

The Hampshire Federation of Women's Institutes Centenary Celebration 2018

Performing Arts Festival

Saturday 22nd September 2018

We are aiming to mark our Centenary Year with an ambitious and challenging, but hopefully fun and entertaining competition.

Inside this leaflet, you will find all you need to know about the events, how to enter and the timescales.

There are classes for individuals as well as groups of members. There is something for everyone here.

The competition will culminate in a Grand Concert on Saturday 6th October 2018.

The closing date for registering entries is 28th Feb 2018 Further details must be sent in by 30th June 2018

Class 1 Singing - Solo or Small Ensemble

No more than four singers, each one to sing a different part. One or two songs. Total length no more than seven minutes. Performers must provide their own accompaniment. This can be either an accompanist or a pre-recorded backing track with no vocals.

Entry Fee: £5 per entry

Class 2 Singing - Choral singing

Five or more in the group. Two contrasting songs, total length no more than seven minutes. Performers must provide their own accompaniment. This can be either an accompanist or a pre-recorded backing track with no vocals.

Entry Fee: £10 per entry

Class 3 Instrumental - Solo instrument

May have accompanist. Two pieces. Total length no more than five minutes.

Entry Fee: £5 per entry

Class 4 Instrumental - Group instrumental

May have accompanist. Two pieces. Total length no more than five minutes.

Entry Fee: £10 per entry

Class 5 Speech and Drama - Solo Poetry Recital

Solo recitation of poetry to be read or, preferably, recited. One piece. Total length no more than three minutes.

Entry Fee: £5 per entry

Class 6 Speech and Drama - Monologue

May be read, but by heart preferred. One piece. Total length no more than three minutes.

Entry Fee: £5 per entry

Class 7 Speech and Drama - Choral Speaking

A programme of choral speaking on a theme performed by a group of at least six members. Pieces may be read. Total length no more than ten minutes.

Entry Fee: £10 per entry

Class 8 Speech and Drama - Dramatic scene / sketch

A sketch or scene from a play, lasting no more than ten minutes. This can be a previously performed or professionally written piece or an original piece written for this purpose. It should have minimal scenery which must be provided by the entering WI. There is no limit to the cast numbers.

Entry Fee: £10 per entry

Class 9 Dance - Solo dance

Solo dance, any style. Performers must provide their own accompanying music or accompanist. Pre-recorded music is allowed. The routine should last no longer than three minutes.

Entry Fee: £5 per entry

Class 10 Dance - Group dance (movement to music)

Group dance or movement to music, any style. Entertainment value will be taken into consideration. Performers must provide their own accompanying music or accompanist. Prerecorded music is allowed. The routine should last no longer than five minutes.

Entry Fee: £10 per entry

For any queries regarding this schedule please contact either Vara Williams on 01962 889356 or Barbara Kearns on 07510 278576

Scoring

Every entry will be awarded 10 points. The WI with most accumulated points will be presented with an award.

For all classes the score will be as follows:

1st Place - 60 points 2nd Place - 50 points

3rd place - 40 points Highly Commended – 10 points

The winners and Highly Commended runners-up will be invited to perform at the Grand Final Concert at Thornden School, Eastleigh on Saturday 6th October 2018.

Competition Stages

All WI entry forms should be sent to WI House to arrive no later than 28 February 2018.

A separate detailed entry form in respect of each individual Class Entry should also be submitted no later than 30 June 2018.

The Competition will take place on Saturday 22nd September 2018 at Thornden School. Precise timings will be announced.

The Grand Final Concert will be held at Thornden School, Eastleigh on Saturday 6th October 2018. Audience tickets for the show will be available at a cost of £10.

To encourage as many as possible to take part in the Festival, WIs are asked to consider covering the costs of all entry fees.

All participating members must be bona fide WI members with the exception of musical conductors and accompanists.