



2023 Syllabus for String Competitions

North London Festival of Music, Speech and

Drama:

Monday 13th to Friday 31st March and

Saturday 15th April to Saturday 13th May

String Competitions:

Tuesday 14th, Friday 17th, Sunday 19th, Tuesday
21st, Monday 27th, Tuesday 28th and Friday 31st

March and

Tuesday 25th and Thursday 27th April

The closing date for all string competitions
except the D'Addario String Prize Competition
is Wednesday 1st March

The closing date for the D'Addario String Prize
Competition is Friday 31st March

String Competition Guidelines

Except where noted below, the following guidelines apply to **all** the Festival's string competitions, which should be entered online via the Festival's website -

<https://northlondonfestival.org.uk/>

The **closing date** for all the competitions **except** the D'Addario String Prize Competition is **Wednesday 1st March**.

The **closing date** for the **D'Addario String Prize Competition is Friday 31st March**

For each entry dependent on age, it is the **age on 1st September 2022** so that all the entrants in a class are in the same school year.

The same piece may not be repeated in different competitions.

Entrants must be amateurs or music students and are reminded to introduce themselves and the piece(s) they are playing and to wear dress appropriate for a performance.

Entrants must provide the Adjudicator with a clean copy of the music for each work to be performed.

If an entrant has been a pupil of the Adjudicator in the year prior to the Festival or is well-known to the Adjudicator, they should contact the Section Head before entering.



300 - String Prize Competition generously supported by



Tuesday 25th April 2023 – from 9:45 am

Closing Date – Friday 31st March

Venue: Hampstead Garden Suburb Free Church, Central Square, NW11 7AG

Adjudicator: Tasmin Little

A £500 cash prize and a cup will be awarded to the winner, a £100 voucher* to the second prize winner and a £50 voucher* to the third prize winner.

* The vouchers awarded are to be used to buy D'Addario products at special festival prices. Winners will be given these prices with their prize vouchers.

This recital competition is for Conservatoire students of Violin, Viola, Cello, or Double Bass, aged 17 years and over. The recital must include two or three varied pieces taken from Concerto, Sonata, Showpiece or Solo repertoire.

The prize will be awarded not only for the performance of a balanced and well-designed programme but also for the most refined and developed sense of stagecraft. Competitors will find themselves adjudicated not only on the depth of their musicianship but also on how they present themselves and generally connect with an audience. A verbal introduction to the musical programme is an integral part of the performance. Entrants are reminded to wear dress appropriate for a performance

Time limit 20 minutes.

Entry Fee: £35

Enter online via the Festival's website – **Closing Date – Friday 31st March**

String Competition Guidelines

		Time (mins)	Fee (£)
301	<p>Premier Challenge String Prize Competition — any age, Grade 8 and above, one piece only. Open to violin, viola, cello, double bass, guitar, or harp. A £100 cash prize and a cup will be awarded. 301 will be at 3pm on Sunday 19th March.</p> <p>Adjudicator – Jo Cole</p>	10	23.00
302	<p>Concerto or Recital — 10–14 years, Grade 6 and above. <i>Either</i> first or last movement only of any standard concerto <i>or</i> a short recital programme of two or three contrasting pieces by different composers. Open to violin, viola, cello, double bass, guitar, or harp. A £25 voucher towards instrumental maintenance from <i>Bridgewood and Neitzert</i> will be awarded. 302 at 4:30 pm on Friday 31st March.</p> <p>Adjudicator – Paul Barritt</p>	10	23.00
303	<p>Concerto or Recital — 12–14 years, Grade 7 and above. <i>Either</i> first or last movement only of any standard concerto <i>or</i> short recital programme of two or three contrasting pieces by different composers. Open to violin, viola, cello, double bass, guitar, or harp. A £50 voucher towards instrumental maintenance from <i>Bridgewood and Neitzert</i> will be awarded. 303 will follow class 302 on Friday 31st March.</p> <p>Adjudicator – Paul Barritt</p>	10	23.00
304	<p>Concerto or Recital — 15–17 years, Grade 8 and above. <i>Either</i> first or last movement only of any standard concerto <i>or</i> short recital programme of two or three contrasting pieces by different composers. Open to violin, viola, cello, double bass, guitar, or harp. A £100 voucher towards instrumental maintenance from <i>Bridgewood and Neitzert</i> will be awarded. 304 will follow classes 302 and 303 on Friday 31st March.</p> <p>Adjudicator – Paul Barritt</p>	15	25.00

Graded String Competitions

Tuesday 14th March 2023 – 4:30 pm

Adjudicator: Liz Partridge

Performers should play one piece only from the ABRSM's 2020-2023 or 2023-2024 Bowed Strings Syllabus for the appropriate instrument for each class. The adjudicator, Liz Partridge, is a violinist and an experienced ABRSM examiner. This class has been timetabled within ABRSM's Spring 2023 exam session, providing performers with an opportunity to gain constructive feedback on their performance as they prepare for their exam. Every entrant receives a certificate and for each class the adjudicator may award 1st, 2nd and 3rd place medals and certificates.

Entrants are reminded to introduce themselves and the piece(s) they are playing and to wear dress appropriate for a performance.

