



29th January 2024

## **The New Voices Singing Competition 2024 – Rules**

### ***1. Who can enter***

- i. The New Voices Singing Competition 2024 ('The Competition'), administered by The Northern Aldborough Festival ('The Organisers') is open to UK nationals or residents working in the historical or contemporary Classical Music genres. Singing must be the principal focus of the soloist or group, whether the singer(s) be accompanied by piano or by instrumental ensemble or as an a cappella soloist or choral group. The total number of performers in an entry should not exceed 8 participants.
- ii. All performers entering the competition must be over the age of 18 years and 32 years or under on 1 April 2024. The organisers reserve the right to request proof of age from any entrant.
- iii. The entire performance will be judged, and not just the vocal element of the entry. For this reason, the festival does not provide a house pianist.
- iv. Only one application form per entry will be accepted.
- v. The New Voices Singing Competition 2024 is not open to a previous first prize-winner of the Competition nor to any person directly or indirectly involved with The Northern Aldborough Festival, including employees, agents and sub-contractors of The Organisers or their immediate family relatives.

### ***2. Entry requirements***

- i. All applications and appropriate enclosures must be returned either by ordinary post to The Northern Aldborough Festival, Aldborough Manor, YORK YO51 9EP, or by email to [festival@aldborough.com](mailto:festival@aldborough.com).
- ii. Entries must be received by no later than 5.00 pm on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024.
- iii. All entrants must supply full details as required by the application and comply with all the rules of the Competition to be eligible for the prize(s). All entrants must provide the following enclosures with their application:
  - A. A Curriculum Vitae/Biography of the group/performer.
  - B. A recent photograph of the group/performer.
  - C. A fee of £25 by cheque made payable to Northern Aldborough Festival or proof of a direct payment of £25 into the Northern Aldborough Festival bank account. (Please use the account details on the application form). Only one fee is required per application.
  - D. An audio or video recording lasting no more than 10 minutes. This recording can be in the form of a CD, DVD, USB flash drive or other digital format. Please note digital files sent as attachments by email may be subject to size restrictions. Alternative options include WeTransfer or Dropbox.
- iv. All entrants agree that any documents or recordings sent to The Organisers will not be returned to the sender.
- v. The Organisers accept no liability for late, damaged or lost entries arising from the fault of, or delays in, the postal service. Proof of sending is not proof of receipt.
- vi. The Organisers will only use the personal details of an entrant for the purposes of administering the Competition and will not publish or provide them to any third party without the entrant's permission or prior consent. The entrant agrees to such use as may be necessary for this purpose by participation in the Competition.
- vii. All entrants agree to licence any recording sent to The Organisers for the purposes of judging the Competition.
- viii. Any prize(s) awarded to any entrant must be taken and cannot be deferred, and any prize money will only be paid into a single nominated bank account.



- ix. The judging panel's decision is final, and no correspondence will be entered into with any competitor regarding the judging panel's decisions.

### ***3. The application form***

- i. The New Voices Singing Competition application form is on the next page. Please fill it in block capitals as accurately as possible.
- ii. Under section 2 of the application form, 'names of group members' must include any accompanist(s) or other participants. Leave blank if an individual performer (e.g. unaccompanied solo soprano).
- iii. **NB** Please ensure that you tick the box in section 4 that indicates that you have read and will abide by the rules of the competition.
- iv. Please tick the appropriate box in section 4 regarding further promotions from The Northern Aldborough Festival. The answer you give will not affect your chances in the competition. The Northern Aldborough Festival will not share your details with third parties.

### ***4. Successful entrants***

- i. Eight successful entrants will be notified in writing as soon as possible after Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> April, and invited to take part in a public **Semi-Final** round during the Northern Aldborough Festival on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June. They will be expected to perform between 15 and 20 minutes of repertoire, live in front of an audience and the judging panel in a concert setting. Each semi-finalist will receive £100 travel/accommodation support (one payment per entry).
- ii. The Competition will provide the use of a concert grand piano at the semi-finals. Any other large accompanying instruments (e.g. harpsichord) must be provided by the applicant(s) but will need to be installed and tuned at an earlier time by arrangement with Northern Aldborough Festival.
- iii. Four **finalists** will be selected and will perform in the gala final on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June at the Northern Aldborough Festival, in front of the judging panel and an audience including invited guests from other musical organisations. They will be asked to perform for up to 25 minutes. The overall winner and other prize winners will be announced at the end of the concert.
- iv. The overall winner will be awarded a prize of £5000 (The Seastock Trust Prize) to be paid by a single bank transfer to a nominated account and will be offered a recital at The Northern Aldborough Festival in the following year's programme.
- v. The runner-up will be awarded a prize of £1500 (The Yorkshire Music Future Fund Prize) to be paid by a single bank transfer to a nominated account.
- vi. A third prize (The Audience Prize) of £500 will be awarded to the finalist that receives the most votes from the live audience on 18<sup>th</sup> June. This will be paid by a single bank transfer to a nominated account.
- vii. Successful entrants may be requested to take part in promotional activity in relation to The Competition and The Organisers reserve the right to use the name(s) of the winner(s), his/her/their photographs and audio and/or visual recordings in any publicity.

### ***5. General rules***

- i. All entrants will be deemed to have accepted these rules and agree to be bound by them when entering The Competition.
- ii. The Organisers reserve the right to amend these rules prospectively should it become necessary to do so at any time.
- iii. These rules shall be governed by the laws of England and Wales.
- iv. The Competition is administered and promoted by The Northern Aldborough Festival, Aldborough Manor, YORK YO51 9EP (Tel. 01423 324899/Email festival@aldborough.com). All correspondence in connection with The Competition shall be sent to this address.



**APPLICATION FORM - PLEASE PRINT OR WRITE CLEARLY IN BLOCK CAPITALS**

**1. Performer(s)**

Name of group/performer:

Description of group/performer:  
(e.g. tenor and piano / choral group)

Names of group members:  
(see Rule 3.ii)

Nationality of group/performer:

Date of birth of performer or both youngest and eldest members of group:

**2. Contact Details of person submitting the application**

First name:

Surname:

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode:

Tel 1:

Tel 2:

Email:

**3. Other information**

Performing experience of group/performer:  
(Maximum 100 words – you will also enclose a CV)

Proposed programme for Semi-Final and Final (if successful):

**4. Signature of submitting candidate and acceptance of Rules**

- ENCLOSURES**
- 1 A CV of the group/performer.
  - 2 A recent photograph of the group/performer.
  - 3 An audio or video recording lasting no more than 10 minutes. This can be in CD, DVD or digital format. **NB Submitted materials will not be returned**
  - 4 The application fee of £25.00. This may be in the form of a cheque made payable to **Northern Aldborough Festival**, or a bank transfer:  
Bank: **CAF Bank, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent ME19 4JQ**  
Account: **Northern Aldborough Festival**; Sort Code: **40-52-40**;  
Account number: **00034824**

✓ **I confirm** that I and/or the group that I represent am/are available for the Competition Dates and have read and am/are prepared to abide by the regulations of the competition as outlined in the Rules (see pages 1& 2).

✓ **Please tick:**

✓ **I would like** to receive further promotions from The Northern Aldborough Festival. The Northern Aldborough Festival will not share your details with third parties. **Yes:**  **No:**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_