

# GUITAR

Adjudicator: Gary Ryan

The British guitarist **Gary Ryan** has performed to international critical acclaim for over twenty years. He made his London recital debut for the Park Lane Group Young Artists Series on London's South Bank in 1994 and has since pursued a highly varied career as a performer, composer and teacher. Gary studied as a junior from the age of 8 at the Guildhall School of Music, later winning a scholarship to study at the Royal Academy of Music in 1987. In 1991 he graduated with first class honours and many awards including the Julian Bream Prize and the John Mundy String Prize. In 1996, at the age of 27, Ryan was then appointed as a Professor of Guitar at the Royal College of Music in London and currently combines his role there as Assistant Head of Strings with a varied international career as a performer, composer and adjudicator. He was made an Honorary Associate of the Royal Academy of Music in 1997. Gary Ryan is also well known for his guitar compositions which combine traditional classical techniques with a rich variety of musical influences and contemporary guitar styles, as in his solo piece *Benga Beat* which was premiered to great acclaim in 2011. In 2013 he became the first guitarist since John Williams in 1983 to be awarded a Fellowship of the Royal College of Music. In 2016 Gary Ryan was invited by John Williams to form *6 Hands*, a new collaborative guitar trio with the jazz guitarist John Etheridge which is currently touring the UK. It is a privilege to see Gary Ryan at Portsmouth Music Festival.

Head of Section: Arne Brattland

Own choice solo - 18 years and under - Grade 2	William Bentley	HC	
Own choice solo - 18 years and under - Grade 3-4	Ben Ward	D	The Clarendon Cup
Own choice solo - 18 years and under - Grade 5-6	Thomas Nash	D	The Lewis Groth Ward-Saunders Cup
Own choice solo - 18 years and under - Grade 7-8	Joseph Shaw	HC	
Own choice solo - 19 years and over - Grade 5-8	Kajetan Dworski	HC	The Vice Chairman's Cup
Own choice solo - 19 years and over - Open	Bill Reynolds	M	
Best performance of a piece by Gary Ryan - any age -Open	Thomas Nash	D	The Victoria Cup
Recital Class - Any age	Zoe Barnett	D	. The Carlos Bonell Cup
Pupil and teacher duet grade 1-2	William Bentley	HC	. The String Guitar Centre Trophy.
Pupil and teacher duet classes - Grades 7-8	Theo Mantel-Cooper	D	
Duet under 16 years	Holly Urquhart / Calum Urquhart	D	The String Guitar Centre Trophy no. 2
Guitar and other instruments including voice (up to 8 players)			
Mixed quartet with Derek Hasted (guitar), Gilly Slot (flute), Lisa Wheadon (guitar), Claire Whiteside (double bass)		HC	
Guitar ensemble any age)	West Sussex Guitar Club Ensemble	D	The Hago Cup

End of Guitar Section

A special opportunity exists from  
Portsmouth Festivities 2018

## **A GUITAR MASTERCLASS given by Carlos Bonell**

Performers in the Masterclass will be selected from  
PMF entrants usually aged 19 years and under.

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