



ARMADALE

CASTLE, GARDENS & MUSEUM OF THE ISLES

ISLE OF SKYE

Princess Margaret of the Isles Memorial Prize for Senior Clàrsach (UK) 2021

How to enter

The competition is open to all clàrsach players aged 18 and over.

Candidates should prepare a 20 minute recital. The recital should include:

- A variety of Scottish styles, traditional and contemporary
- Candidate's own arrangement of a piece from The Patrick McDonald Collection, which is available from www.scotlandsmusic.com
- A new composition (or compositions) by the candidate

Candidates should record their recital and submit it in MP3 format. The recording should include a short announcement before each track. A cover email should include a short description of each track in the order of recording. Please thoroughly check your recording before sending it in. Please also send evidence of any necessary permissions – see below.

To enter please submit your entry by email, with MP3 file attachments via WeTransfer or Dropbox, to competition convenor Mary Strachan at maryashaig@gmail.com.

Deadline for entries is 30 April 2021. Four successful candidates will then be selected to perform at Armadale Castle, Isle of Skye, in front of an adjudication panel and public audience on Saturday 12 June (afternoon). Covid-19 precautions will be adhered to for the public performance, including hygiene, social distancing and limiting audience numbers as necessary.

If it is not possible to hold the event at Armadale Castle due to Covid-19 restrictions we will hold the competition online. Further details will be provided following shortlisting.

We will advise successful and unsuccessful candidates as soon as possible after the deadline.

Important information – permissions

If performing works within copyright (i.e. life of composer plus 70 years) it is the candidate's responsibility to obtain permissions for public performance and online distribution from the music publisher (or composer if unpublished). Permission should also be sought if you are performing your own arrangement of a work by a living composer. Evidence of necessary permissions must be submitted with your entry. If you are unsure about what is required please contact maryashaig@gmail.com in the first instance.

By entering the competition you give us permission to be photographed and filmed during the performance for sharing online and in other publicity.

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Prize and fees

Each finalist will receive an appearance fee of £1000. The winner will receive a prize of £2000 and the opportunity to perform at the 2022 Edinburgh International Harp Festival.

The appearance fee includes any expenses incurred e.g. travel and accommodation if competing in Skye, or filming / recording if competing online.

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