Enter online via the Festival's website – **Closing Date – Wednesday 1st March**

		Time (mins)	Fee (£)
305	Violin, viola, cello, or double bass — any age, Grade 5.	6	15.00
306	Violin, viola, cello, or double bass — any age, Grade 4.	5	15.00
307	Violin, viola, cello, or double bass — any age, Grade 3.	4	14.00
308	Violin, viola, cello, or double bass — any age, Grade 2.	3	14.00
309	Violin, viola, cello, or double bass — any age, Initial Grade or Grade 1	3	14.00



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Violin Competitions generously supported by

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Tuesday 21st March starting at 4:30 pm (312, 313, 314 & 315) and
Tuesday 28th March starting at 4:30 pm (310, 311, 316, 317 & 318)

Venue: Hampstead Garden Suburb Free Church, Central Square, NW11 7AG

Adjudicator: Stephanie Waite

		Time (mins)	Fee (£)
310	Violin — 7 years & under — one piece only — a £25 voucher will be awarded*	3	14.00
311	Violin — 8 years — one piece only — a £25 voucher will be awarded*	3	14.00
312	Violin — 9 years — one piece only — a £25 voucher will be awarded*	4	14.00
313	Violin — 10 years – Grade 4 & under — enter either class 313 or class 314, but not both — one piece only — a £25 voucher will be awarded*	5	14.00
314	Violin — 10 years – Grade 5 & above — enter either class 313 or class 314, but not both — one piece only — a £25 voucher will be awarded*	5	14.00
315	Violin — 11–12 years — one piece only — a £50 voucher will be awarded*	6	15.00
316	Violin — 13–14 years — one piece only — a £75 voucher will be awarded*	8	18.00
317	Violin — 15–16 years — one piece only — a £100 voucher will be awarded*	10	23.00
318	Violin — 17 years and over — one piece only — entrants must be amateurs or music students — a £250 voucher will be awarded*	10	23.00

* The vouchers awarded are to be used to buy D'Addario products at special festival prices. Winners will be given these prices with their prize vouchers.

Viola Competitions generously supported by

Thursday 24th April 2023, starting at 4:30 pm

Venue: Hampstead Garden Suburb Free Church, Central Square,
NW11 7AG

Adjudicator: Jon Thorne

		Time (mins)	Fee £
319	Viola — 8 years and under. One piece only. A £25 cash prize will be awarded.	3	14.00
320	Viola — 9–10 years. One piece only. A £25 cash prize will be awarded.	4	14.00
321	Viola — 11–12 years. One piece only. A £35 cash prize will be awarded.	5	15.00
322	Viola — 13–14 years. One piece only. A £150 cash prize will be awarded.	8	18.00
323	Viola — 15–16 years. One piece only. A £200 cash prize will be awarded.	10	23.00
324	Viola — 17 years and over. One piece only. Entrants must be amateurs or music students. A £500 cash prize will be awarded.	10	23.00

Cello Competitions generously supported by



Monday 27th March 2023, starting at 4:30 pm

Venue: Hampstead Garden Suburb Free Church, Central Square, NW11 7AG

Adjudicator: Gemma Rosefield

		Time (mins)	Fee (£)
325	Cello — 8 years and under. One piece only. A £50 voucher will be awarded.	3	14.00
326	Cello — 9–10 years. One piece only. A £50 voucher will be awarded.	4	14.00
327	Cello — 11–12 years. One piece only. A £100 voucher will be awarded.	5	15.00
328	Cello — 13–14 years. One piece only. A £150 voucher will be awarded.	6	15.00
329	Cello — 15–16 years. One piece only. A £250 voucher will be awarded.	7	16.00
330	Cello — 17 years and over. One piece only. Entrants must be amateurs or music students. A £500 voucher will be awarded.	8	18.00

Susanne Beer Cello Corner Foundation Prize

The Festival is very grateful to **The Susanne Beer Cello Corner Foundation** who are donating a single prize of £250 to a cellist who enters one of the Festival's cello competitions on Monday 27th March.

Susanne entered many of her pupils for the Festival and we are pleased that we can collaborate with the Foundation to provide performance opportunities and to assist talented cellists.

The Susanne Beer Cello Corner Foundation offers fine cello loans, performance opportunities and assistance with tuition costs to talented cellists ages 7-26. Established in memory of Susanne Beer – founder of the Cello Corner teaching studio and, for nearly 20 years, co-principal cellist of the LPO – the Foundation endeavours to preserve her memory and spirit by helping young musicians to achieve excellence in performance.

www.thecellocorner.co.uk

Friday 17th March, starting at 6:15 pm

Adjudicator: Alice Kent

Double Bass Competitions, generously supported by



Venue: Hampstead Garden Suburb Free Church, Central Square, NW11 7AG

		Time (mins)	Fee (£)
331	Double Bass – any age, Grade 3 or equivalent and below. One piece only. A £20 voucher to be spent in the shop of Thwaites Fine Stringed Instruments will be awarded.	5	14.00
332	Double Bass – any age, Grades 4 to 6 or equivalent. One piece only. A £50 voucher to be spent in the shop of Thwaites Fine Stringed Instruments will be awarded.	8	18.00
333	Double Bass – any age, Grade 6 or equivalent and above. One piece only. Entrants must be amateurs or music students. A £200 voucher to be spent in the shop of Thwaites Fine Stringed Instruments will be awarded.	10	23.00



Saturday 22nd April, starting at 2:00 pm

Adjudicator: Toby Carr

**Competitions for guitars and related instruments –
guitar, mandolin, ukulele, sitar, lute, banjos etc. ***

Venue: Hampstead Garden Suburb Free Church, Central Square, NW11 7AG

		Time (mins)	Fee (£)
334	Any age, Grade 3 or equivalent and below. One piece only.	5	14.00
335	Any age, Grades 4 to 6 or equivalent. One piece only.	8	18.00
336	Any age, Grade 6 or equivalent and above. Entrants must be amateurs or music students. One piece only.	10	23.00

* Please contact the string section secretary before entering if you are unsure about whether you can enter your instrument.



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For venues, a full list of competitions and an online entry form, visit

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