



SPECIAL CLASSES Syllabus

WCAF has special classes across the festival to celebrate and reward high achievement. 25% 'early bird' discount is available until 1st December 2025. We do not believe any performer should miss out due to financial hardship. Please contact us to discuss any free places and bursaries that may be available: admin:wcaf.org.uk

Please note that ages for the classes below are the age of the performer on 1st September 2025. Winners are expected to be available for the WCAF 75th Anniversary Festival Concert on Saturday 21st March 2026.

Where appropriate, performances in these classes may be accompanied and if so, 'live' accompaniment is preferred. However, if you use a backing track this must be uploaded to PlayandPerform by 16th January 2026. Please note the additional information as you make the entry.

Entrants may also be interested in other classes across the festival with specific prizes:

304 VALE TROPHY - OPEN CLASS FOR PIANO SOLO

930 FESTIVAL PRIZE FOR ACTING

1006 BERTULIS SOLO VERSE SPEAKING CHALLENGE TROPHY

1237/1238/1239 THE MARY MANNION COMPOSITION TROPHY

The above classes are listed in the relevant section, as they include only one discipline. The special classes below cross several disciplines and are intended to encourage and inspire young performers and give opportunities to perform to a supportive audience.

Class	Age	Time	Fee
000 MARIAN BAKER MEMORIAL PRIZE AND CUP	12 and under	Up to 10 mins	£20.00
Award: Marian Baker Trophy and £45 (providing the winner gains a Distinction or		'	
Honours certificate).			
This prize was donated by the friends and family of the late Marian Baker, a teacher			
from Kidderminster. Entrants should perform two contrasting pieces on any instrument			
or voice. A minimum standard of Grade 6 is required.			
001 SPROULE PRIZE & TROPHY FOR SPEECH, DRAMA AND MUSIC UP TO 15			
YEARS	15 and under	Up to 10 mins	£20.00
Award: 199 Sproule Trophy and £50, providing distinction or honours is awarded.			
Entrants are required to perform either a poem or an acted scene AND a song or a			
piece of music on any instrument of the candidate's choice.			

Class	Age	Time	Fee
002 WILLIAM LEWIS RECITAL PRIZE AND SALVER	Any	Up to 15 mins	£26.67
Award: 40 The William Lewis Salver & £100, providing distinction or honours is			
awarded.			
Donated by the parents and friends of the late William Lewis of Stourport. An			
interesting, varied programme of two or more contrasting pieces for any instrument or			
voice should be presented, choice of which will be taken into account in adjudication.			