

THE AVISON ENSEMBLE YOUNG MUSICIANS' AWARDS 2018



Young musicians and singers are invited to take part in the annual music awards sponsored by The Avison Ensemble

The Young Musicians' Awards is not a competition. It's an opportunity to perform and try out pieces in front of an audience and in a friendly and supportive environment with feedback from the assessors. Awards are given based on an individual's performances and their interpretative and technical development between the First Round Assessments and the Finals.

Entrants must be 19 or under on 10th March 2018. Entrants to all categories will be asked to perform two contrasting pieces, one of which must have been written before 1800, on any instrument or voice. There are four categories available to entrants, each category having its own Award, as follows:

Category A (Grades 1, 2 & 3 or equivalent)

Category B (Grades 4, 5 & 6 or equivalent)

Category C (Grade 7 or equivalent and above)

Category D (Small classical music groups – Chamber ensembles with no more than 8 players)

The panel of artistic assessors will include John Treherne MBE (formerly Head of Gateshead Schools' Music Service). Other appropriate assessors will be co-opted as required.

HOW TO APPLY

Details and an application form can be found on our website at www.avisonensemble.com

There is no fee for applying to the Young Musicians' Awards 2018.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: Wednesday 10th January 2018

FIRST ROUND ASSESSMENT

First round assessments will take place at open performance workshops in The Literary and Philosophical Society, 23 Westgate Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 1SE on the following days: Tuesday 16th, Wednesday 17th and Friday 19th January 2018 from 4:30pm to 6pm, and Saturday 20th January 2018 from 9am to 1pm. Individuals will be sent their own performance times. During the course of the workshop entrants:

- will be asked to play their two contrasting pieces and encouraged to introduce them;
- will receive a verbal assessment.

Those selected for taking part in the Final will be notified by Monday 22nd January 2018.

Entrants should provide their own accompanist (if required) and ensure they bring copies of any music required by their accompanist. An accompanist can be provided at a cost of £15 for a rehearsal and performance.

FINAL

The Final will be held on Saturday 10th March 2018 from 10am to 3pm (Grades 1-6 in the morning, Grades 7 & above and small ensembles in the afternoon) at The Literary and Philosophical Society, 23 Westgate Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 1SE.

Winners will be asked to perform in our Awards Winners' Concert (date TBC). A certificate will accompany the Award trophies, as well as a year's membership of The Literary and Philosophical Society's Library and the opportunity to perform in the William Shield Festival on Saturday 14th July 2018. All entrants will receive a certificate of participation.

Further enquiries to YMA@avisonensemble.com

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APPLICATION FORM

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Please complete this form, then scan and **email it to the YMA co-ordinator Lizz Patrick at lizz@patrick.me** (Please contact us if you are unable to scan and email your form.)

ENTRANT DETAILS

(Category D entrants: each group member must fill in an individual form)

Group Name (if applicable)

Surname

First Name Date of birth

Home Address

..... Postcode

Telephone Day Eve

Email address

SCHOOL AND MUSIC TEACHER DETAILS

Name & address of School/College

..... Telephone

Name of Head Teacher

Name of Instrumental or Singing Teacher

Email address of Teacher

Instrument(s) played **Grade attained**

Choice of Music PLEASE PRINT DETAILS

Piece 1 (written before 1800): Title

Composer Composer's dates

Piece 2: Title

Composer Composer's dates

VENUES AND DATES FOR ASSESSMENTS & FINALS

Please indicate your 1st, 2nd and 3rd choices of dates for the **First Round Assessments** held in The Literary and Philosophical Society, 23 Westgate Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 1SE.

We will contact you with the date for your assessment and also an individual performance time on the date selected.

Please indicate your 1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd choice of dates	1 st choice	2 nd choice	3 rd choice
Tuesday 16th January 2018 from 4:30pm			
Wednesday 17th January 2018 from 4:30pm			
Friday 19th January 2018 from 4:30pm			
Saturday 20th January 2018 from 9:00am			

Please also confirm that should you be selected for the **Finals** you will be available to attend:

- I confirm I will be free to attend the Finals on **Saturday 10th March 2018 from 10am to 3pm** at The Literary and Philosophical Society.

ACCOMPANIST'S DETAILS

All entrants requiring one must bring their own accompanist and ensure they bring copies of any music required by their accompanist. Please contact us if you require an accompanist and we will endeavour to put you in contact with one at a charge of £15 for a rehearsal and performance.

I will* / will not* be bringing an accompanist (* Delete as necessary)

Name of my accompanist.....

To be completed by Parent or Guardian

(* Delete as necessary)

I agree to my son*/daughter* (name)..... taking part in this competition and I hereby grant The Avison Ensemble permission to record moving images (film/video) and take still images (photographs) of my child during the competition. I give permission for the subsequent use of the film and photographs to be in a number of media, including but not limited to publications, leaflets and marketing materials, and digital and electronic media which may be available to the general public, such as the internet. I accept that the copyright in any film and/or photographs bearing my child's image belongs to The Avison Ensemble.

Signature of Parent* / Guardian*.....

Print name..... Date.....

Address of Parent* / Guardian*.....

Postcode..... Tel..... Email.....

Please note that all contact details supplied will be added to our mailing list. If you DO NOT want to receive news of future competitions and other events, please tick this box