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2024 Singing Eisteddfod

Event Guide (Syllabus)

6 – 8 September 2024



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COMPETITION INFORMATION

Competition Dates

6, 7, 8 September 2024

Competition Location

Main Hall, Ainslie Arts Centre
Elouera Street, Braddon

Adjudicator

Erika Simons

Opening date for entries:

8 July 2024

Closing date for entries:

5 August 2024

Late entries will be accepted until 12 August. Entries after 5 August will incur a one-off \$20 late entry fee and must be made by emailing singing@nationaleisteddfod.org as Stardom entries will have closed by then.

Enquiries

Email: singing@nationaleisteddfod.org.au

Entry Details

Competitors must enrol online using the STARDOM portal available at www.nationaleisteddfod.org.au.

Competitors experiencing any issues using the online system should email singing@nationaleisteddfod.org.au so an alternative can be arranged if needed.

Other Information

Entry Guides and entry forms for other divisions may be downloaded from: <http://www.nationaleisteddfod.org.au>

Changes to National Eisteddfod Singing Division for 2024

***Please read rules carefully as there have been several changes.



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DEFINITIONS

The below definitions are relevant to the 2024 National Eisteddfod – Singing Division

Any Song. Does not include Popular (Rock, Pop, Jazz, Blues, Rap, Music Hall, movie themes), Music Theatre, Folk, or arias from Opera, Oratorio or Cantata. Songs by Australian composers can be performed providing they do not qualify as Popular or Music Theatre. African-American Spirituals and sacred songs may be sung in V081, V101, V121 and V141, which do not have separate Sacred Solo sections. Backing tracks are NOT permitted in this section.

Australian Song. Songs by an Australian composer. They do not include Popular or Music Theatre.

Sacred Solo. Any song with a sacred theme. These include African-American spirituals, hymns, carols and folk-ballads. Entrants in the Open Section may also present solos from oratorio or sacred cantata. In sections without a Sacred Song category (up to 14 Years and Under) entrants may sing a sacred solo in Any Song. In sections with a Sacred Song category, entrants are not permitted to sing a sacred song in any section other than the African-American Spiritual or Sacred Solo section. Just be careful that the subject really is sacred. For example, Leonard Cohen's "Hallelujah" does not really have a sacred theme, and the ever-popular "Sheep May Safely Graze" is from one of Bach's secular, not sacred cantatas.

Folk Songs mean traditional songs from any country. Look for the word "Traditional" or "Trad." at the top of the music. They may be sung in the language of the country of origin, with or without accompaniment.

Music Theatre Songs mean songs from any musical stage production or film. Gilbert & Sullivan is also included in this category.

Popular Songs. Songs that have been widely circulated and COMMERCIALY PROMOTED as such. These do not just include current rock songs, but can be from any era and include (but are not restricted to) Rock, Pop, Jazz, Blues, Rap, Music Hall and themes from movies which are not considered Music Theatre. (For example, if you choose the theme song from the movie Titanic, this would qualify as Popular. If you choose a song from the musical Titanic, this would qualify as Music Theatre.) Competitors are encouraged to use a hand-held mike for appropriate styles. Backing tracks permitted in this section.

Duet means a piece written for two singers. Duets may be from all genres except opera and oratorio. **Please note** the Adjudicator may take into consideration whether the selection is appropriate to the age of the competitors, and whether it affords sufficient opportunity to display harmony and blend of voices.'

Although we specify age ranges for the 3 duet sections, we will allow a little lee-way here. If you qualify for the Senior Duet and have found a partner who only qualifies for the Middle Duet, we will allow you both to enter the Senior Duet. So you may skip one age range, but the younger entrant **MUST** progress to the age group above. Stardom may not permit the age range you want, so any problems email us direct. singing@nationaleisteddfod.org.au



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RULES SPECIFIC TO THE SINGING DIVISION

All Competitors participate according to these rules and conditions and any special conditions as may apply to individual divisions or events.

