

# Cerddor Ifanc **GREGYNOG** Young Musician

## **GREGYNOG YOUNG MUSICIAN OF THE YEAR SATURDAY OCTOBER 31<sup>st</sup> 2026**

Entries are now being accepted for this year's competition.

The competition is open to any student who plays an orchestral instrument - including the harp, piano, classical guitar, recorder, saxophone, any brass band instrument and percussion.

Applicants must be 18 years of age or younger on the date of the competition; October 31<sup>st</sup> 2026. There is no lower age limit.

The entrant must live or study in the United Kingdom.

Candidates should submit an entry form with a recording of two contrasting pieces of no more than 10 minutes total duration. The music **need not** be the repertoire the candidate may choose to play in later stages of the competition.

The recording may be submitted in the format of a video. The closing day for entries is SUNDAY OCTOBER 4<sup>th</sup> 2026.

The submitted recordings will be anonymously assessed by a panel of experienced adjudicators and selected candidates will be invited to perform in the live semi-final stage at the:

**Maidment Building, Shrewsbury School,  
The Schools, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. SY3 7BA  
Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup> 2026 (Morning and Afternoon)**

Candidates will be informed whether they are through to the semi-final stage by October 12<sup>th</sup> 2026 at the latest.

At the conclusion of the semi-final stage, five finalists will be announced and will then be invited to perform later on the same day in the GRAND FINAL CONCERT at 7pm. At the end of the final, all the finalists will receive a certificate and be awarded £500.

The five finalists chosen by the distinguished panel of judges will be those who in their opinion met the highest standard of musicianship across the musical spectrum.

The overall winner will receive a Trophy, Certificate, a further £2,500, along with the title:

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The Young Musician of the Year will be invited to perform in the Summer Concert held around June of the following year.

There is an additional award presented to a young accompanist (23 years or under) on the day of the competition who, in the opinion of the judges, is deserving of the Chairman's Trophy and a prize of £200.

If you require any further information please feel welcome to contact:

Competitors' Secretary: Gareth Jenkins Tel: 07889 744144  
email: [competitors@gregynogymc.co.uk](mailto:competitors@gregynogymc.co.uk)

Competition Secretary: Margaret Andrews  
Tel: 07802 808262, email: [sec@gregynogymc.co.uk](mailto:sec@gregynogymc.co.uk)

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## ENTRY FORM

*(Please complete in BLOCK CAPITALS)*

**Full Name:** .....

**Home Address:** .....

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**Contact Telephone No.** .....

**Mobile No.** .....

**Email:** .....

**Date of Birth:** .....

**School/Junior College attended, address and contact telephone number**

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**Instrument** .....

**First round:** Two contrasting pieces (no more than 10 minutes in total) recorded and submitted by video recording.

	Name of composer	Title of piece (inc. Mov. Opus, etc)	Approx timing
Piece 1:			
Piece 2:			
		Total timing of recording:	

Name of accompanist: .....

Does your accompanist wish to compete for The Gregynog Young Accompanist Award?

(See Rules & Conditions No7)

Yes [ ]      No [ ]      (Please tick)

Do you wish to use the services of the Official Accompanist (see below)?

Yes [ ] No [ ] (Please tick )

Applicants should submit this form by email or by post together with:

Recording (2 contrasting pieces) in video format.

£40 Entry fee.

Bank payment to: " Friends of Gregynog Young Musicians"

Sort Code 40 - 34 - 33

Account No: 91514946

IBAN: GB59 HBUK 403433 91514946

SWIFT / BIC: HBUKGB4B

Bank Address (Head Office): HSBC UK Bank plc 8 Canada Square London E14 5HQ

Please use competitors' name as 'reference'

A copy of your Grade 8 Certificate OR a letter of endorsement from your teacher.

These must be received no later than **SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup> October 2026**

If you are selected to participate in the live Semi-final (and Final) round on SATURDAY OCTOBER 31st 2026 you will be asked to select your repertoire. For the semi-final you may choose TWO contrasting pieces of no longer than **12 minute's** duration. These pieces can differ from the pieces you submitted for the first "recordings" round.

