**TAUNTON & SOMERSET MUSIC, DRAMA & DANCE FESTIVAL TAUNTON YOUNG SINGER**

This inaugural competition for young singers has been set up by the festival in response to the ever-growing number of entries in the Music Festival. It was also felt that singers should have their own competition and not be judged alongside their instrumental cotemporaries as in past Taunton Young Musicians competitions. Finally with the launch of the Somerset Song Prize for singers aged between 18 and 26 and held in May 2013, the Festival is confident that it can provide suitable opportunities for singers at most stages of their development.

**THE COMPETITION** is open to any voice who- : is aged **18** or under on **1st March 2014**. : is of **Grade 6** standard or above. : is recommended by their singing teacher if no singing exams have been taken. : prepares a programme of **12 minutes** which includes **one song in a foreign** **language**, **one British Art Song of the last century** **BUT not extracts from** **music theatre, or from opera composed after 1800**.

**AWARDS** The winning singer receives a **trophy** and a cheque for **£200** while the two runners up receive **£100** and **£50** respectively.

**ENTRY FEE** The entry fee of **£20** should be made out to Taunton & Somerset Music, Drama & Dance Festival and should be included with the completed form of application.

**ENTRIES** The application form should be returned by **Monday 24 February**

**ADJUDICATOR** The adjudicator will be Prof. Julian Pike, Head of Vocal and Operatic studies at Birmingham Conservatoire of Music.

**OFFICIAL ACCOMPANIST** An official accompanist will be available for an additional charge of £10.00

**VENUE** The Gwyn Williams Music Room Taunton School Staplegrove Road Taunton TA2 6AD

**TAUNTON YOUNG SINGER**

**APPLICATION FORM**

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STANDARD \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Please attach a recommendation of entry if no singing exams taken)

OFFICIAL ACCOMPANIST REQUIRED

YES / NO (Please circle as desired)

FEES ENCLOSED (Cheques made out to Taunton & Somerset Music, Drama & Dance Festival) £20.00 £10.00 (If Official Accompanist required)

TOTAL £\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_

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RETURN BY MONDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2014 TO-

Linda Cole 4 Annecy Court St Joseph’s Field Taunton TA1 3TE