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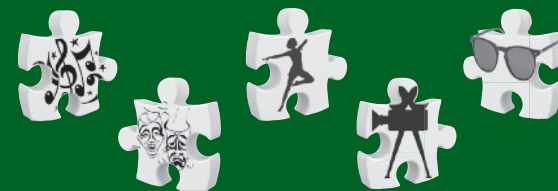
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TAUNTON FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS



SOMERSET SONG PRIZE 2015

Sunday 10th May
Saturday 16th May
Sunday 17th May

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Somerset Song Prize

Promoted and organised by Taunton Festival of the Arts, Somerset Opera and the Ronald Tickner Educational Trust, the Somerset Song Prize offers an opportunity to hear the breadth of song repertoire from much-loved composers such as Vaughan Williams, Britten, Schubert and Schumann, and a range of some of the UK's finest young singers. It will be organised across 3 days...

10th May Regional rounds

Preliminary rounds will be held at different venues across the country. Singers will be invited to sing to expert adjudicators.

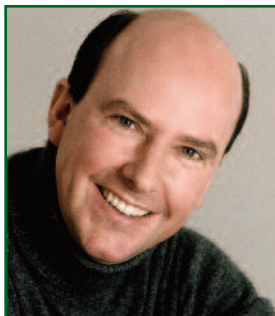
16th May Semi-Final

Held at the Temple Methodist Church, Taunton, TA1 3PY beginning at 10.30am with the whole day open to the public, the semi-final will include performers selected from the regional rounds. Each performer will sing a programme for a minimum of 10 mins (and maximum of 12 mins) that includes:

- No opera or oratorio
- At least one song not in the singer's native language
- One British Art Song composed since 1900

Six finalists will be selected to go through to the Final, to be announced at the conclusion of the round. The Most Promising Young Singer Award (£200) will be decided.

The esteemed adjudicating panel for the Finals include baritone Neal Davies (pictured), soprano Lorna Anderson and accompanist Malcolm Martineau.



17th May Grand Final

Held in the music room of the prestigious Castle Hotel, Taunton, TA1 1NF, beginning at 2.30pm, the Grand Final will include six finalists. The same criteria will be used as for the semi-final but a maximum of 15 mins will be allowed for each candidate.

Awards

During the finals weekend, the following awards will be made:

1st £1000 and the Lentells Trophy

2nd £500 Somerset Opera Award

3rd £250 Harold Mead Award

Accompanist Prize

£200 Ronald Tickner Trust Award

Most Promising Young Singer Award

21 or under on 17th May 2015

£200 Friends of the Somerset Song Prize

Following the final, there will be an interview with soprano star Elizabeth Watts, who in recent months has been in our cinemas in Don Giovanni, on our TV screens in the Last Night of the Proms, and on our stages in concerts too numerous to mention, followed by a special recital of song by James Hall, winner of the SSP 2013 and a finger buffet from the Castle Hotel's renowned kitchen.

The provisional programme for the day includes

2.30pm Grand final begins

3.30pm Short break

3.40pm Grand final continues

4.40pm Refreshments

5.15pm Interview with Elizabeth Watts

6.00pm Awards Ceremony, followed by the Gerard Trevett Recital by the winner of the SSP 2013, James Hall

7.00pm Buffet supper

The Gerard Trevett Recital

The celebratory evening recital will be sung by James Hall, winner of the Somerset Song Prize 2013.

Tickets

Semi-final £5 on the door

Only 100 tickets available for the Final – early booking is advised

Final £35 Cheques payable to
Taunton Festival of the Arts

A ticket for the Final includes:

- The Final
- Refreshments
- Interview with soprano Elizabeth Watts
- A recital from the winner of the SSP 2013
- A finger buffet supper at the Castle Hotel

Booking

Tickets available from:

- Tourist Information Centre 01823 336344
- Gillian Greig Music 01823 333317
- Festival Office, 15 Peile Drive, Taunton, TA2 7SZ (please enclose S.A.E.)

Information for participants

If you wish to participate in the Somerset Song Prize, the application form is available from February to download from **www.somersetsongprize.org.uk** or on request via email: info@tauntonfestival.org.uk

The closing date for applications is 13th April 2015



Elizabeth Watts
patron of the SSP



James Hall
winner of SSP 2013