If you are chosen to perform in the Final you are obliged to repeat your Semi-final programme with the addition of a piece, or pieces, to bring the total time (with breaks) up to a maximum **18 minutes** duration.

**Address: Dr Gareth Jenkins (competitors' secretary)**

**Mount Edgebold, Edgebold, Shrewsbury, Shropshire SY5 8NU**

**Email: [competitors@gregynogymc.co.uk](mailto:competitors@gregynogymc.co.uk)**

There will be a concert quality piano, Steinway Model D at the venue. For competitors' who are unable to bring their own accompanist, an official accompanist is available for rehearsal and performance in the morning, afternoon and for the evening final. If you wish to avail yourself of this service there will be a nominal charge of **£50**.

How did you hear about the competition?

Website, Teacher, School, Previous candidates, music publication, other. (Please indicate)

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## **RULES and CONDITIONS**

1. Gregynog Young Musicians Committee is the organiser of the competition.
2. Your date of birth should be such that on the day of the competition you are 18 (eighteen) years or younger. There is no lower age limit.
3. Applicants must live or study in the United Kingdom.
4. Competitors' may play any orchestral instrument including piano, harp, classical guitar, recorder, saxophone, brass band instrument, or percussion.
5. Completed entry forms should be returned to Dr Gareth Jenkins, Mount Edgebold, Edgebold, Shrewsbury Shropshire, SY5 8NU email: [competitors@gregynogymc.co.uk](mailto:competitors@gregynogymc.co.uk) together with a photocopy of their Grade 8 certificate no later than SUNDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2026. If a candidate does not possess a Grade 8 certificate, their music teacher must endorse the candidate's suitability for this competition i.e. Grade 8 equivalence. A recent video recording of TWO contrasting compositions (no more than 10 minutes duration) must be sent by email to the above address. An entry fee of £40 must be enclosed. Bank payment to "Friends of Gregynog Young Musicians" Sort Code 40-34-33 Account No.91514946. Please use competitors' name as reference.
6. Competitors must use their judgement as to whether they use scores.
7. Competitors' may utilise their own accompanist. For those wishing to avail themselves of the official accompanists, there will be a £50 fee. Those using this service must be prepared to:
  - a) send copies of their proposed music to their allocated official accompanist 10 days before the competition to ensure adequate familiarisation.
  - b) make themselves available for suitable rehearsal time on the competition day up to one hour prior to their semi-final performance.
8. To be eligible for the "Gregynog Young Accompanists' Prize" candidates must be 23 years of age or under on October 31st 2026.
9. Candidates must present original scores, for each piece of music, for the adjudicators on the day of the competition.
10. Applicants may enter one instrument only. If the instrument has more than one type e.g. tenor or soprano saxophone then both instruments may be utilised.
11. The organisers reserve the right to:
  - (a) record, video or photograph any part of the competition.
  - (b) broadcast any part of the competition.

No broadcast fees will be paid by the organisers to the individuals for any performance relating to the competition.

  - (c) Microvideo ([info@microvideo.ltd](mailto:info@microvideo.ltd) ) can provide a copy of each competitors' performance in the semi-final and final stages for a nominal fee.

12. In the SEMI-FINAL round, competitors are expected to play a programme that does not exceed 12 minutes including breaks. Up to five successful competitors will be chosen to participate in the FINAL.
13. The Finalists will be announced at the conclusion of the Semi-Final. All participants in the Final will receive £500.00. The overall winner of the Gregynog Young Musician competition will receive a further £2,500.
14. The Finalists' will be expected to wear Concert Dress for the evening performance.
15. All Semi-Finalists will be expected to be present at the announcement of the judges' decision as to who will perform in the Final, the approximate time being 5pm. This will facilitate the organisers to allocate practice locations for each finalist.
16. Entry will be conditional on acceptance of the rules and conditions detailed in this entry form. In the event of any dispute arising out of the rules and conditions, the decision of the organisers will be final.
17. The overall winner will be excluded from entering this competition again.
18. The decision of the judges will be final.