



SONGWRITING COMPETITION RULES

PLEASE READ THESE CAREFULLY

Fareham in Harmony is the Youth Choir operated by Fareham Philharmonic Society (Registered Charity number 274026)

Closing date for entries – 1 November 2008

- Entries by individuals or groups of up to 3 co-writers may be submitted – each entry will be considered on its merits and no distinction will be made between solo and group entries.
- An entry fee of £5 per song will be used by Fareham Philharmonic Society to fund the prizes for winning entrants.
- Prizes will be awarded in three age groups as at 1 January 2008 (group entries – oldest entrant defines the age-group). There will be one winning song in each age group.
 - Under 11 years
 - 11 – 14 years
 - 14 – 18 years
- In the event that a group entry wins a prize it will be divided equally between group members.
- All writers and performers must be between 8 and 19 years of age on 1 January 2008.
- The maximum length of each song should be four minutes
- All entrants must be resident in the Borough of Fareham or attend school in Fareham.
- The entry (lyrics and music) must not have been commercially released and/or publicly performed.
- The lyrics and/or performance of the songs must not bring the Fareham in Harmony into disrepute.
- All those involved in composing the song (music and lyrics) must be clearly and correctly identified.
- Entrants retain all ownership rights to all submitted song(s). Fareham in Harmony will not have any ownership rights to any song submitted.
- The winning song from each age group which will be chosen in December 2008 by the Panel of Judges. Winners will be notified by the end of January 2009
- Entries that are incorrectly submitted will not be considered by the judges. Correct submission requires:
 - A performance of your song **must be recorded and submitted on CD** (i.e no tapes, minidisks, mp3s etc will be listened to).
 - At least **one completed entry form** – group entries require one entry form per group member.
 - **A written/printed copy of the lyrics.**
 - **The £5 entry fee** (cheques payable to Fareham Philharmonic Society)
 - Entries must be **handed to your music teacher** (if they agree to accept it) **IN A SEALED ENVELOPE or sent to the organiser** (Tony Hales, Woodfidley Cottage, New Road, Swanmore Southampton SO32 2PE)
 - **Entries must be received by Fareham in Harmony by midday 1 November 2008.**

The winning writers in each age group will be invited to work with a professional musician to arrange their song for performance by a Youth Choir.

The winning songs will be performed at the Fareham in Harmony Gala concert at Ferneham Hall, Fareham on 13th March 2009 and prizes will be distributed at that event.

Any queries regarding these rules should be addressed to the organiser, Tony Hales –

By email (preferred) fychoir@btinternet.com

Phone: 01489 895117

Post: Woodfidley Cottage, New Road, Swanmore Southampton SO32 2PE.

In the event of any dispute the decision of the trustees of Fareham Philharmonic Society will be binding.