



**WESTERN ISLES
YOUNG MUSICIAN
OF THE YEAR**

2025

Information and guidelines for Competitors, Parents/Guardians and Teachers

Entries are invited from any pupil schooled in the Western Isles for the competition to find the Primary, Junior and Senior **Western Isles Young Musicians of the Year**.

This year's competition will be held on **Saturday 15th November 2025**.

The competition will be split into the following categories:

Primary open to all Primary School aged children

Junior open to all S1 to S3 aged children

Senior open to all S4 to S6 aged children

The following competitions are offered:

Solo performance

Ensemble

Composition

Preliminary rounds will be held during the morning and afternoon sessions to find winners in each of the above sections for all the classes.

If necessary some rounds may be held on Friday evening

In addition, in the solo instrument classes there will be one overall winner in each section. Class winners will repeat their performances at the evening session to compete for the Primary, Junior and Senior Western Isles Young Musician of the Year.

Solo Performance

Entries are invited in the following classes:

Piano/Keyboard

Strings

Brass

Woodwind

Percussion

Primary and **Junior** Competitors should prepare **one** piece for presentation in the preliminary rounds,

Class winners will repeat their piece at the evening competition.

Senior Competitors must prepare two contrasting pieces for presentation. Only **one** piece to be played in the **preliminary** round. The winner of each class will be expected to play **both** pieces in the final round.

All competitors must provide a copy of each piece to be played for the adjudicators.

Competitors must arrange for an accompanist where necessary. (In case of difficulties contact the organisers)

Ensemble Playing

Open to all instruments eligible for entry in the solo classes.

Ensembles can be entered in the three age group sections.

If competitors in an ensemble are from differing age groups the ensemble will be placed in the age section of the oldest player.

Groups can consist of from 2 – 6 players.

Please give your group an appropriate name.

The ensemble should prepare one piece of no more than 10 minutes duration.

The winners of each section will be invited to repeat their performance at the evening concert.

Ensembles must provide adjudicators with a score of the piece.

There should be no adult accompaniment in any section

Composition

This is one Class open to anyone of school age.

The piece submitted must be original and the work of the competitor.

All entries are to be performed live at the competition. (The competitor is to arrange for performance of the piece in the competition – this may include computer generated performance)

The piece should be of no longer than 5 minutes duration.

A copy of the piece must be provided for the adjudicators.

Scottish Young Musicians

Following the final, one representative from the Western Isles will be selected from either the solo instrumental or Young Singer of the Year competition to take part in the national Scottish Young Musicians final to be held at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland on Sunday 24th May 2026. It is expected that if the winner of the Western Isles Young Musician of the Year competition is selected they will be prepared to attend this event.

Please note :

Members of the public are invited to come to hear all parts of the competition.

Entries and Fees

Entry forms must be completed using the online form on our website
The fee of £3.00 for each entry must be paid at the time of entry by bank transfer using the details below. Please use the name of the entrant as the payment reference.

Bank: Royal Bank of Scotland

Account Name: Young Musician of the Year Competition

Sort Code: 83-27-12

Account Number: 00702314

Entry fees can also be sent to

WIYMOY

21 Upper Coll,

Isle of Lewis

HS2 OLS

All entries are to be received no later than Saturday 1st November 2025

No alterations or additions can be made to entries after publication of the timetable of events 2 weeks before the competition date.

