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## **MUSIC Syllabus 2027**

Venue: Elgiva Theatre, St Mary's Way, Chesham, HP5 1HR

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| <b>Strings -</b>                    | Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2027 - <b>Liz MacCarthy ARAM, DipRAM, BMus (Hons), LRAM</b>        |
| <b>Guitar -</b>                     | Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2027 - <b>Saki Kato BMus, LRAM</b>                                 |
| <b>Brass, Wind &amp;<br/>Comp -</b> | Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2027 - <b>Paul Harris FRAM Hon TCL GRSM<br/>LRAM ARCM ARAM MTC</b> |
| <b>Vocal -</b>                      | Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2026 - <b>Kirsty Maclean MMus</b>                               |
| <b>Piano -</b>                      | Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2026 - <b>Lynn Arnold LRAM, PgDip, MA (Cantab), ARAM</b>          |

### **FINAL CONCERT AND PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2027 5pm**

Contact us via [www.cheshamartsfestival.org.uk](http://www.cheshamartsfestival.org.uk)

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Amersham And Chesham Rotary Club Chess Valley Male Voice Choir    Perfect Pitch  
Elgiva Theatre    Stage Door    Chesham Youth Centre  
*and all the many other people who have given help, advice, encouragement and valuable time*



## How to Enter

All music entries should be emailed to the music officer at  
[james.bowers@cheshamartsfestival.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:james.bowers@cheshamartsfestival.onmicrosoft.com)

### **PAYMENTS SHOULD BE MADE TO THE “CHESHAM ARTS FESTIVAL”**

**VIA BACS Sort Code 20-02-06, A/C No 00249548**

– Using competitor and/or school name as BACS reference

**Early Entry Deadline: Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> November 2026**

**Entry Deadline: Friday, 04<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

**Late Entry Deadline: Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> December 2026**

**Music & Backing Tracks Deadline: Sunday 10th January 2027**

## **General Rules**

1. The music section of the Chesham Arts Festival is aimed at the nurturing and developing of young musicians and not professionals. If you are a musician who performs professionally, you are not eligible to take part in ‘Competitive’ classes but may take part in ‘Open Non-Competitive’ classes.
2. For consistency, the age and grade (where appropriate) shall be taken as on the first day of January 2027.
3. All entries must be made on the appropriate form provided on the website and emailed to the festival administrator. Regretfully, we cannot refund entry fees unless the class has been cancelled by the festival.
4. We are pleased to announce that we have introduced **NON-COMPETITIVE CLASSES AS OF 2025**. These classes will give performers a chance to take part and receive professional feedback from the adjudicator whilst removing the competitive element.
5. The committee reserve the right to cancel any class, appoint replacement/additional adjudicators, or make any reasonable modifications arrangements to the festival detailed in the syllabus.
6. The committee reserves the right to change the venue of the festival if it is deemed necessary due to unforeseen circumstances. Competitors, teachers and parents will be notified in advanced of this.
7. **Certificates will be awarded as follows:**

|                |                    |   |                                                                                          |
|----------------|--------------------|---|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>81-83</b>   | <b>Merit</b>       | - | <i>A capable performance showing some artistic appreciation and/or technical ability</i> |
| <b>84 – 86</b> | <b>Commended</b>   | - | <i>A convincing performance technically and artistically</i>                             |
| <b>87 – 89</b> | <b>Distinction</b> | - | <i>An excellent performance technically and artistically</i>                             |
| <b>90 +</b>    | <b>Honours</b>     | - | <i>An exceptional performance both technically and artistically</i>                      |

### **A Non-competitive class certificate**

8. Please provide a copy of the music on the day for the use of the adjudicator. We regret that photocopies cannot be accepted.
9. Performers can perform repeats provided they fall within the time limit.
10. Time limits must be adhered to, and the adjudicator/adjudicators clerk may stop performances which exceed them.
11. Competitors will only be admitted to the hall free of charge for the session which includes the class in which they are competing.

12. Class winners should be prepared to perform the test piece of their class at the Final Concert if they are selected. The final concert will be held on the **21st February 2027 at the Elgiva Theatre.**
13. The marks awarded by the adjudicator shall be final and conclusive and no contact or discussion with the adjudicator will be permitted.
14. The Festival Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry without giving reasons for such a decision and shall have the power to interpret, qualify or amend as they consider necessary.
15. Trophies will be awarded at the discretion of the adjudicator.  
All trophies will be presented at the Final Concert (Music only).  
Trophies are held for one year and remain the property of the Festival.  
They must be carefully preserved, cleaned and engraved where appropriate.
16. **Trophies must not be dropped off at the homes of committee members unless express permission has been given by the committee in advance.** Perfect Pitch Music Shop in Chesham has very kindly given consent to receive all trophies and will contact the committee when they have received them. Please ensure the trophies have been returned by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2027. If there are any concerns, please contact the festival administrator at [james.bowers@cheshamartsfestival.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:james.bowers@cheshamartsfestival.onmicrosoft.com)
17. No Competitor may perform more than once in any class apart from Duos, Trios and Ensembles where an entrant may appear again with a different partner/partners.
18. All who attend Chesham Arts Festival do so at their own risk. The Festival will not be responsible for any illness contracted, theft or injuries that happen to any person or persons whilst attending The Festival.
19. **Photography of any kind in the performance area (except those who are contracted by the Chesham Arts Festival with advanced consent of the venue parents/teachers/adjudicators) are not permitted, this is not negotiable. Anyone caught violating this rule will immediately be asked to leave the venue and delete any photos/videos they have taken.**
20. All performances must be live. Performers must provide their own accompanist.
21. **Pre-recorded backing tracks must be submitted via WeTransfer for the popular song classes in advance to [james.bowers@cheshamartsfestival.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:james.bowers@cheshamartsfestival.onmicrosoft.com) . The committee reserves the right to refuse backing tracks that they deem unsuitable.**
  - a. Please submit the tracks by Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> January 2027 to allow the festival and venue adequate time. Information submitted with the tracks must include:
    - i. Name of competitor
    - ii. Song Title
    - iii. Class Number/Name
22. Please note
  - a. a) Every performance will receive a written adjudication sheet and every performer will receive a certificate after each class. The Festival cannot undertake to forward these by post if unclaimed.
  - b. b) Chesham Arts Festival will hold data submitted on entry forms on a secure cloud solely for the purpose of running the Festival. The data will not be made available or communicated to any third party.
  - c. **We regret that we are unable to provide an official accompanist.**  
Competitors who have difficulty in finding an accompanist should contact the Festival Administrator by 10<sup>th</sup> January 2027

## **Volunteers & Chaperones Needed**

The Chesham Arts Festival is a non-profit charity run by a dedicated team of volunteers

We are always looking for new people to assist with the Festival.

