



**SOUTHERN COTSWOLDS
ROTARY YOUNG MUSICIAN OF THE YEAR
Competition Rules – 2009/2010**

1. This is a Competition for young musicians aged 18 or under (born after 1st September 1991) who have attained Associated Board Grade 6 standard or above in their chosen instrument.
2. Entrants must either live or attend school in the District areas of Stroud or Cotswold, together with the towns of Malmesbury and Thornbury, between September 2009 and April 2010.
3. Entries will only be accepted when endorsed by the applicant's instrument teacher.
4. The competition is open to all solo instrumentalists. Any previous overall winner of the competition will be ineligible to enter in subsequent years.
5. All contestants may perform with an accompanist or solo. Please refer to the competition organiser if it is intended to use any form of recorded music for accompaniment.
6. The Contestant's music performance should be between 5 and 8 minutes in length in the Preliminary rounds and must be no longer than 12 minutes in the Finals. The Judges may penalise contestants who exceed this time.
7. Preliminary heats will be held at local venues during Sundays in January 2010. A Grand Final will be held at Sibly Hall, Wycliffe College on Sunday 21st February 2010
8. The adjudicators will take into account technical ability, musicality, choice of programme, platform manner, presentation and length of performance.
9. There will be prizes for the different sections of Strings, Woodwind, Brass, Piano and Percussion. All contestants will receive a Certificate of Participation and the Finals include at least the winners of the different sections.
10. Those wishing to enter should complete the enclosed application form.
Closing date 30th. November 2009.
11. Completed application forms should be sent to: Rotarian David Chalmers,
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