Time Limit

There will be a time limit noted for each section. Please adhere to this as competitors will be penalized if the item is considerably over time.

Copies of the Music

*You need a copy of the music for the adjudicator. Your name, competitor number and section number should be written clearly on the front. For example:

*Agatha Smith
Competitor 31
Section V123*

Loose sheets should be stapled together. Music needs to be handed in at the registration desk **at least 30 minutes before the scheduled starting time of the section.**

*Competitors are permitted to provide copies of the music for the adjudicator and the accompanist (eg. photocopy, printed from the internet), however, to comply with copyright laws, competitors must also produce an original copy of the music.

Official Accompanists

*We will provide an accompanist for each section. Names, contact details and sessions for which each accompanist is playing will be put on the web site as soon as possible.

*If the competitor intends to use the Official Accompanist, they must contact the relevant accompanist **at least one week before the event and provide them with a good, clear copy of the music.** Competitors can organize practice sessions with the accompanist at their own expense.

*It is unreasonable to expect the accompanist to play unfamiliar pieces at sight, to transpose into a different key, or play copies that are hard to read.

Backing tracks

*May be used in Music Theatre and Popular Song sections ONLY. This includes duets from both genres. There must be no vocals on the track.

*Competitors should provide the backing track on a USB stick. Please label these as detailed below. USB sticks should be put into a zip-lock plastic bag with the competitor's name, number, section and the name of the song **for every item on the stick.** For example:

*Agatha Smith
Section V124 Popular Song
Competitor 15
"You are my Sunshine."*

*Agatha Smith
Section V125 Music Theatre
Competitor 29
"The Colors of the Wind."*

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Self-accompaniment

There are two genres in which entrants may accompany themselves.

1. Folk Songs. Entrants may use an acoustic guitar.
2. Popular Songs. Entrants may use an acoustic guitar, an electric guitar or an electronic keyboard. **PLEASE NOTE** all electric gear must carry a current tag. The Ainslie Arts Centre does not permit un-tagged electrical gear to be used at the venue. Please bring an extension cord (also tagged) and arrive *at least 30 minutes before your session starts in order to discuss your requirements with the Ainslie technician.*

Presentation

*Competitors are required to announce the name of the piece they are singing, the name of any larger work it is taken from and the composer. (For example: "I will be singing "Tomorrow" from "Annie" by Richard Strouse.)

*Dress. As someone said "Dress for a performance". In Music Theatre this may include costume if desired, although emphasis will be placed on characterization of the role.

Choice of item

*No competitor may render the same item in more than one section of the Singing Division in the same year.

*The adjudicator will take into account whether the item is suitable for the competitor's age and stage of vocal development.

In the case of a competitor not following the rules

We do not disqualify as such, but competitors who do not follow the rules will be ineligible for a prize or a Highly Commended certificate.

Entrants are urged to read the general rules for the Australian National eisteddfod, as these also apply to the Singing Division.



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COMPETITION SECTIONS

Below are the sections nominated for the 2024 National Eisteddfod Singing Division. Competitors should note that The National Eisteddfod reserves the right to cancel, move, combine or alter the competition at any time including altering nominated prizes. A section may be cancelled if fewer than three entries are received. In this case, the entrance fee will be refunded. The National Eisteddfod dictates the time of each Section and the order in which competitors sing. It is the responsibility of the competitor to read and understand the definitions and rules set out in the Singing Syllabus 2024. By entering into this competition, you are acknowledging you have read this Singing Syllabus 2024 and you agree to the rules set out within.

Competitors should log into STARDOM for final competition details including entry fees.

Junior Duet

All Prizes for this section will be medals or similar.

Entry fee \$28

V100 Junior Duet. (7 – 10 years.) May be from any genre except Opera, Oratorio or Cantata. Time limit 4 mins. Backing tracks may be used for duets from Music Theatre or Popular. Please note, the adjudicator will take into account whether the item is appropriate for the ages of the entrants and whether there is sufficient opportunity to display harmony and blend of voices.

