

SINGER GUIDELINES

Juniors: Sunday 21nd March 9.30am-4.30pm
River & Rowing Museum
Seniors: Thursday 25th March 7pm
Kenton Theatre



Who can enter?

Anyone who attends one of our participating schools or lives in Henley or a nearby village in South Oxfordshire. If you have changed schools but have previously taken part in the Youth Festival please contact Lucie (details below). Download and print the Guidelines & Entry Form and send completed to the address on the form.

Which Event shall I enter?

If you are in School **Years 1-6** please enter **JUNIOR SINGER**. If you are in **Y7 or above**, please enter **SENIOR SINGER** when Senior Singers will join the Senior Dancers to give a special evening of celebration of their talents. (If you enter as a group please enter the event appropriate for the oldest member).

Can I use a microphone?

You will be required to sing **without** the use of a microphone.

If you want to use a microphone (both Junior and Senior) you should enter **Entertainer** on Friday 26th March 2010.

Can I have an accompanist or backing music?

You should ideally be accompanied by a pianist or similar acoustic accompanist whose details should be included on the application form. You are welcome to sing unaccompanied and you may use a backing track if necessary.

If you would like help to find an accompanist please contact Lucie Henwood (see below) as soon as possible and by the **25th February at the latest** and she will try to help. Please note accompanists normally make a small charge to rehearse your piece with you and attend on the day.

How long should my performance be?

Your piece should be 3 minutes or under for Juniors and 4 minutes or under for Seniors. No medleys please.

Can I enter as a soloist AND as part of a group?

You may, but you can only take part in 2 items in total. Please fill in a separate entry form for each. If either of the events is oversubscribed we may have to limit the total number of performances.

Will there be Rehearsals?

Juniors -No formal rehearsals, but the Henley Room will be available throughout the event for warming up.

Senior singers will be contacted nearer the event to arrange a rehearsal time.

Will there be any Feedback on my performance?

Specialist advisors will give feedback on each performance based primarily on vocal quality and technique. They will also decide which performers deserve special recognition and they will be awarded trophies donated by the Rotary Club of Henley on Thames. These will be presented at the Festival Gala.

What time do I need to arrive?

After you have sent in your entry form you will be contacted with all the details.

How do I Buy Tickets?

Junior Singers: No tickets required. Senior Singers: Tickets will be available from the Kenton Box Office from **Monday 22nd February** on **01491 575698** Mon-Fri 11.00am – 5.00pm, Sat 10.00 am – 1.00 pm (www.kentontheatre.co.uk). Alternatively you can download a ticket form from www.hyf.org.uk and send by post, with a cheque, to the address on the form.

Adult helpers

Can you help for about 1 hour at the River & Rowing Museum or at one the evening events at the Kenton Theatre? Please let us know on the entry form.

Medical Information

If any performer has a medical issue that you think we should be aware of, please complete the Medical Form which can be downloaded from the website.

Photographs

An official HYF photographer will be present at most performing arts events during the Festival Week. Photographs will be available to purchase on a restricted website shortly after the event by emailing: hyfphotolink@btconnect.com.

To purchase photos, please email hyfphotolink@btconnect.com. Photos and video may be used in promotional material and on this website. Should you have any objection to your child's photo or video of your child being used, please notify us by email a.staley@btconnect.com

For more information contact: Lucie Henwood 01491 571692/07831 504036 or email lucie@henwoodanddean.co.uk

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ENTRY FORM



Please read the Guidelines, print out and complete this form (in block capitals), returning it **by 5th March 2010** to:
Lucie Henwood, Greenlands Farm, Dairy Lane, Hambleden, Nr Henley-on-Thames RG9 3AS

For more information contact: **Lucie on 01491 571692 / 07831 504036** or email: lucie@henwoodanddean.co.uk

I am entering: **JUNIOR SINGER (School years 1 - 6)** **SENIOR SINGER (School years 7 and over)**

If you are entering as a group please enter the event appropriate to the oldest member of the group

Music Composer	Name of piece (maximum length 4 minutes)
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Name of Accompanist (if you have one):
 If you are unable to arrange a pianist to accompany your piece please contact Lucie Henwood as soon as possible for details of pianists who are available for a fee

Your Name(s)	Age	School Year	School attended

(larger groups please continue on reverse)

NAME OF GROUP (if you have one):

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Please tell us something about yourselves that will help us introduce you to the audience

FOR YOUR PARENT / GUARDIAN. Please give contact details

Name:

Your address:

Telephone numbers:

Postcode:

Email address:

Can you help either Backstage or as a Front of House Steward at any of the Kenton events? YES NO

If YES, we will contact you to discuss.

I give permission for the child / children named above to take part in this event and if necessary I have completed and enclosed a Medical Form.

Signed:

Print name:

Date: