

Festival Trophies will be awarded to the winners of the competitive classes. All participants will receive a *Festival Certificate* with the adjudicator's comments and practical suggestions.

List of Trophies & Prizes 2026

Class JUNIOR CLASSES

1	<i>Festival Medal</i>	26	<i>Ensemble Trophy I</i>
2	<i>Festival Medal</i>	27	<i>Ensemble Trophy II</i>
3	<i>Festival Medal</i>	28	<i>Family Ensemble Trophy</i>
4	<i>Junior Guitar Trophy</i>	29	<i>Festival Medal</i>

5 *WSGF Promising Guitarist*

6 *Young Soloist Trophy I*

7 *Carcassi Trophy*

8 *Technical Perfection Trophy I*

9 *Perfection Trophy II*

9a *Festival Medal*

9b *Harmony Trophy*

10 *Bach Class Trophy I*

11 *JS Bach Trophy II*

12 *Open Class Trophy*

13 *Jose Ferrer Trophy*

14 *Giuliani Trophy*

15 *Tarrega Trophy*

16 *Festival Medal*

17 *First Duet Trophy*

18 *Junior Guitar Duet Trophy*

19 *Senior Duet Trophy*

20 *Small Ensemble Trophy*

21 *Accord Trophy*

22 *Regis School of Music Trophy*

23 *Rondo Trophy*

24 *Minstrel Medal*

25 *Troubadour Trophy*

SENIOR CLASSES

50 *Festival Medal*

51 *Fernando Sor Trophy*

52 *Aguado Trophy*

53 *Dowland Trophy*

54 *Bach Trophy*

55 *Lauro Trophy*

56 *Advanced Class Trophy*

57 *Kit Crowhurst Trophy*

57a *Patrick Cashman Trophy*

58 *Duo Trophy*

59 *Ensemble Trophy*

60 *Guitar in Harmony Trophy*

60a *Guitar Orchestra Trophy*

61 *David Stonestreet Memorial*

61a *Sally Paice Trophy*

62 *Harmony Trophy*

63 *WSGF Trophy*

64 *John Duarte Arrangers Trophy*

65 *Festival Medal*

66 *Guitar Concerto Trophy*

7th and 8th November 2026



SYLLABUS



2026

All the Festival events will take place at
The Regis School of Music,
 46 Sudley Road, Bognor Regis. PO21 1ER

West Sussex Guitar Club

Warmly invites all Classical Guitarists to take part
in the

West Sussex Guitar Festival 2026

7th November Juniors and Seniors

8th November Senior Ensembles

Adjudicator: Fiona Harrison



Fiona Harrison graduated from the Royal College of Music and continued her studies at Yale University USA, where she completed her Masters degree supported by the Countess of Munster Musical Trust.

She has given many highly acclaimed performances including Rodrigo's masterpiece *Concierto d'Aranjuez* in the UK and Spain, and has featured live on BBC radio and television in various chamber music groups. In addition to performing,

Fiona has been described as an inspiring teacher and has worked as part of the ABRSM professional development team. She has adjudicated many festivals including Leamington Spa, Southampton and Brighton and we look forward to welcoming her to the West Sussex Guitar Festival.

The West Sussex Guitar Club

Charity No.1124762

The West Sussex Guitar Club was formed in 1993 to promote the art of classical guitar. From its early days, the Club has grown in size and stature and achieved charitable status in 2008. Our Club prides itself on being a friendly musical society, supporting amateur guitarists of every age and standard, enthusiasts of guitar music and professional guitarists. It currently has over 100 members who range from 6 – 80+ years of age. The West Sussex Guitar Club is thought to be the most active classical guitar community in the country. All events take place at The Regis School of Music, 46 Sudley Road, Bognor Regis, PO21 1ER. The club holds 5 - 6 professional concerts each year featuring top guitarists from all over the world. In addition, there are regular club evenings where members and guests are encouraged to perform in front of our appreciative audience. The club holds an extensive library of guitar music and audio/video recordings which are available on loan to members. Since 2000, the Club has run its own West Sussex Guitar Festival and supports the Guitar section of the Chichester Festival for Music, Dance & Speech.

or more information please visit our website:

www.westsussexguitar.org

Composition Classes

C-1	Junior Composition Class Composition for guitar solo or duet.	2 min	£6.00
C-2	Senior Composition Class 1* 18 & over Composition for guitar solo, duo, or ensemble	6 min	£ 8.00
C- 3	Senior Composition Class 2* Composition in fusion style/jazz/ blues, no score required All composition classes: the original compositions should be performed at the festival or played on a suitable device if pre-recorded. A written transcription of the composition would be helpful for the adjudicator but is not essential.	6 min	£ 8.00

Please see the separate Entry Form for details of how to enter all classes

West Sussex Guitar Festival aims...

To promote appreciation and enjoyment of music in the community through the art of the Classical Guitar.

To provide an open forum for students, teachers and admirers of Classical Guitar.

To encourage the appreciation and awareness of different learning and teaching methods.

To create a platform for performers of every level and age. To enable participants to demonstrate achievement in the mastery of Classical guitar, to perfect performing skills and to share music with new audiences.

To help participants meet new challenges by engaging in fair competition. To encourage appreciation and respect for achievement in the art of music making.

To facilitate development of new audiences in the field of Classical Music.

The Festival is initiated, supported and will be run by the **West Sussex Guitar Club** and the **Regis School of Music**.

Junior Classes

Class	Class description	Max time	Fees
1	Initial Class Age 9 & under (<i>Non-competitive</i>) Any number of pieces within the time limit	2 min	£ 6.00
2	Initial Class Age 10 - 12 (<i>Non-competitive</i>) Any number of pieces within the time limit	3 min	£ 6.00
3	Age 13 - 18 (<i>Non-competitive</i>) (For late starters who have not taken any grades)	3 min	£ 6.00
4	Age 12 & under I (<i>Competitive</i>) (Grade II and under)	3 min	£ 6.00
5	Age 12 & under II (<i>Competitive</i>) (Grade III & above)	4 min	£ 6.00
6	Age 15 & under Intermediate I (Gr V & under) One or two contrasting pieces within the time limit	5 min	£ 6.00
7	Age 15 & under Intermediate II (Gr VI & above) Two contrasting pieces within the time limit	5 min	£ 6.00
8	Technical perfection Class I Age 12 and under Any 2 octaves scale, and one <u>technical</u> study	3 min	£ 6.00
9	Technical perfection Class II Age 13 - 18 Any 3 octaves scale, and one <u>technical</u> study	3 min	£ 6.00
9a	Musical Diversity Class I Age 12 and under 1 piece, demonstrating particular musical style: (Baroque, Classical, Romantic, Flamenco or Modern)	3 min	£ 6.00
9b	Musical Diversity Class II Age 13 - 18 1 piece, demonstrating particular musical style: (Baroque, Classical, Romantic, Flamenco or Modern)	4 min	£ 6.00
10	Bach Class I Age 13 and under One piece by J. S. Bach	3 min	£ 6.00
11	Bach Class II Age 14 - 18 One or two pieces by J. S. Bach	5 min	£ 6.00
12	Intermediate Open Class Age 15 & under Balanced programme within the time limit	6 min	£ 7.00
13	Advanced Open Class Age 18 & under Balanced programme within the time limit	6 min	£ 7.00
14	Junior Recital I Age 13 & under Balanced programme within the time limit	6 min	£ 7.00

Performers are asked **not to repeat the same piece** if entered in more than one class
and to observe **time limits** for each class

Class No	Class description	Max time	Fees
15	Junior Recital II Age 13 - 17 Balanced programme within the time limit	8 min	£ 7.00
16	Novice Guitar Duet (<i>Non competitive</i>) Age 17 & under for partners with no previous experience of public performance	3 min	£ 8.00
17	Guitar duet I Age 12 & under Free choice of pieces	3 min	£ 8.00
18	Guitar duet II Age 15 & under Free choice of pieces	5 min	£ 8.00
19	Guitar duet III Age 17 & under Free choice of pieces	7 min	£ 10.00
20	Trio or quartet Guitar and/or Ukelele Age 15 & under Free choice of pieces	6 min	£ 9.00
21	Trio or quartet Guitar and/or Ukelele Age 17 & under Free choice of pieces	6 min	£ 9.00
22	Guitar with other instrument I Age 12 & under Duet of guitar and any other instrument	4 min	£ 6.00
23	Guitar with other instrument II Age 13 - 17 Duet of guitar and any other instrument	4 min	£ 6.00
24	Voice & guitar I Age 12 & under Duet of guitar and voice or self-accompanied song	3 min	£ 6.00 (£3.00)
25	Voice & guitar II Age 13 - 17 Duet of voice and guitar and or self-accompanied song	4 min	£ 6.00 (£3.00)
26	Junior Ensemble I Age 13 and under	8 min	£ 15.00
27	Senior Ensemble II Age 17 and under	10 min	£ 15.00
28	Family Ensemble Where guitarist (under 18) is joined by members of his or her family performing on any instrument or singing.	5 min	£ 6.00
29	Teacher & Student Duet (<i>Non competitive</i>) Any number of pieces within the time limit	3 min	£ 6.00

Senior Classes

Class No	Class description	Max time	Fee
50	Senior Novice (For adults with little or no experience of public performance) Free choice of pieces (<i>Non competitive</i>)	4 min	£ 8.00
51	Intermediate Class I (Up to Grade III)	4 min	£ 8.00
52	Intermediate Class II (Grade IV to Grade VI repertoire level)	5 min	£ 8.00
53	Early Music Class (Music from the Baroque & Renaissance period written or arranged for guitar or lute)	5 min	£ 8.00
54	JS Bach Class Open	8 min	£ 8.00
55	Music Around the World Free choice of pieces written in traditional style	5 min	£8.00
56	Advanced Class Own choice of pieces	10 min	£ 10.00
57	Jazz, Blues, or Folk	5 min	£ 8.00
57a	Any plucked instrument other than the guitar (Lute, mandolin, ukulele, harpsichord etc.)	5 min	£ 8.00
58	Guitar duet Free choice of pieces within time limit	6 min	£ 10.00
59	Guitar trio or quartet Free choice of pieces within time limit	8 min	£ 15.00
60	Guitar ensemble (Up to 15 guitarists) Free choice of pieces	15 min	£ 20.00
60 a	Guitar Orchestra (Any number of guitarists with conductor)	15 min	£ 20.00
61	Ensemble of Guitar(s) with any other instrument(s) Free choice of pieces	8 min	£ 12.00
61a	Ukulele Ensemble	10 min	£ 12.00
62	Voice with Guitar accompaniment Free choice of pieces	5 min	£ 8.00
63	Recital Class Open A varied & balanced choice of pieces	10 min	£ 10.00
64	Arrangement Class A written arrangement for guitar (Solo, duet or ensemble)	5 min	£ 8.00
65	Teacher & Student Duet <i>Non competitive</i>	4 min	£ 8.00
66	Guitar concerto class (One movement of any guitar concerto with or without accompaniment)	10 min	£ 10.00