

GUITAR

Adjudicator: Christopher Stell DipRAM, LRAM, ARAM
Venue: Menuhin Room, Portsmouth Central Library
Dates: 8th February 2026

Closing date for entries: 10th November 2025
Enter online at pfpa.org.uk
 or send completed entry form and payment to:
 Andrew Richardson, 24 Ferndale,
 Waterloooville, Hants, PO7 7PA.

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Christopher Stell studied with Michael Lewin at the Royal Academy of Music, and then with Sergio and Odair Assad in Brussels. It was at this time that Christopher began his collaboration with Mark Eden forming the Eden Stell Guitar Duo. As part of the duo Chris has performed in over 20 countries, including tours in the USA and China and had concerto engagements with renowned ensembles such as the Prague Chamber Orchestra.

International recitals include an appearance at the Guitar Foundation of America Omni Foundation Concert Series in San Francisco and the Alla Grande Festival in Canada. Chris has also performed at prestigious venues such as the Beethovenhalle in Bonn, Stuttgart Liederhalle, The Sage in Gateshead, Uppsala Kongress Hall in Sweden, 92nd Street Y in New York and, in London's Purcell Rooms, Wigmore Hall and Kings Place.

In 2019 Chris was invited to give a special performance of Joaquin Rodrigo's Concierto Madrigal in the Stadttheater Aschaffenburg in the presence of Cecilia Rodrigo.

Chris is a founding member of the VIDA Guitar Quartet who have rapidly become one of the world's most celebrated classical guitar ensembles with concerts throughout Europe USA and China.

Chris is an experienced teacher working with players of all levels in a variety of settings. Chris is artistic director of the Play2 festival for children in Armenia and professor of guitar at the Royal College of Music London.

Chris is a D'Addario strings endorsed artist.

The Arne Brattland Award will be presented to the most Promising Young Guitarist, 12 years and under.

The Victoria Cup will be awarded for the best classical guitar performance, 14 years and under.

The Vice Chairman Cup will be awarded for the best classical guitar performance, 15-18 years.

The Vincent Lindsey-Clark Cup for the best performance of a piece by Vincent Lindsey-Clark or any British composer, under 19 years.

OWN CHOICE SOLOS - 18 years and under

One or more pieces of your own choice

G1	Novice	Time limit 3 mins (A)	G4	Grades 3-4	Time limit 5 mins (B)
<i>Entrants in this class should not have been learning the guitar for more than 12 months by 1st January 2026.</i>			G5	Grades 5-6	Time limit 6 mins (B)
G2	Grade 1	Time limit 3 mins (A)	G6	Grades 7-8	Time limit 8 mins (B)
G3	Grade 2	Time limit 4 mins (A)	G7	Diploma	Time limit 10 mins (C)

BRITISH MUSIC - 18 years and under

One or more pieces by a British composer

G8	Any standard	Time limit 8 mins (B)
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OWN CHOICE SOLOS - 19 years and over

Two or more pieces of your own choice

G9	Grades 1-3	Time limit 4 mins (B)	G11	Grades 6-8	Time limit 8 mins (C)
G10	Grades 4-5	Time limit 6 mins (C)	G12	Diploma	Time limit 12 mins (C)

BRITISH MUSIC - 19 years and over

One or more pieces by a British composer

G13	Any standard	Time limit 8 mins (C)
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RECITAL CLASS

Three or more pieces/movements of your own choice

G14	Any Age	Time limit 20 mins (E)
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PUPIL AND TEACHER DUET CLASSES

One or more pieces of your own choice

G15	Novice	Time limit 3 mins (B)	G17	Grades 3-4	Time limit 5 mins (B)
<i>Entrants in this class should not have been learning the guitar for more than 12 months by 1st January 2026.</i>			G18	Grades 5-6	Time limit 6 mins (B)
G16	Grades 1-2	Time limit 4 mins (B)	G19	Grades 7-8+	Time limit 10 mins (B)

ENSEMBLE CLASSES

One or more pieces of your own choice

G20	Duet 12 years and under	Time limit 5 mins (B)
G21	Duet 18 years and under	Time limit 7 mins (B)
G22	Duet 19 years and over	Time limit 10 mins (C)
G23	Guitar/ukulele ensemble 12 years and under - 3 or more players	Time limit 5 mins (B)
G24	Guitar/ukulele ensemble 15 years and under - 3 or more players	Time limit 8 mins (E)
G25	Guitar/ukulele ensemble any age - 3 or more players	Time limit 15 mins (E)
G26	Guitar and other Instruments, including voice any age - 3 or more players	Time limit 15 mins (E)