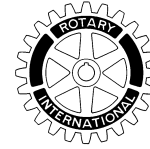




## ROTARY CLUBS OF DARLINGTON AND NORTHALLERTON



### YOUNG MUSICIAN OF THE YEAR 2009

We are pleased to advise you of the details of the 2009 competition organised by the Rotary Clubs of Darlington and Northallerton, which will be held during the day of **Saturday 7th November** at Polam Hall School, Grange Road, Darlington. We hope that all music teachers and schools in the Darlington and Northallerton areas will welcome and support this year's competition.

Over the years we have engaged many distinguished Adjudicators who are well-known at a national level. For 2009 we are delighted to announce the return of the scholar, harpsichordist and organist **Dr David Ponsford**, lecturer and conductor at the University of Cardiff, who was enormously impressed with our local talent when adjudicating for us in 2005 and 2007.

The competition format will be similar to previous years with 3 Instrumental Sections - Pianoforte, Woodwind & Brass, and Strings. Each Section competes in 3 Age Groups - **A** (aged 8-11 on 1 Sep 2009), **B** (12-15) and **C** (16-18). The winner in each of these 9 Classes will then be invited to play in the Grand Final at 7.00 pm on the same day. **Please ensure** that you are available to take part in the evening's Final if you win your Class during the day. At that time the overall winner will be selected. These arrangements will ensure that the Grand Final will be concluded by approximately 9.00 pm.

The prizes in each Class are £20 for the winner, £10 for second, and £5 for third, and the top 4 competitors each get a signed certificate. In addition the overall Young Musician of the Year winner receives a further prize of £30 and holds the Rotary Young Musician Trophy for a year. All competitors will also get their own personal comments form back from the Adjudicator.

There are no set pieces, but the grade standards and time limits for each class are:

**Age Group A:** Minimum **Grade 2**, piece(s) to be no more than **4 minutes** long

**Age Group B:** Minimum **Grade 5**, piece(s) to be no more than **5 minutes** long

**Age Group C:** Minimum **Grade 7**, piece(s) to be no more than **7 minutes** long

Please keep strictly to these time limits to be fair to all competitors.

This year we have made the Entry Form available on line at [www.northallertonrotary.org](http://www.northallertonrotary.org) for you to print out as many copies as required. We are happy to post you paper Entry Form(s) as well – see contacts below. The closing date is **15 Sep 2009** but it does assist in the organisation of the event if Forms can be returned earlier please. We also wish to update our mailing list, so if you do not wish to be contacted in future please let us know.

If you have any queries about the Competition or require paper Entry Forms please contact

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