Middle Duet

All Prizes for this section will be medals or similar.

Entry fee \$28

V200 Middle Duet. (11 – 14 years.) May be from any genre except Opera, Oratorio or Cantata. Time limit 4 mins. Backing tracks may be used for duets from Music Theatre or Popular. Please note, the adjudicator will take into account whether the item is appropriate for the ages of the entrants and whether there is sufficient opportunity to display harmony and blend of voices.

Senior Duet

First prize \$60 each, second \$30 each.

Entry fee \$28

V300 Senior Duet. (15 – 18 years.) May be from any genre except Opera, Oratorio or Cantata. Time limit 4 mins. Backing tracks may be used for duets from Music Theatre or Popular. Please note, the adjudicator will take into account whether the item is appropriate for the ages of the entrants and whether there is sufficient opportunity to display harmony and blend of voices.



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Open Sections

Entrants must be 18 years or older. A time limit of 6 minutes applies.
Entry fee \$42

V210 Phil Perman Musical Theatre Prize

First Prize: \$160 Second Prize: \$80

V210 Phil Perman Music Theatre Prize. Solo. Open. (Must be at least 18.) Songs from any stage production or movie musical. Includes Operetta and Gilbert & Sullivan. Backing tracks permitted in this section. Time limit 6 minutes.

V211 Joan Richards Aria from Opera or Concert Aria

First Prize: \$160 Second Prize: \$80

V211 Joan Richards Aria. Open. (Must be at least 18.) Aria from Opera or Concert Aria. To be sung in the original language and the original key. Backing tracks NOT PERMITTED in this section. Time limit 6 minutes.

V212 Art Song Canberra Art Song Solo

First Prize: \$160 Second Prize: \$80

V212 Canberra Art Song Prize. Open. (Must be at least 18.) Songs from the educated European tradition, such as German Lieder, French Melodie or English Art Song. To be sung in the original language. Backing tracks NOT PERMITTED in this section.

V213 Popular Solo

First Prize: \$160 Second Prize: \$80

V213 Popular Song Solo. Open. (Must be at least 18.) Songs that have been widely circulated and commercially promoted as such. They include Rock, Pop, Jazz, Blues, Rap, Music Hall and themes from movies that are not musicals. Backing tracks permitted in this section. Time limit 6 minutes.

V214 The Cathy Cleary Sacred Solo

First Prize: \$160 Second Prize: \$80

V214 The Cathy Cleary Sacred Song. Solo. Open. (Must be at least 18.) Any song with a sacred theme. Includes African-American spirituals, hymns, carols, oratorio and sacred cantata. Backing tracks NOT PERMITTED in this section. Time limit 6 minutes.

V215 Folk Song Solo

First Prize: \$160 Second Prize: \$80

V215 Folk Song. Solo. Open. (Must be at least 18.) Traditional songs from any country. May be sung with or without accompaniment. Backing tracks NOT PERMITTED in this section. Time limit 6 minutes.



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18 Years and Under (Must be at least 16 years old)

A time limit of 5 minutes applies.

Entry fee \$28

V181 Any Song (not Popular or Music Theatre)

First Prize: \$60 Second Prize: \$30

V181 Any Song. Solo. 18 Years and Under. (Must be at least 16.) May include songs by Australian Composers. (Not Aria, Oratorio, Cantata, Popular, Music Theatre, African-American Spirituals or Sacred Solos. Please read definition of Popular.) Backing tracks NOT PERMITTED in this section. Time limit 5 minutes.

V182 Folk Song

First Prize: \$60 Second Prize: \$30

V182 Folk Song. Solo. 18 Years and Under. (Must be at least 16.) Traditional songs from any country. May be sung with or without accompaniment. Backing tracks NOT PERMITTED in this section. Time limit 5 minutes.

