lacking in confidence,, or may need additional support. We also have advanced feedback classes for those preparing for school and music exams- these can be entered online.

### **112 Advanced Recital Live or Online**

This is a non competitive class for advanced musicians to practice performing repertoire and to receive feedback.

In our live section we can accept entries on piano, woodwind, brass, strings (classical) Song.

We can also accept Scottish or other traditional music performances.

Maximum performance length 12 minutes.

Fee £13.00

## **Creative**

This group of classes is for all our creative entries from music composition of all genres to poetry and Art

### **116 SC06 Celtic Original Composition**

Award: The Highland Music Trust Quaich

A Performance of Scottish style music of original composition.

Submit your video performance or sound file or choose live performance. Both live and online performances will compete (unless you choose non-competitive).

Upload your score if you have one, but this is not compulsory for this class.

Entries may be vocal or instrumental.

Fee £8.50

Up to 6 mins

### **117 Improvisation and composition without score-**

This class is for either music compositions without score, or free improvisation on a theme of your choice.

This class is live but non competitive entries may be submitted by video.

Any age. Any style.

Come along and show us what you can do.

Fee £8.00

### **118 Open Composition (Classical or contemporary)**

Award: James McAdam Memorial Trophy

An Original music composition. Any age group.

As a guide, performance time should be 3- 6 minutes.

Please seek advice before entering if your composition is longer than 7 minutes.

You should submit your score, and a recording, video, or Sound file ( eg Sibelius) of your composition.

You can also choose to enter live. Online and live entries will both be competitive unless you choose otherwise.

Fee £10.00

Up to 6 mins

### **119 Poetry Composition Primary P4-P7 Online**

We are looking forward to seeing your poems.

You can write on any topic, but our festival theme is 'Celebrate'

Please upload written or typed copy for the adjudicator.

Entries accepted in Gaelic or in English.

If you would like to also upload a video of yourself speaking your poem, then please do- this is optional

Fee £2.00

### **120 Poetry Composition Secondary S1-S3 Online**

You should submit a video of yourself (or someone else) performing your poem, and upload a written or typed copy for the adjudicator.

Entries accepted in Gaelic or in English.

Fee £4.00

### **121 Poetry Composition Secondary S4-S6**

You should submit a video of yourself (or someone else) performing your poem, and upload a written or typed copy for the adjudicator.

Participants will be invited to perform their poem (or have it performed) at a live online discussion.

Fee £3.00

### **124 Play your own traditional tune!**

For inexperienced composers of Scottish Traditional Music! Can you try making up a 16 bar tune? Would you like to come and play it for us? Your tune should be played at least twice through, we would love to hear the composer play it if possible.

This is a live class. Please bring a print out of your tune if you can. We would be delighted to share tunes in a short join in session for all entrants at the end of the class if feasible.

Open to all age groups.

Fee £3.00

### **125 Primary Art Competition**

Draw a Picture on the theme of MY DREAM PARTY

A4 size Portrait style

Please upload a scan of your picture.

Individuals or school classes welcome to enter.

Teachers may post original artwork in batches instead if they prefer - please email to check the best address to send.

Please note, the closing date is 31st January, but postal entries must be received by 21st January,

Fee £0.00

12 and younger

### **126 Secondary Design Competition**

Design a Cover for Next Year's 2027 festival.

Your design must be A4 portrait style and must include the words 'Performance for Everyone'

Fee £0.00

### **128 Art Competition for Adults**

By popular request- a version of our art competition for adults

All you creative folk why not design us a cover or poster for the 2027 music festival

Please register your entry, not need to upload it until 18th January.

Fee £0.00

## **How to Enter**

Head to our website [www.invernessmusicfestival.org](http://www.invernessmusicfestival.org). On the top left of the homepage you will see a box which says 'Enter Here'. This will take you to the online entry portal. You will need to create an account with 'Play and Perform, and then you will see all the classes available. When you make an entry you will be asked questions, and can add comments - for example about your availability, or any help you need on the day.

Inverness Music Festival has run since 1922! Come along and join the tradition -