



ARMADALE

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Princess Margaret of the Isles Memorial Prize for Senior Clàrsach (UK) 2022: Entry Guidelines

Overview

The Princess Margaret of the Isles Memorial Prize for Senior Clàrsach (UK) is an annual competition organised by The Clan Donald Lands Trust at Armadale Castle, Isle of Skye. The competition is open to all clàrsach players aged 18 and over. There is an overall prize of £2000 and two smaller awards of £250 for composition and arrangement.

Candidates are required to prepare a 20 minute recital following the guidelines below. The shortlisting panel will select finalists to perform at the competition at Armadale Castle on Saturday 4 June 2022 (afternoon). Please note important information below about registration, deadlines and copyright permissions.

How to enter

Registration

Potential candidates should register by **Sunday 20 March** by completing this short online form: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/W5TWY95>

Within 2 weeks of registration we will send you a link for uploading your audio files. If you have any difficulties with the form or do not receive the link please contact Christine at marketing@armadalecastle.com

Registration does not commit you to entering the competition. However, if after registering you decide not to enter we would be grateful if you could let us know as soon as possible.

Recital submission

The submission deadline is **Wednesday 20 April**. The 20 minute recital should comprise:

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

If you have entered the competition before you must not re-submit the same material.

Candidates should record their recital and submit as an MP3 audio file and upload to the link provided at registration. The recording should include a short announcement of the track name before each track. These announcements are in addition to the 20 minutes' recital time. Please thoroughly check your recording before uploading it.

Candidates should also upload:

- A Word file or PDF containing a track listing and short explanatory programme notes, in the order of recording.

- Evidence of any necessary permissions – see below.

Filenames should follow the following convention: Surname-FirstName-Recital-2022; Surname-FirstName-TrackList-2022.

Shortlisting

A judging panel will select up to 4 candidates to perform at Armadale Castle and will also select the composition prize winners. The judges are looking for a high standard of performance, interesting and innovative own compositions, and an inspiring new arrangement of an old tune from the Angus Fraser collection. To get an idea of what is expected you are welcome to view previous competitions on our Vimeo channel or Facebook page (links on our website).

We aim to advise successful and unsuccessful candidates within 3 weeks of the submission deadline. Finalists will be required to provide a portrait photo and short biography for the programme as soon as possible after shortlisting.

Competition performance

The successful candidates will perform their prepared recitals at Armadale Castle, Isle of Skye, in front of an adjudication panel and public audience. Covid-19 precautions will be adhered to for the public performance in line with current Scottish Government requirements.

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.

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 the convenor, Mary Strachan, at 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.

Prize and fees

Each finalist performing at Armadale Castle will receive an appearance fee of £1000. The appearance fee includes any expenses incurred e.g. travel and accommodation.

The winner will receive a prize of £2000 and the opportunity to perform at the 2023 Edinburgh International Harp Festival (www.harpfestival.co.uk). In addition there are two £250 awards for the following:

- The John, Lord of the Isles, Memorial Prize for Best New Composition
- The Patrick McDonald Memorial Prize for Best Adaptation

These may be awarded to any candidate, including those not shortlisted for the final performance.

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