# PIANO

**Adjudicator: Richard Deering GTCL, FTCL, LRAM, ARCM**

**Richard Deering** studied piano with Frank Merrick and subsequently with Peter Wallfisch and Clifford Curzon, and trumpet/cornet with Norman Burgess. He has given piano recitals and broadcasts in over 90 countries worldwide, and has also made several commercial recordings – including an arrangement of the Beatles music as a piano concerto with the Tokyo Symphony Orchestra. Many leading composers have written works especially for him, and in 1981 he was elected a member of the Royal Philharmonic Society for "distinguished services to British music".
His interest in contemporary music, especially by British composers, has led to many commissioned magazine articles and a series of albums of new music for young musicians. Richard is involved with the setting, and examining, of the higher grade and diploma levels of the Trinity piano syllabus. In 2006 he was given the Chairman's Award by Trinity College London for services to musical assessment.
Richard's adjudicating and examining work has taken him throughout the British Isles as well as to Australasia, North America, Africa, Orient and the Caribbean. Until 2002 he was the Vice-Chairman of the British and International Federation of Festivals' Adjudicator's Council as well as being a Federation Trustee. and was the co-writer of the adjudication criteria used by all Federation festivals and adjudicators. In 2012 he was honoured by being elected a Fellow of the Federation.
As a teacher Richard has held positions in numerous colleges, including the London College of Music and Middlesex University, Trinity College of Music, Trinity College Dublin, Christ's College Cambridge University, Hong Kong's Academy, Auckland University and the State University of New York. He is a member of the Incorporated Society of Musicians.
Additionally he is busy as a cricket umpire, both in England and overseas.

**Head of Section: Mrs Carol Frogley GTCL**

The 2017 Piano Section of the Portsmouth Music Festival was held over three days of the half term week at Portsmouth Academy for Girls.
Richard Deering, an accomplished professional adjudicator, listened to young, and not so young, performers, giving each one a very helpful, and sometimes amusing, critique. He was very impressed by the high standards of the young pianists.
There were some delightful performances in all the classes. In particular Ziyue Pang, 7, from Southampton, was given Honours for her performance in the 7 years and under Novice class.
Also of note were the performances of Ting Xuan Yu, 8, from Southsea, who was awarded two trophies. Ten year old Bailey Lam was awarded Distinctions in three classes with pieces by Beethoven, Hillier and Kabalevsky.
The adjudicator was so impressed with a performance of 60s Swing by Susie Barrows that she received a trophy for outstanding musicianship and communication. Fourteen year old Susie from Portsmouth is so keen to play to an audience that she enters herself for the Festival.
Of the not so young, Marjorie Smale (80+), who has been a long time supporter of the festival, entered several adult classes. Her performances were of the usual high standard. In particular she was awarded the L F Glanville Trophy for her performance of Peacherine Rag by Scott Joplin.

Duets proved popular this year, in particular with the adults who showed their skills with a wide variety of music from Bach to Scott Joplin and some lesser known composers whose music is seldom heard. Amongst the young pianists, Gwen and Johnny Sargent were commended for their Springtime piece whilst brother and sisters Louie and Sophie Wu, and Ling and Mia Drover swapped families for duets by Hengeveld and Noona.

**At the end of the section the following overall awards were given**

**The Ian Cup for the most consistently good performer who did not win a class – Bailey Lam**
**The Margaret Jewell Memorial Trophy for the most promising young pianist – Mia Drover**
**The Zurich Insurance Cup for the best performance – Michael Tao**
**The Clifford Benson Junior Piano Cup for outstanding musicianship and communication – Susie Barrows**
**The Clifford Benson Senior Piano Shield for outstanding musicianship and communication – Hanna Csermely**

**Class Results**

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| Ziyue Pang | Novice 7 years & under | Hons | Carol Cup |
| Leona-Mei Beullens | Novice 8-9 years | D | Crystal Malcolm Memorial Trophy |
| Kieran Agrawal | Novice 10-12 years | D | Susan Cup |
| Ting Xuan Yu | Baroque 9 years & under | D | Festival Executive Golden Jubilee Trophy |
| Arrela Dominguez | Baroque 10-12 years | HC | Gordon Rose Trophy |
| Hanna Czermely | Baroque 13-15 years | D | Warfield Cup |
| Ameera Valencia | Baroque 16-18 years | HC | Guelda Haughton Trophy |

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| Joanna Austin-Akinlotan | Classical Pre-grade pieces | D | Victoria Cup |
| Rebecca Wicks | Classical Grade 1 pieces | D | Dorothy Barnes Cup No.1 |
| Vincent Li | Classical Grades 2-3 pieces | D | Rosalinda Cup |
| Louie Wu | Classical Grades 4-5 pieces | D | Kingston Cup |
| Sophie Wu | Classical Grades 6-7 pieces | D | Dorothy Barnes Cup No.2 |
| Jago Shek | Classical Grades 8-8+ pieces | HC | Rachel Dean Memorial Trophy |
| Mia Drover | Romantic 9 years & under | D | Edith Fitzjohn Memorial Cup |
| Marvin Leung | Romantic 10-12 years | D | Eleanor Fernbank Cup |
| John Yu | Romantic 13-15 years | | Lily & Arthur Cup |
| Daniel Garcia Tarifa | Romantic 16-18 years | | Bernard Trophy |
| Yixiang Hou | Twentieth century to the Present Day Pre-grade pieces | D | Bailey Cup (small) |
| Johnny Sargent | Twentieth Century to the Present Day Grade 1 pieces | HC | Catisfield Cup |
| William Campbell | Twentieth Century to the Present Day Grades 2-3 pieces | D | Bobby Munroe Challenge Cup |
| Susie Barrows | Twentieth Century to the Present Day Grades 4-5 pieces | D | Annette Dollery Cup |
| Hanna Czermely | Twentieth Century to the Present Day Grades 6-7 pieces | D | Thomas Beaton Cup |
| Ting Xuan Yu | Swing, Jazz & Blues 8-9 years | HC | Secretary's Cup |
| Bethan Lodder | Swing, Jazz & Blues 10-11 years | HC | Elizabeth Hackney Cup |
| Huba Csermely | Swing, Jazz & Blues 12-13 years | D | Bert Blackhurst Trophy |
| Lydia Lydiate | Etude Class Grades 5-6 | D | |
| Thomas Luke | Etude Class Grade 7-8 | D | EPTA Cup |
| Zhuoran Yao | Sonata and Sonatina Classes 11-13 years | D | Hambledon Cup |
| Zosia Pilsworth | Piano Plus 18 years and under | D | Philip Reder Trophy |
| Mia Drover | Recital Class Grades 3-5 | D | Margaret Roberts Cup |
| Michael Tao | Recital Class Grades 6-7 | D | Angela Cole Memorial Cup |
| Thomas Luke | Recital Class Grades 8-8+ | D | Joan Swift Piano Trophy |
| Ghin Sheng Choi | Sight Reading Grades 1-2 | D | National Association of Accordianists Cup |
| Leqi Song & Michael Tao | Sight Reading Grades 3-5 | HC | |
| Thomas Luke | Sight Reading Grades 6-8+ | Hons | Margaret Jewell Cup |
| Mia Drover & Louie Wu | Duet Class 9 years & under | HC | R. Glanville Memorial Cup |
| Leqi Song & Michael Tao | Duet Class 10-12 years | D | Elsie & Walter Crowther Cup |
| Ling Drover & Sophie Wu | Duet Class 13-15 years | D | Joynson Cup |
| Trinity Ward | Duet Class 10-12 years and under with adult or teacher | D | Margaret Ryan Cup |
| Ling & Miko Drover | Duet Class 13-15 years and under with adult or teacher | D | Snellgrove Cup |
| Gwen & Johnny Sargent | Family & Friends Piano Duet | D | Norman Richards Memorial Trophy |
| Angela Cheverall | Adult Amateur. Grades 6-8 | HC | Smale Amateur Trophy |
| Marjorie Smale | Senior Citizen Any one piece written before 1900 | HC | |
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| Andrew McVittie | Adult Sonata Class Open | HC | Bailey Cup (large) |
| Andrew McVittie | Adult Baroque Open | HC | Fisher Cup |
| Christine Limb | Adult Romantic and Impressionist Open | D | Mabel Floyd Trophy |
| Andrew McVittie | Adult Twentieth Century to the Present Day | D | Murdoch Cup |
| Ian Holden | Adult Amateur Recital | D | Margaret Newman Cup |
| Andrew McVittie | Adult Open Recital | HC | Edna Hartridge Cup |
| Gilly Slot | Sight reading Adult Open | D | Kenilworth Cup |
| Gilly Slot & Tim Morris | Sight reading Adult Duet for Fun | D | |
| Marjorie Smale & Christine Limb | Scott Joplin Anniversary Open | D | L.F.Glanville Trophy |
| Marjorie Smale & Christine Limb | Prepared Accompaniment Open | D | |
| | | | Margaret Jewell Diamond Jubilee Prize for Accompanying |
| Annabel Nixon & Angela Cheveral | Adult Duet Amateur | D | Bullin Cup |
| Lynda Smith & Ute Schwarting | Adult Duet- Open | D | |
| Marjorie Smale & Miriam Sampson | Senior Citizen Duet | D | Senior Citizens' Duet Trophy |

**End of Piano Section**