

Pendine Young Musician of Wales 2026

North Wales International Music Festival in association with
Pendine Arts and Community Trust and BBC Radio Cymru

Prizes: First Prize £2,000 & Pendine Arts Trophy

& the invitation to perform a solo recital at the North Wales International Music Festival 2027 and at Tŷ Pawb, Wrexham

Second Prize: £1,000

Two Runner Up Prizes of £500 each

The Pendine Young Musician of Wales is a unique opportunity for young musicians born or living in Wales to showcase their talents at the North Wales International Music Festival, be judged by world renowned judges, receive expert feedback on their performances and perform in one of the greatest acoustics in Wales, St Asaph Cathedral as well as to perform live on BBC Radio Cymru.

This is a fully inclusive competition and we positively welcome applications from musicians with apparent and non-apparent disabilities.

If you are interested in competing, please upload a video or audio clip of your performance for **Round 1**, along with your completed application form and your proof of age document, via the North Wales International Music Festival website - **<https://nwimf.com> - by 5pm on Friday 31st July 2026.**

- The performance you upload can be no longer than 5-minutes in duration. It may be a performance of a single piece or a movement of a larger work or a short programme of no more than 5 minutes in duration.
- Uploaded videos will be destroyed following the judging.
- The judges will select four performers and invite them to participate in the live **Grand Finale** via email.
- Competitors who have not been selected to participate in the Grand Finale will also be informed of the result by email. No further feedback is given at this stage.

Grand Finale

Four finalists will be selected from Round 1 to compete in the Grand Finale which will take place at St Asaph Cathedral on the evening of **Wednesday 16th September 2026.**

For the **Grand Finale**, competitors are asked to prepare a short programme of between 10 and 15 minutes in duration. This may be a single piece, a single or a couple of movements of a larger work or a selection of shorter works. A work or works from **Round 1** may be repeated here as part of the programme.

Rules and Regulations:

- The competition is open to all musicians who were born or who are living in Wales or who are Welsh nationals studying abroad.
- All musicians must be **under the age of 21 on the 1st January 2026** to be eligible to compete.
- Please note that there is no minimum age for entry.
- We are unable to accept entries from previous winners of the competition.
- To enter, you must fill in and submit the online application form, along with proof of age. Your proof of age could be a copy of your birth certificate, passport, driving licence or national ID card. ***Please do not send original documents.***
- All competing musicians must provide their own accompanists.
- Please note that page turners will not be provided.
- Please note that percussion instruments will not be provided. You must provide your own.
- A professional sized piano and the cathedral organ will be provided.
- All participants will have the opportunity to rehearse in the cathedral, on the day, ahead of the **Grand Finale**.
- Copies of the music performed by competitors must be handed to the judges in advance of the performance. These may be photocopies. If so, they will be destroyed after use in line with copyright law.
- All participants taking part in the **Grand Finale** agree to be recorded for broadcast by BBC Radio Cymru at a later date and agree to be interviewed by BBC Radio Cymru and other media.
- Late applications will not be accepted.
- Each **Grand Finalist** will receive a written adjudication from each of the three judges.
- The judges' decision is final.