

Berwick Music Series 2023 International Composition Competition

Sponsored by Berwick-upon-Tweed Town Council

Theme: Music for solo viola

You are invited to submit an original work, based on a folk song local to you, to the Berwick Music Series International Composition Competition. The composition should be for solo viola. Winners will receive a cash prize and a performance of their piece.

Final Submission Deadline: July 24, 2023 @ 11:59pm BST.

Eligibility

This competition is open to composers of all ages and nationalities. All musicians, including established or emerging artists, professionals or amateurs, are welcome to submit a piece. Submissions are welcome without regard to age, nationality, gender, or musical style.

Rules

- Entry to the competition is free.
- Each participant should submit a score in PDF format for a work for solo viola.
- The composition should be based on a folk song from the composer's country of birth or residence.
- The composition must be no more than 6 minutes long.
- The work should not have received a public live or on-line performance prior to submission, nor have been commercially published.
- Participants should also submit a short written (no more than 200 words) programme note, including information about the chosen folk song.
- Each participant may make only one entry.

Additional Notes for entrants

- A work that requires additional preparation will be at the discretion of the performer.
- A work that requires *scordatura* tuning should be notated where the player is expected to finger the notes (with actual pitches notated above in parentheses).

Judging

The submissions will be assessed by a panel including renowned violist Fiona Winning and BMS Director Michael Worboys.

Prizes

Open Prize: £1000 plus performance of the work at the BMS concert on October 1st, 2023.

Berwick Prize for a submission from a participant currently resident in the North-East of England: £500 plus streamed performance of the work. .

Further Conditions

Berwick Music Series has the option to award and/or withhold prizes; each decision is final.

Berwick Music Series reserves the right to make any changes to the rules, schedule or other information related to the competition without notification.

Timeline

Final Submission Deadline: July 24, 2023 @ 11:59pm BST.

Winners announced: August 24, 2023

Concert: October 1, 2023 Fiona Winning (Viola)

Submission

Please submit the following materials in ONE email to bmuscomp@yahoo.com

1. First name
2. Given name
3. Email address
4. Phone (include country code)
5. Postal address, including country
6. Title of composition
7. Brief Bio and Programme Note (max. 200 words)
8. Musical score PDF (A recording is not required)