V183 Popular Song

First Prize: \$60 Second Prize: \$30

V183 Popular Song. Solo. 18 Years and Under. (Must be at least 16.) Songs that have been widely circulated and commercially promoted as such. They include Rock, Pop, Jazz, Blues, Rap, Music Hall and themes from movies that are not musicals. Backing tracks permitted in this section. Time limit 5 minutes.

V184 Song from Music Theatre

First Prize: \$60 Second Prize: \$30

V184 Song from Music Theatre. Solo. 18 Years and Under. (Must be at least 16.) Songs from any stage production or movie musical. Backing tracks permitted in this section. Time limit 5 minutes.

V185 African-American Spiritual or Sacred Song

First Prize: \$60 Second Prize: \$30

V185 African-American or Sacred Song. Solo. 18 Years and Under. (Must be at least 16.) Any song with a sacred subject. (Not Oratorio or Cantata.) Backing tracks NOT PERMITTED in this section. Time limit 5 minutes.



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16 Years and Under (Must be at least 14 years old)

A time limit of 4 minutes applies.

Entry fee \$23

V161 Any Song (not Popular or Music Theatre)

First Prize: \$40 Second Prize: \$20

V161 Any Song. Solo. 16 Years and Under. (Must be at least 14.) May include songs by Australian Composers. (Not Aria, Oratorio, Cantata, Popular, Music Theatre, African-American or Sacred. Please read definition of Popular.) Backing tracks NOT PERMITTED in this section. Time limit 4 minutes.

V162 Folk Song

First Prize: \$40 Second Prize: \$20

V162 Folk Song. Solo. 16 Years and Under. (Must be at least 14.) Traditional songs from any country. May be sung with or without accompaniment. Backing tracks NOT PERMITTED in this section. Time limit 4 minutes.

V163 Popular Song

First Prize: \$40 Second Prize: \$20

V163 Popular Song. Solo. 14 Years and Under. (Must be at least 14.) Songs that have been widely circulated and commercially promoted as such. They include Rock, Pop, Jazz, Blues, Rap, Music Hall and themes from movies that are not musicals. Backing tracks permitted in this section. Time limit 4 minutes.

V164 Song from Music Theatre

First Prize: \$40 Second Prize: \$20

V164 Song from Music Theatre. Solo. 16 Years and Under. (Must be at least 14.) Songs from any stage production or movie musical. Backing tracks permitted in this section. Time limit 4 minutes.

V165 African-American Spiritual or Sacred Song

First Prize: \$40 Second Prize: \$20

V165 African-American or Sacred Song. Solo. 16 Years and Under. (Must be at least 14.) Any song with a sacred subject. (Not Oratorio or Cantata.) Backing tracks NOT PERMITTED in this section. Time limit 4 minutes.



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14 Years and Under (Must be at least 12 years old)

A time limit of 4 minutes applies.

All Prizes for this section will be medals or similar.

Entry fee \$23

V141 Any Song (not Popular or Musical Theatre)

V141 Any Song. Solo. 14 Years and Under. (Must be at least 12.) May include songs by Australian Composers and African-American or Sacred Solos. (Not Aria, Oratorio, Cantata, Popular or Music Theatre. Please read definition of Popular.) Backing tracks NOT PERMITTED in this section. Time limit 4 minutes.

V142 Folk Song

V142 Folk Song. Solo. 14 Years and Under. (Must be at least 12.) Traditional songs from any country. May be sung with or without accompaniment. Backing tracks NOT PERMITTED in this section. Time limit 4 minutes.

V143 Popular Song

V143 Popular Song. Solo. 14 Years and Under. (Must be at least 12.) Songs that have been widely circulated and commercially promoted as such. They include Rock, Pop, Jazz, Blues, Rap, Music Hall and themes from movies that are not musicals. Backing tracks permitted in this section. Time limit 4 minutes.