If you are interested in any capacity please email the festival administrator at [james.bowers@cheshamartsfestival.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:james.bowers@cheshamartsfestival.onmicrosoft.com) or speak to a committee member during the festival.

### ***Challenge Trophies – Music Section***

| <b>TROPHY</b>                    | <b>PRESENTED BY</b>                | <b>NAME OF CLASS</b>                   |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Valentine Bell                   | Mr & Mrs A Holt                    | Junior Piano Solo                      |
| Timothy Bowers Trophy            | Dr T Bowers                        | Intermediate Piano Solo                |
| Cornall Cup                      | Mrs S M Cornall                    | Senior & Intermediate<br>Piano Solo    |
| Rose Bowl                        | Berkeley Singers                   | Senior Piano Solo                      |
| Oakwood Cup                      | Mr & Mrs Glenister                 | Open Piano Solo                        |
| Tamkin Cup                       | Mr & Mrs D Tamkin                  | Junior Piano Duet                      |
| Memorial Cup                     | Maurice Barnes                     | Senior Piano Duet                      |
| The Arthur Holt Memorial         | Mrs P Holt                         | Junior Wind Solo                       |
| Perfect Pitch Cup                | Perfect Pitch                      | Junior Wind Solo                       |
| Cup                              | Chesham Arts Festival              | Intermediate Wind Solo                 |
| Burness Cup                      | John Burness                       | Senior Wind Solo                       |
| Jordan Cup                       | Simon Jordan                       | Junior Strings                         |
| Cup                              | Chesham Arts Festival              | Intermediate Strings                   |
| Cup                              | Vice Presidents                    | Senior Strings Solo                    |
| Cup                              | Chesham Arts Festival              | Strings Ensemble                       |
| Cup                              | Chesham Arts Festival              | Wind Ensemble                          |
| Campion Cup                      | Anon                               | Junior Vocal Solo                      |
| Marion Lowe Cup                  | Marion Lowe                        | Junior Vocal Solo                      |
| Jim Smith Memorial Cup           | Ms Julia Morby &<br>Mrs K Smith    | Intermediate Vocal Sol                 |
| John Hicks Memorial Rose Bowl    | Mr & Mrs T Bowers                  | Boys/Girls Vocal Solo                  |
| Cup                              | Allstars Academy                   | Songs from the Shows (Jun)             |
| Cup                              | Chesham Arts Festival              | Songs from the Shows (Jun)             |
| Baker Memorial Trophy            | Chesham MTC                        | Songs from the Shows (Int)             |
| Eric Watsham Cup                 | Eric Watsham                       | Songs from the Shows (Sen)             |
| The James Suich Memorial Cup     | Chesham Musical Theatre<br>Company | Vocal Duet                             |
| Irene Baker Cup                  | Irene Baker                        | Open Vocal Solo                        |
| Opera Cup                        | Amanda Watsham                     | Operatic Aria                          |
| Corkish Cup                      | Winifred Corkish                   | Adult Choirs                           |
| York Cup                         | Mr & Mrs G Povey                   | Junior Choirs                          |
| Louis Ashton-Butler Memorial Cup | James Bowers                       | Most Promising Composer                |
| Junior Endeavour Trophy          | Mr & Mrs A Cornall                 | The Most promising Junior<br>Performer |
| Founder's Cup                    | Pat Cracknell                      | The most promising Senior<br>performer |



## Festival Bursaries (Music Section only)



The Festival is most grateful to **Chess Valley Male Voice Choir** for all their help and support during the Music Festival. They will be providing a Bursary to the most promising Pianist and the most promising Vocalist.



The Festival is also very grateful to **Chesham Rotary Club**, who will be giving a Bursary to the two most promising performers in the String and Wind classes.

**THE KEN DENHAM AWARD** Encouragement award to a promising young musician under the age of 21 who lives locally.

## Piano

### Piano Solo Graded – Open Age

#### Competitive Classes

| Class No. | Name           | Time Limit | Early Entry | Entry  | Late Entry |
|-----------|----------------|------------|-------------|--------|------------|
| CP1.      | Grades 1 and 2 | 3 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |
| CP2.      | Grades 3 and 4 | 4 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |
| CP3.      | Grades 5 and 6 | 5 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |
| CP4.      | Grades 7 and 8 | 8 mins     | £12.00      | £13.00 | £14.00     |

#### Non-Competitive Class

| Class No. | Name             | Time Limit | Early Entry | Entry  | Late Entry |
|-----------|------------------|------------|-------------|--------|------------|
| NP1.      | Grades 4 & below | 3 mins     | £8.00       | £9.00  | £10.00     |
| NP2.      | Grades 5 - 8     | 8 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |

### Piano Solo Graded – Non Graded

#### Competitive Classes

| Class No. | Name             | Time Limit | Early Entry | Entry  | Late Entry |
|-----------|------------------|------------|-------------|--------|------------|
| CP5.      | 10 years & under | 3 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |
| CP6.      | 12 years & under | 4 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |
| CP7.      | 14 years & under | 6 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |
| CP8.      | 16 years & under | 8 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |
| CP9.      | Open Age         | 8 mins     | £12.00      | £13.00 | £14.00     |

#### Non-Competitive Classes

| Class No. | Name             | Time Limit | Early Entry | Entry  | Late Entry |
|-----------|------------------|------------|-------------|--------|------------|
| NP3.      | 12 years & under | 4 mins     | £8.00       | £9.00  | £10.00     |
| NP4.      | 13 years to 18   | 8 mins     | £8.00       | £9.00  | £10.00     |
| NP5.      | Open             | 8 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |



## **Piano Duet/Trio**

### **Competitive Classes**

| Class. No. | Name             | Time Limit | Early Entry | Entry  | Late Entry |
|------------|------------------|------------|-------------|--------|------------|
| CP10.      | 10 years & under | 4 mins     | £12.00      | £13.00 | £14.00     |
| CP11.      | 12 years & under | 5 mins     | £12.00      | £13.00 | £14.00     |
| CP12.      | 14 years & under | 6 mins     | £12.00      | £13.00 | £14.00     |
| CP13.      | 16 years & under | 7 mins     | £12.00      | £13.00 | £14.00     |
| CP14.      | Open Age         | 8 mins     | £14.00      | £15.00 | £16.00     |

### **Non-Competitive Classes**

| Class No. | Name             | Time Limit | Early Entry | Entry  | Late Entry |
|-----------|------------------|------------|-------------|--------|------------|
| NP6.      | 12 years & under | 4 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |
| NP7.      | 13 years to 18   | 6 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |
| NP8.      | Open             | 8 mins     | £12.00      | £13.00 | £14.00     |

## **Woodwind**

### **Woodwind Solo Graded – Open Age**

#### **Competitive Classes**

| Class No. | Name           | Time Limit | Early Entry | Entry  | Late Entry |
|-----------|----------------|------------|-------------|--------|------------|
| CW1.      | Grades 1 and 2 | 3 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |
| CW2.      | Grades 3 and 4 | 4 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |
| CW3.      | Grades 5 and 6 | 5 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |
| CW4.      | Grades 7 and 8 | 8 mins     | £12.00      | £13.00 | £14.00     |

#### **Non-Competitive Class**

| Class No. | Name             | Time Limit | Early Entry | Entry  | Late Entry |
|-----------|------------------|------------|-------------|--------|------------|
| NW1.      | Grades 4 & below | 3 mins     | £8.00       | £9.00  | £10.00     |
| NW2.      | Grades 5 - 8     | 8 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |

### **Woodwind Solo Graded – Non Graded**

#### **Competitive Classes**

| Class No. | Name             | Time Limit | Early Entry | Entry  | Late Entry |
|-----------|------------------|------------|-------------|--------|------------|
| CW5.      | 10 years & under | 3 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |
| CW6.      | 12 years & under | 4 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |
| CW7.      | 14 years & under | 6 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |
| CW8.      | 16 years & under | 8 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |
| CW9.      | Open Age         | 8 mins     | £12.00      | £13.00 | £14.00     |

#### **Non-Competitive Classes**

| Class No. | Name             | Time Limit | Early Entry | Entry  | Late Entry |
|-----------|------------------|------------|-------------|--------|------------|
| NW3.      | 12 years & under | 4 mins     | £8.00       | £9.00  | £10.00     |
| NW4.      | 13 years to 18   | 8 mins     | £8.00       | £9.00  | £10.00     |
| NW5.      | Open             | 8 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |



## **Woodwind Duet/Trio/Quartet/Quintet**

### **Competitive Classes**

| Class. No. | Name             | Time Limit | Early Entry | Entry  | Late Entry |
|------------|------------------|------------|-------------|--------|------------|
| CW10.      | 10 years & under | 4 mins     | £12.00      | £13.00 | £14.00     |
| CW11.      | 12 years & under | 5 mins     | £12.00      | £13.00 | £14.00     |
| CW12.      | 14 years & under | 6 mins     | £12.00      | £13.00 | £14.00     |
| CW13.      | 16 years & under | 7 mins     | £12.00      | £13.00 | £14.00     |
| CW14.      | Open Age         | 8 mins     | £14.00      | £15.00 | £16.00     |

### **Non-Competitive Classes**

| Class No. | Name             | Time Limit | Early Entry | Entry  | Late Entry |
|-----------|------------------|------------|-------------|--------|------------|
| NW6.      | 12 years & under | 4 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |
| NW7.      | 13 years to 18   | 6 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |
| NW8.      | Open             | 8 mins     | £12.00      | £13.00 | £14.00     |

## **Brass**

### **Brass Solo Graded – Open Age**

#### **Competitive Classes**

| Class No. | Name           | Time Limit | Early Entry | Entry  | Late Entry |
|-----------|----------------|------------|-------------|--------|------------|
| CB1.      | Grades 1 and 2 | 3 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |
| CB2.      | Grades 3 and 4 | 4 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |
| CB3.      | Grades 5 and 6 | 5 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |
| CB4.      | Grades 7 and 8 | 8 mins     | £12.00      | £13.00 | £14.00     |

#### **Non-Competitive Class**

| Class No. | Name             | Time Limit | Early Entry | Entry  | Late Entry |
|-----------|------------------|------------|-------------|--------|------------|
| NB1.      | Grades 4 & below | 3 mins     | £8.00       | £9.00  | £10.00     |
| NB2.      | Grades 5 - 8     | 8 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |

### **Brass Solo Graded – Non Graded**

#### **Competitive Classes**

| Class No. | Name             | Time Limit | Early Entry | Entry  | Late Entry |
|-----------|------------------|------------|-------------|--------|------------|
| CB5.      | 10 years & under | 3 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |
| CB6.      | 12 years & under | 4 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |
| CB7.      | 14 years & under | 6 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |
| CB8.      | 16 years & under | 8 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |
| CB9.      | Open Age         | 8 mins     | £12.00      | £13.00 | £14.00     |

#### **Non-Competitive Classes**

| Class No. | Name             | Time Limit | Early Entry | Entry  | Late Entry |
|-----------|------------------|------------|-------------|--------|------------|
| NB3.      | 12 years & under | 4 mins     | £8.00       | £9.00  | £10.00     |
| NB4.      | 13 years to 18   | 8 mins     | £8.00       | £9.00  | £10.00     |
| NB5.      | Open             | 8 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |



## **Brass Duet/Trio/Quartet/Quintet**

### **Competitive Classes**

| Class. No. | Name             | Time Limit | Early Entry | Entry  | Late Entry |
|------------|------------------|------------|-------------|--------|------------|
| CB10.      | 10 years & under | 4 mins     | £12.00      | £13.00 | £14.00     |
| CB11.      | 12 years & under | 5 mins     | £12.00      | £13.00 | £14.00     |
| CB12.      | 14 years & under | 6 mins     | £12.00      | £13.00 | £14.00     |
| CB13.      | 16 years & under | 7 mins     | £12.00      | £13.00 | £14.00     |
| CB14.      | Open Age         | 8 mins     | £14.00      | £15.00 | £16.00     |

### **Non-Competitive Classes**

| Class No. | Name             | Time Limit | Early Entry | Entry  | Late Entry |
|-----------|------------------|------------|-------------|--------|------------|
| NB6.      | 12 years & under | 4 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |
| NB7.      | 13 years to 18   | 6 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |
| NB8.      | Open             | 8 mins     | £12.00      | £13.00 | £14.00     |

## **Guitar**

### **Guitar Solo Graded – Open Age**

#### **Competitive Classes**

| Class No. | Name           | Time Limit | Early Entry | Entry  | Late Entry |
|-----------|----------------|------------|-------------|--------|------------|
| CG1.      | Grades 1 and 2 | 3 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |
| CG2.      | Grades 3 and 4 | 4 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |
| CG3.      | Grades 5 and 6 | 5 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |
| CG4.      | Grades 7 and 8 | 8 mins     | £12.00      | £13.00 | £14.00     |

#### **Non-Competitive Class**

| Class No. | Name             | Time Limit | Early Entry | Entry  | Late Entry |
|-----------|------------------|------------|-------------|--------|------------|
| NG1.      | Grades 4 & below | 3 mins     | £8.00       | £9.00  | £10.00     |
| NG2.      | Grades 5 - 8     | 8 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |

### **Guitar Solo Graded – Non Graded**

#### **Competitive Classes**

| Class No. | Name             | Time Limit | Early Entry | Entry  | Late Entry |
|-----------|------------------|------------|-------------|--------|------------|
| CG5.      | 10 years & under | 3 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |
| CG6.      | 12 years & under | 4 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |
| CG7.      | 14 years & under | 6 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |
| CG8.      | 16 years & under | 8 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |
| CG9.      | Open Age         | 8 mins     | £12.00      | £13.00 | £14.00     |

#### **Non-Competitive Classes**

| Class No. | Name             | Time Limit | Early Entry | Entry  | Late Entry |
|-----------|------------------|------------|-------------|--------|------------|
| NG3.      | 12 years & under | 4 mins     | £8.00       | £9.00  | £10.00     |
| NG4.      | 13 years to 18   | 8 mins     | £8.00       | £9.00  | £10.00     |
| NG5.      | Open             | 8 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |



## **Guitar Duet/Trio/Quartet/Quintet**

### **Competitive Classes**

| Class. No. | Name             | Time Limit | Early Entry | Entry  | Late Entry |
|------------|------------------|------------|-------------|--------|------------|
| CG10.      | 10 years & under | 4 mins     | £12.00      | £13.00 | £14.00     |
| CG11.      | 12 years & under | 5 mins     | £12.00      | £13.00 | £14.00     |
| CG12.      | 14 years & under | 6 mins     | £12.00      | £13.00 | £14.00     |
| CG13.      | 16 years & under | 7 mins     | £12.00      | £13.00 | £14.00     |
| CG14.      | Open Age         | 8 mins     | £14.00      | £15.00 | £16.00     |

### **Non-Competitive Classes**

| Class No. | Name             | Time Limit | Early Entry | Entry  | Late Entry |
|-----------|------------------|------------|-------------|--------|------------|
| NG6.      | 12 years & under | 4 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |
| NG7.      | 13 years to 18   | 6 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |
| NG8.      | Open             | 8 mins     | £12.00      | £13.00 | £14.00     |

## **Strings**

### **Strings Solo Graded – Open Age**

#### **Competitive Classes**

| Class No. | Name           | Time Limit | Early Entry | Entry  | Late Entry |
|-----------|----------------|------------|-------------|--------|------------|
| CS1.      | Grades 1 and 2 | 3 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |
| CS2.      | Grades 3 and 4 | 4 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |
| CS3.      | Grades 5 and 6 | 5 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |
| CS4.      | Grades 7 and 8 | 8 mins     | £12.00      | £13.00 | £14.00     |

#### **Non-Competitive Class**

| Class No. | Name             | Time Limit | Early Entry | Entry  | Late Entry |
|-----------|------------------|------------|-------------|--------|------------|
| NS1.      | Grades 4 & below | 3 mins     | £8.00       | £9.00  | £10.00     |
| NS2.      | Grades 5 - 8     | 8 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |

### **Strings Solo Graded – Non Graded**

#### **Competitive Classes**

| Class No. | Name             | Time Limit | Early Entry | Entry  | Late Entry |
|-----------|------------------|------------|-------------|--------|------------|
| CS5.      | 10 years & under | 3 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |
| CS6.      | 12 years & under | 4 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |
| CS7.      | 14 years & under | 6 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |
| CS8.      | 16 years & under | 8 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |
| CS9.      | Open Age         | 8 mins     | £12.00      | £13.00 | £14.00     |

#### **Non-Competitive Classes**

| Class No. | Name             | Time Limit | Early Entry | Entry  | Late Entry |
|-----------|------------------|------------|-------------|--------|------------|
| NS3.      | 12 years & under | 4 mins     | £8.00       | £9.00  | £10.00     |
| NS4.      | 13 years to 18   | 8 mins     | £8.00       | £9.00  | £10.00     |
| NS5.      | Open             | 8 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |



## **Strings Duet/Trio/Quartet/Quintet**

### **Competitive Classes**

| Class. No. | Name             | Time Limit | Early Entry | Entry  | Late Entry |
|------------|------------------|------------|-------------|--------|------------|
| CS10.      | 10 years & under | 4 mins     | £12.00      | £13.00 | £14.00     |
| CS11.      | 12 years & under | 5 mins     | £12.00      | £13.00 | £14.00     |
| CS12.      | 14 years & under | 6 mins     | £12.00      | £13.00 | £14.00     |
| CS13.      | 16 years & under | 7 mins     | £12.00      | £13.00 | £14.00     |
| CS14.      | Open Age         | 8 mins     | £14.00      | £15.00 | £16.00     |

### **Non-Competitive Classes**

| Class No. | Name             | Time Limit | Early Entry | Entry  | Late Entry |
|-----------|------------------|------------|-------------|--------|------------|
| NS6.      | 12 years & under | 4 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |
| NS7.      | 13 years to 18   | 6 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |
| NS8.      | Open             | 8 mins     | £12.00      | £13.00 | £14.00     |

## **Vocal**

*(Classical repertoire, not musical theatre or popular music)*

### **Vocal Solo Graded – Open Age**

#### **Competitive Classes**

| Class No. | Name           | Time Limit | Early Entry | Entry  | Late Entry |
|-----------|----------------|------------|-------------|--------|------------|
| CV1.      | Grades 1 and 2 | 3 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |
| CV2.      | Grades 3 and 4 | 4 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |
| CV3.      | Grades 5 and 6 | 5 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |
| CV4.      | Grades 7 and 8 | 8 mins     | £12.00      | £13.00 | £14.00     |

#### **Non-Competitive Classes**

| Class No. | Name             | Time Limit | Early Entry | Entry  | Late Entry |
|-----------|------------------|------------|-------------|--------|------------|
| NV1.      | Grades 4 & below | 3 mins     | £8.00       | £9.00  | £10.00     |
| NV2.      | Grades 5 - 8     | 8 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |

### **Vocal Solo – Non Graded**

#### **Competitive Classes**

| Class No. | Name             | Time Limit | Early Entry | Entry  | Late Entry |
|-----------|------------------|------------|-------------|--------|------------|
| CV5.      | 10 years & under | 4 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |
| CV6.      | 12 years & under | 5 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |
| CV7.      | 14 years & under | 6 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |
| CV8.      | 16 years & under | 8 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |
| CV9.      | Open Age         | 8 mins     | £12.00      | £13.00 | £14.00     |



### **Non-Competitive Classes**

| Class No. | Name             | Time Limit | Early  | Entry Entry | Late Entry |
|-----------|------------------|------------|--------|-------------|------------|
| NV3.      | 12 years & under | 4 mins     | £8.00  | £9.00       | £10.00     |
| NV4.      | 13 years to 18   | 8 mins     | £9.00  | £10.00      | £11.00     |
| NV5.      | Open             | 8 mins     | £10.00 | £11.00      | £12.00     |

### **Vocal Duet/Trio/Quartet – Own Choice**

#### **Competitive Classes**

| Class. No. | Name             | Time Limit | Early Entry | Entry  | Late Entry |
|------------|------------------|------------|-------------|--------|------------|
| CV10.      | 10 years & under | 4 mins     | £12.00      | £13.00 | £14.00     |
| CV11.      | 12 years & under | 5 mins     | £12.00      | £13.00 | £14.00     |
| CV12.      | 14 years & under | 6 mins     | £12.00      | £13.00 | £14.00     |
| CV13.      | 16 years & under | 7 mins     | £12.00      | £13.00 | £14.00     |
| CV14.      | Open Age         | 8 mins     | £14.00      | £15.00 | £16.00     |

### **Non-Competitive Classes**

| Class No. | Name             | Time Limit | Early Entry | Entry  | Late Entry |
|-----------|------------------|------------|-------------|--------|------------|
| NV6.      | 12 years & under | 4 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |
| NV7.      | 13 years to 18   | 6 mins     | £11.00      | £12.00 | £13.00     |
| NV8.      | Open             | 8 mins     | £12.00      | £13.00 | £14.00     |

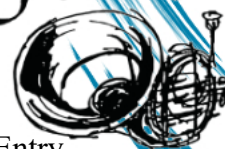
### **Vocal Traditional Folk Song – Own Choice**

#### **Competitive Classes**

| Class No. | Name             | Time Limit | Early Entry | Entry  | Late Entry |
|-----------|------------------|------------|-------------|--------|------------|
| CV15.     | 10 years & under | 3 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |
| CV16.     | 12 years & under | 4 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |
| CV17.     | 14 years & under | 6 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |
| CV18.     | 16 years & under | 8 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |
| CV19.     | Open Age         | 8 mins     | £12.00      | £13.00 | £14.00     |

### **Non-Competitive Classes**

| Class No. | Name             | Time Limit | Early Entry | Entry  | Late Entry |
|-----------|------------------|------------|-------------|--------|------------|
| NV9.      | 12 years & under | 4 mins     | £8.00       | £9.00  | £10.00     |
| NV10.     | 13 years to 18   | 8 mins     | £9.00       | £10.00 | £11.00     |
| NV11.     | Open             | 8 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |



**Art Song – Own Choice**  
(Classical repertoire, not musical theatre or popular music)

**Competitive Classes**

| Class No. | Name             | Time Limit | Early Entry | Entry  | Late Entry |
|-----------|------------------|------------|-------------|--------|------------|
| CV20.     | 16 years & under | 6 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |
| CV21.     | Open Age         | 8 mins     | £12.00      | £13.00 | £14.00     |

**Non-Competitive Classes**

| Class No. | Name             | Time Limit | Early Entry | Entry  | Late Entry |
|-----------|------------------|------------|-------------|--------|------------|
| NV12.     | 16 years & under | 6 mins     | £8.00       | £9.00  | £10.00     |
| NV13.     | Open Age         | 8 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |

**Operetta/Oratorio/Operatic Aria - Own Choice**

**Competitive Classes**

| Class No. | Name             | Time Limit | Early Entry | Entry  | Late Entry |
|-----------|------------------|------------|-------------|--------|------------|
| CV22.     | 16 years & under | 8 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |
| CV23.     | Open Age         | 8 mins     | £12.00      | £13.00 | £14.00     |

**Non-Competitive Classes**

| Class No. | Name             | Time Limit | Early Entry | Entry  | Late Entry |
|-----------|------------------|------------|-------------|--------|------------|
| NV14.     | 16 years & under | 6 mins     | £8.00       | £9.00  | £10.00     |
| NV15.     | Open Age         | 8 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |

**Vocal Ensemble – Own Choice**  
(A Classical ensemble piece consisting of 5 or more Singers)

**Competitive Classes**

| Class No. | Name             | Time Limit | Early Entry | Entry  | Late Entry |
|-----------|------------------|------------|-------------|--------|------------|
| CV22.     | 12 years & under | 5 mins     | £20.00      | £22.00 | £24.00     |
| CV23.     | 14 years & under | 6 mins     | £20.00      | £22.00 | £24.00     |
| CV24.     | 16 years & under | 8 mins     | £20.00      | £22.00 | £24.00     |
| CV25.     | Open Age         | 8 mins     | £20.00      | £20.00 | £24.00     |

**Non-Competitive Classes**

| Class No. | Name             | Time Limit | Early Entry | Entry  | Late Entry |
|-----------|------------------|------------|-------------|--------|------------|
| NV16.     | 12 years & under | 5 mins     | £16.00      | £18.00 | £20.00     |
| NV17.     | 13 years to 18   | 6 mins     | £16.00      | £18.00 | £20.00     |
| NV18.     | Open Age         | 8 mins     | £18.00      | £20.00 | £22.00     |

## Musical Theatre and Popular Song

### Music Theatre Solo – Own Choice

*(One song from any stage, musical or film. Backing tracks, recorded music, costumes and props are allowed)*

#### Competitive Classes

| Class | No. | Name             | Time Limit | Early Entry | Entry  | Late Entry |
|-------|-----|------------------|------------|-------------|--------|------------|
| CM1.  |     | 10 years & under | 4 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |
| CM2.  |     | 12 years & under | 4 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |
| CM3.  |     | 14 years & under | 4 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |
| CM4.  |     | 16 years & under | 5 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |
| CM5.  |     | Open Age         | 8 mins     | £12.00      | £13.00 | £14.00     |

#### Non--Competitive Classes

| Class | No. | Name             | Time Limit | Early Entry | Entry  | Late Entry |
|-------|-----|------------------|------------|-------------|--------|------------|
| NM1.  |     | 12 years & under | 4 mins     | £8.00       | £9.00  | £10.00     |
| NM2.  |     | 13 years & 18    | 4 mins     | £9.00       | £10.00 | £11.00     |
| NM3.  |     | Open Age         | 8 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |

### Music Theatre Solo – With Backing Tracks

*(One song from any stage, musical or film. Backing tracks, recorded music, costumes and props are allowed)*

#### Competitive Classes

| Class | No. | Name             | Time Limit | Early Entry | Entry  | Late Entry |
|-------|-----|------------------|------------|-------------|--------|------------|
| CM6.  |     | 10 years & under | 4 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |
| CM7.  |     | 12 years & under | 4 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |
| CM8.  |     | 14 years & under | 4 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |
| CM9.  |     | 16 years & under | 5 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |
| CM10. |     | Open Age         | 8 mins     | £12.00      | £13.00 | £14.00     |

#### Non--Competitive Classes

| Class | No. | Name             | Time Limit | Early Entry | Entry  | Late Entry |
|-------|-----|------------------|------------|-------------|--------|------------|
| NM4.  |     | 12 years & under | 4 mins     | £8.00       | £9.00  | £10.00     |
| NM5.  |     | 13 years & 18    | 4 mins     | £9.00       | £10.00 | £11.00     |
| NM6.  |     | Open Age         | 8 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |

### **Musical Theatre Duet/Trio/Quartet – Own Choice**

*(One song from any stage, musical or film. No backing tracks/recorded music.*

*Costumes and  
Props are allowed)*

#### **Competitive Classes**

| Class No. | Name             | Time Limit | Early Entry | Entry  | Late Entry |
|-----------|------------------|------------|-------------|--------|------------|
| CM11.     | 12 years & under | 5 mins     | £20.00      | £21.00 | £22.00     |
| CM12.     | 14 years & under | 6 mins     | £20.00      | £21.00 | £22.00     |
| CM13.     | 16 years & under | 8 mins     | £20.00      | £21.00 | £22.00     |
| CM14.     | Open Age         | 8 mins     | £22.00      | £23.00 | £24.00     |

#### **Non-Competitive Classes**

| Class No. | Name             | Time Limit | Early Entry | Entry  | Late Entry |
|-----------|------------------|------------|-------------|--------|------------|
| NM7.      | 12 years & under | 5 mins     | £18.00      | £19.00 | £20.00     |
| NM8.      | 13 years to 18   | 6 mins     | £19.00      | £20.00 | £21.00     |
| NM9.      | Open Age         | 8 mins     | £20.00      | £21.00 | £22.00     |

### **Music Theatre – Ensemble**

*(An ensemble piece consisting of 5 or more singing a song from any stage, musical or film.*

*No backing tracks/recorded music. Costumes and  
Props are allowed)*

#### **Competitive Classes**

| Class No. | Name | Time Limit | Early Entry | Entry  | Late Entry |
|-----------|------|------------|-------------|--------|------------|
| CM15.     | Open | Age 8 mins | £22.00      | £24.00 | £26.00     |

#### **Non-Competitive Classes**

| Class No. | Name     | Time Limit | Early Entry | Entry  | Late Entry |
|-----------|----------|------------|-------------|--------|------------|
| NM10.     | Open Age | 8 mins     | £20.00      | £22.00 | £24.00     |

### **Popular Song Solo – Own Choice**

*(One song that is not a musical theatre song – backing track required)*

#### **Competitive Classes**

| Class No. | Name             | Time Limit | Early Entry | Entry  | Late Entry |
|-----------|------------------|------------|-------------|--------|------------|
| CM16.     | 10 years & under | 4 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |
| CM17.     | 12 years & under | 4 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |
| CM18.     | 14 years & under | 4 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |
| CM19.     | 16 years & under | 4 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |
| CM20.     | Open Age         | 4 mins     | £12.00      | £13.00 | £14.00     |

#### **Non-Competitive Classes**

| Class No. | Name             | Time Limit | Early Entry | Entry  | Late Entry |
|-----------|------------------|------------|-------------|--------|------------|
| NM8.      | 12 years & under | 4 mins     | £8.00       | £9.00  | £10.00     |
| NM9.      | 13 years & 18    | 4 mins     | £9.00       | £10.00 | £11.00     |
| NM10.     | Open Age         | 4 mins     | £10.00      | £11.00 | £12.00     |



**Popular Song Duet/Trio/Quartet – Own Choice**  
*(One song that is not a musical theatre song – backing track required)*

**Competitive Classes**

| Class No. | Name             | Time Limit | Early Entry | Entry  | Late Entry |
|-----------|------------------|------------|-------------|--------|------------|
| CM20.     | 10 years & under | 4 mins     | £20.00      | £21.00 | £22.00     |
| CM21.     | 12 years & under | 4 mins     | £20.00      | £21.00 | £22.00     |
| CM22.     | 14 years & under | 4 mins     | £20.00      | £21.00 | £22.00     |
| CM23.     | 16 years & under | 4 mins     | £20.00      | £21.00 | £22.00     |
| CM24.     | Open Age         | 4 mins     | £22.00      | £23.00 | £24.00     |

**Non-Competitive Classes**

| Class No. | Name             | Time Limit | Early Entry | Entry  | Late Entry |
|-----------|------------------|------------|-------------|--------|------------|
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| NM12.     | 13 years & 18    | 4 mins     | £19.00      | £20.00 | £21.00     |
| NM13.     | Open Age         | 4 mins     | £20.00      | £21.00 | £22.00     |

**Popular Song – Ensemble**

*(An ensemble piece consisting of 5 or more singing a song that is not a musical theatre song – backing track required)*

**Competitive Classes**

| Class No. | Name | Time Limit | Early Entry | Entry  | Late Entry |
|-----------|------|------------|-------------|--------|------------|
| CM25.     | Open | Age 8 mins | £22.00      | £24.00 | £26.00     |

**Non-Competitive Classes**

| Class No. | Name     | Time Limit | Early Entry | Entry  | Late Entry |
|-----------|----------|------------|-------------|--------|------------|
| NM14.     | Open Age | 8 mins     | £20.00      | £22.00 | £24.00     |

## Composition

Competitors are invited to submit original compositions for any instrument or voice, or any combination of instruments and/or voices. **Compositions must be submitted in manuscript in pdf** to [james.bowers@cheshamartsfestival.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:james.bowers@cheshamartsfestival.onmicrosoft.com) manuscript by 10<sup>th</sup> January 2027. A competitor may submit more than one work, provided the fee is paid for each entry. Pieces entered will not be performed live, but a detailed adjudication will be given as part of the Festival programme. The winning work(s) may be included in the Final Concert, if feasible, and at the discretion of the Festival Committee.

**Competitive**

| Class No. | Name           | Time Limit | Early Entry | Entry  | Late Entry |
|-----------|----------------|------------|-------------|--------|------------|
| C1        | 10 yrs & under | 10 mins    | £12.00      | £12.00 | £12.00     |
| C2        | 11 – 16 years  | 10 mins    | £12.00      | £12.00 | £12.00     |
| C3        | Open           | 10 mins    | £12.00      | £12.00 | £12.00     |

## A message from the President

In 1977 fifty years ago the first Chesham Arts Festival took place, this year we are celebrating the milestone of the 50th anniversary of that very first Festival. No one who took part in the first Festival either as a participant or organiser had any idea that it would still be happening fifty years later.

Over the years the Festival has grown in size. We are proud of its resilience through thick and thin, it attracts up to 1000 performers each year.

The distinguished panel of adjudicators are all top draw with extensive performing, teaching and examining credentials. They pass on their love of the arts and give illuminating advice to youngsters and adults alike who take part in both the competitive and non competitive classes, across the many genres of Dance, instrumental, vocal and composition classes.

The Festival has a proud tradition of nurturing young talent and focuses on encouraging joy of performance, artistic skills, discovery, confidence, the educational value of learning new skills, working to achieve their excellent performances with the aid of their teachers and parents and widening their experience of the Arts.

I look forward to encouraging and welcoming as many participants as possible to take part in the 50th Anniversary Chesham Arts Festival. Come and celebrate with us and each other your hard work in February 2027.

I would like to thank the Elgiva Theatre for hosting the event and all the committee members, volunteers, teachers, accompanists and parents for supporting their youngsters and adults on their artistic journeys, helping all our participants to take part in this the 50th Chesham Arts Festival.

Timothy Bowers

## A Message from the Chairman

A very warm welcome to Chesham Arts Festival 2027. This is our 50th festival, so it's very special. Who would have predicted when the festival began back in the 1970s that it would be flourishing more than half a century later? We missed a year in 2021 because of Covid but the festival bounced back full of life the very next year.

It's a proud achievement, and a tribute to all the people who have taken part as well as those who taught and supported them. It's also a tribute to the trustees and the rest of the team who organise the festival year after year. Without their time, energy and skills, Chesham Arts Festival could not exist.

As a Chesham Town Councillor, I am delighted that Chesham Arts Festival is taking place once again at the Elgiva, Chesham's own theatre and arts centre. The Bucks Free Press has highlighted Chesham's "growing arts and culture scene", and we are very proud to be part of this very lively scene.

I hope that everyone will have a very happy, enjoyable and interesting time at our very special 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary festival!

Cllr Alan Bacon

## **CHILD PROTECTION POLICY** implemented from 1st January 2026

**FULL NAME OF ORGANISATION: Chesham Arts Festival**

**CHAIRMAN: Alan Bacon**

**VICE-CHAIRMAN: Catherine Bowers**

**FESTIVAL ADMINISTRATOR & SAFEGUARDING LEAD: James Bowers**

**VENUES & DATES:**

**Elgiva Theatre, Chesham – 7<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> February 2027**

**PRELIMINARY STATEMENT:** The safety of children and vulnerable adults is paramount and all, without exception, have the right to protection from abuse. All suspicions and allegations of abuse will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately and all the charity's trustees, staff and volunteers have a responsibility to report concerns. All safeguarding matters will be overseen by the safeguarding lead, who will refer them to the relevant officer or trustee, and/or local authorities when deemed necessary.

### **1. PURPOSE AND FUNCTION OF ORGANISATION:**

The Chesham Arts Festival provides a platform for amateur performance combined with an educational element through the process of adjudication by distinguished professional musicians and dancers.

### **2 THE FESTIVAL ENVIRONMENT:**

The Festival is held in two separate venues in Chesham. The events at these venues are specific to the venues concerned, toilet facilities are located in these venues. Chesham Arts Festival helpers are not instructed to supervise children whilst they use these facilities. Every effort is made to create a caring, safe and practical environment. All teachers, parents and guardians who enter competitors into the Festival are responsible for children under the age of 18, vulnerable adults, and others to whom Child Protection Policies normally apply. The Festival Organisers are overall responsible for each individual to make sure children, vulnerable adults and any other persons are safe.

### **3 TO WHOM DOES THIS POLICY APPLY:**

This policy relates to children under the age of 18 years and those vulnerable adults of any age who are identified to the organisers prior to their arrival at the Festival. This should be done by contacting the organiser of the relevant Sections – Music or Dance, or the festival administrator. In recognising the needs of children from all ethnic groups and children with disabilities, the Festival actively seeks to meet needs notified to the Festival by parents / guardians / carers and/or teachers two weeks in advance.

### **4 FESTIVAL PERSONNEL:**

Festival personnel are recruited through personal recommendations by members of the Committee. All Festival jobs are reviewed each year and necessary checks - i.e. enhanced CRB/DBS checks - made. Volunteers and committee members are identified on the day either wearing badges or lanyards. A register of volunteers is held by the Volunteers Co-ordinator, Festival Administrator, Secretary and Section Officer. Any issues concerning welfare, safety and the successful running of the Festival should be reported to the Chairman via the Festival Administrator, preferably in writing. These matters will be taken seriously and discussed/actioned as appropriate.

## **5 PREPARATION FOR ATTENDANCE AT THE FESTIVAL:**

Once a performer has entered the Festival, they are notified promptly, by email, of the date and time of the relevant section(s) in which they are enrolled. Under the policy it is the responsibility of parents/guardians/carers/teachers to ensure that the children/vulnerable adults will be accompanied to the Festival and adequately supervised by responsible adults acting on the behalf of the parents/guardians.

## **6 PERFORMANCE AREAS AND CHANGING AREAS:**

Arrangements for the Dance Festival include the use of changing areas. All sections of the Festival include transit through public areas. Parents/guardians/carers/teachers are hereby made aware of this and are advised, as stated in section 2, of the limits of the Festival's voluntary staff to provide supervision. It is therefore the responsibility of parents/guardians/carers/teachers, to provide this cover. (In the case of the Dance Festival, this may involve partnership with dance schools.)

## **7 PHOTOGRAPHS, VIDEOS and PRESS PHOTOGRAPHY:**

As stated in the Syllabus, recording and photography by members of the public, are not permitted. Only official photographers approved by the committee may be permitted to record or photograph for promotional purposes and events, such as the Final Concert and prize presentations, with parental/guardian consent.

## **8 THE LEGISLATION AND GUIDANCE THAT SUPPORTS THIS POLICY:**

The Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974; The Children Act 1989; The Police Act 1997; The Data Protection Act 1998; The Human Rights Act 1998; The Protection of Children Act 1999; The Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000, Children Act 2004; The Vulnerable Groups Act 2006.

## **POLICY REVIEW**

The organisers will constantly review their policy, revising and enhancing it as necessary. In doing this they will look to The British & International Federation of Festivals for support and that body, in turn, will look to other agencies for good practice, most notably the NSPCC and Arts Council of England policy guidelines.

### **Chesham Arts Festival**

**Vice Chairman/Trustee - Catherine Bowers**

**Dance Officer – Johnny Schwarzmans**

**Festival Administrator & Safeguarding Lead – James Bowers**

## **Equal Opportunities Policy**

### **Statement of Policy**

This document is a statement of our policy for achieving equality of opportunity throughout the work of the Chesham Arts Festival and its members. This policy shall inform our actions and attitudes to all festival members, employees, sub-contractors, trustees, volunteers, participants and members of the public attending our events.

We recognise that individuals and groups have been, and are, disadvantaged on many grounds including age, disability, gender, sexual orientation, marital or civil partnership status, pregnancy, maternity and paternity, race, colour, nationality, national origin, ethnic origin, political opinion, religion or belief.

The Festival and its members will fully comply with the legislation in these areas and will aim to ensure that no person engaged or participating in our events is disadvantaged.

We understand that equality of opportunity includes:

- those attending and/or participating in our events
- the employment, training, recruitment and selection of employees, sub-contractors, Trustees, volunteers and festival members
- how we communicate, both internally and externally, including how we portray participants in our events

### **Implementation of Policy**

For the Chesham Arts Festival, the overall responsibility for implementation of this policy rests with the Board of Trustees and committee. They will review this policy on a regular basis.

For our festival members, the overall responsibility implementation of this policy rests with a nominated person from the charity trustees or advisory committee of the festival.

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**Chesham Arts Festival**

**Vice Chairman/Trustee - Catherine Bowers**

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**Festival Administrator & Music Officer – James Bowers**