V144 Song from Musical Theatre

V144 Song from Music Theatre. Solo. 14 Years and Under. (Must be at least 12.) Songs from any stage production or movie musical. Backing tracks permitted in this section. Time limit 4 minutes.



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12 Years and Under (Must be at least 10 years old)

A time limit of 4 minutes applies.

All Prizes for this section will be medals or similar.

Entry fee \$23

V121 Any Song (not Popular or Musical Theatre)

V121 Any Song. Solo. 12 Years and Under. (Must be at least 10.) May include songs by Australian Composers and African-American or Sacred Solos. (Not Aria, Oratorio, Cantata, Popular or Music Theatre. Please read definition of Popular.) Backing tracks NOT PERMITTED in this section. Time limit 4 minutes

V122 Folk Song

V122 Folk Song. Solo. 12 Years and Under. (Must be at least 10.) Traditional songs from any country. May be sung with or without accompaniment. Backing tracks NOT PERMITTED in this section. Time limit 4 minutes.

V123 Popular Song

V123 Popular Song. Solo. 12 Years and Under. (Must be at least 10.) Songs that have been widely circulated and commercially promoted as such. They include Rock, Pop, Jazz, Blues, Rap, Music Hall and themes from movies that are not musicals. Backing tracks permitted in this section. Time limit 4 minutes.

V124 Song from Music Theatre

V124 Song from Music Theatre. Solo. 12 Years and Under. (Must be at least 10.) Songs from any stage production or movie musical. Backing tracks permitted in this section. Time limit 4 minutes.



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10 Years and Under (Must be at least 8 years old)

A time limit of 4 minutes applies to all sections.
All Prizes for this section will be medals or similar.
Entry fee \$23

V101 Any Song (not Popular or Musical Theatre)

V101 Any Song. Solo. 10 Years and Under. (Must be at least 8.) May include songs by Australian Composers and African-American or Sacred Solos. (Not Aria, Oratorio, Cantata, Popular or Music Theatre. Please read definition of Popular.) Backing tracks NOT PERMITTED in this section. Time limit 4 minutes.

V102 Folk Song

V102 Folk Song. Solo. 10 Years and Under. (Must be at least 8.) Traditional songs from any country. May be sung with or without accompaniment. Backing tracks NOT PERMITTED in this section. Time limit 4 minutes.

V103 Popular Song

V103 Popular Song. Solo. 10 Years and Under. (Must be at least 8.) Songs that have been widely circulated and commercially promoted as such. They include Rock, Pop, Jazz, Blues, Rap, Music Hall and themes from movies that are not musicals. Backing tracks permitted in this section. Time limit 4 minutes.

V104 Song from Musical Theatre

V104 Song from Music Theatre. Solo. 10 Years and Under. (Must be at least 8.) Songs from any stage production or movie musical. Backing tracks permitted in this section. Time limit 4 minutes.

8 Years and Under (Must be at least 7 years old)

A time limit of 4 minutes applies.
All Prizes for this section will be medals or similar.
Entry fee \$23

V081 Any Song (not Popular or Musical Theatre)

V081 Any Song. Solo. 8 Years and Under. (Must be at least 7.) May include songs by Australian Composers and African-American or Sacred Solos. (Not Aria, Oratorio, Cantata, Popular or Music Theatre. Please read definition of Popular.) Backing tracks NOT PERMITTED in this section. Time limit 4 minutes.

V082 Popular Song

V082 Popular Song. Solo. 8 Years and Under. (Must be at least 7.) Songs that have been widely circulated and commercially promoted as such. They include Rock, Pop, Jazz, Blues, Rap, Music Hall and themes from movies that are not musicals. Backing tracks permitted in this section. Time limit 4 minutes.

V083 Song from Musical Theatre

V083 Song from Music Theatre. Solo. 8 Years and Under. (Must be at least 7.) Songs from any stage production or movie musical. Backing tracks permitted in this section. Time limit 4 minutes.



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