

Competition Brief

Competition title

Popular Music

Competition overview

This competition offers learners to select, rehearse and perform a short set of three songs as a band of two or more members. The songs can be cover versions, original compositions, or a combination of both.

Total stage time is 25 minutes and each set can last no longer than 15 minutes. Points will be deducted for going over the time allocated. Consideration must also be given to set-up and stage times.

There are no regional heats for this category but rather a ‘Battle of the Bands’ event which is very exciting and a much sought-after accolade.

The competition will take place in the Performance Theatre at the University of South Wales, Cardiff on Wednesday the 15th of January 2020.

Core Competencies

The scope of the competition enables learners to develop and put into practice a variety of skills that are required to be a working musician within the industry.

Competitors taking part in this competition should be able to:

- Play an instrument or sing to an advanced level
- Understand the technical operation and maintenance of their instrument and appropriate contemporary sound generation
- Be able to apply genre-specific performance and arranging techniques
- Understand and apply appropriate performance aesthetics and stagecraft
- Work collaboratively and communicate effectively
- Solve problems and meet challenges using practical and creative skills
- Demonstrate innovation in musical performance and arrangement
- Proactively manage disciplined personal practice.

Conduct for competitors during live competition:

- Competitors will perform live, three songs of their choice
- Competitors who arrive late will not receive additional time unless a valid reason is given
- Competitors will start and finish work as instructed by the judges

- If there is a power stoppage, breakdown of equipment or accident, the competitors must act according to the instruction of the organiser
- The use of inappropriate and offensive language in songs will need to be edited for the performance.

Entry criteria

This competition is aimed at learners who are part of a band. They will be working towards or have achieved a Level 2 or 3 musical qualification (or equivalent).

Please note:

- A maximum of one group of up to 7 may enter per organisation.
- All band members must be enrolled with the FE organisation.
- This is a Skills Competition Wales event. This competition is not currently part of World Skills UK.

Number by location/organisation

A maximum of one group of up to 7 may enter per organisation. (A special request can be made to enter groups larger than this to the competition organiser, but there is a maximum of 75 places in this competition)

Brief

Select, rehearse and perform a short set of three songs as a band of two or more members. The songs can be cover versions, original compositions, or a combination of both.

It is important to note that this is not a song writing competition therefore any original compositions will be marked on exactly the same criteria as the cover songs (please see below). No additional marks will be awarded for composing.

Infrastructure List

A Technical Specification sheet will be sent out to the colleges after registration. It is vital that this is completed and returned in advance of the competition to facilitate each band's technical requirements and the smooth running of the day.

Backline will be supplied and we ask that all bands make use of this (see technical specification for details). There will also be an additional form sent out prior to the event asking for track listings for PRS purposes. This will also be an opportunity for bands to give information about themselves as well as make clear to the judges what they are trying to do in terms of market awareness (Aspect ID F).

You will be given an opportunity to quickly sound check before you start your first song. This will be your opportunity to let the technical team know if you're happy with your monitor mixes.

Competition rules

You may perform the songs in the style of your choosing but please be aware you are performing at a live public venue. Any inappropriate behaviour and/ or offensive language will need to be edited from the performance. It is the responsibility of staff to ensure that students adhere to this ruling.

We hope to include as much content as possible the Facebook page

www.facebook.com/SgiliauCyfryngauaChreadigol/.

General competition rules:

- Mobile phones to be switched off during competition activity.
- Listening to music via headphones is not permitted during competition activity.
- Any questions during competition activity should be addressed to the competition judging panel.
- Competitors should not communicate with other competitors during competition activity.
- It is the responsibility of each competitor to arrive on time for each competition session. No additional time will be allowed if you arrive late.
- Technical failure of your equipment should be reported immediately to the judging panel. Additional time will be allocated if the fault is beyond the control of the competitor.

Marking and assessment

The songs will be performed live in front of a panel of judges. The judges will assess each performance against the criteria outlined below:

Aspect ID	Description	Max Marks
A	Musicality Phrasing, articulation, expression, dynamics, tone, consistent with style and content with regards to genre	5
B	Technical Accuracy Timing, rhythm, pitch, intonation, consistent with style and content with regards to genre	5
C	Stagecraft and awareness Appropriate performance aesthetic with regards to genre Attitude and delivery, movement, visual presentation, balancing of the stage, time management	5
D	Ensemble skills	5

	Unity as an ensemble, tightness, musical interaction, control of individual dynamics	
E	Arrangement and Selection Effective use of ensemble resources, understanding of arranging for live performance Inventive arrangements and Interpretations	5
F	Market awareness and originality Selection of appropriate repertoire with regards to genre and target audience (intended market) Original performance (No extra marks for original compositions)	5
Total:		30

Feedback and recognition

Results will not be announced on the day of the competition.

After the judging has been moderated the top three medallists will be invited to attend a Celebration Event, held for all Skills Wales competitions on 19th March, 2020, at Sophia Hall, Sophia Gardens, Cardiff, CF11 9XR from 12 to 5pm. <https://www.sophiagardens.wales/venue/the-sophia-hall.html>

Results and feedback will be sent to all competitors following the award ceremony.

Certificates of Participation will be issued on the day.

Competition Lead

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Briff y Gystadleuaeth

Teitl y gystadleuaeth

Cerddoriaeth Boblogaidd

Trosolwg o'r gystadleuaeth

Mae'r gystadleuaeth hon yn cynnig cyfle i ddysgwyr ddewis, ymarfer a pherfformio set fer o dair cân fel band o ddu neu'n fwy o aelodau. Gall y caneuon fod yn fersiynau cyfyr, cyfansoddiadau gwreiddiol, neu gyfuniad o'r ddu.

Cyfanswm yr amser ar y llwyfan yw 25 munud ac ni ddylai unrhyw set bara mwy na 15 munud. Bydd pwyntiau yn cael eu tynnu am fynd dros yr amser sydd wedi'i neilltuo. Rhaid rhoi ystyriaeth hefyd i'r amserau gosod a llwyfannu.

Nid oes rhagbrofion rhanbarthol ar gyfer y categori hwn ond yn hytrach digwyddiad 'Brwydr y Bandiau' sy'n gyffrous iawn ac yn acolâd uchel ei barch.

Bydd y gystadleuaeth yn cael ei chynnal yn y Theatr Perfformio ym Mhrifysgol De Cymru, Caerdydd ddydd Mercher 15 Ionawr 2020.

Galluoedd Craidd

Mae cwmpas y gystadleuaeth yn galluogi i'r dysgwyr ddatblygu a dangos amrywiaeth o sgiliau sy'n ofynnol i fod yn gerddor gweithiol o fewn y diwydiant.

Dylai cystadleuwyr sy'n cymryd rhan yn y gystadleuaeth hon fod yn gallu:

- Chwarae offeryn neu ganu i lefel uwch
- Deall gweithrediad technegol a chynnal a chadw eu hofferyn a chynhyrchu sain gyfoes briodol
- Gallu cymhwysyo perfformiad penodol i'r genre a thechnegau trefnu
- Deall a chymhwysyo esthetig perfformiad priodol a chrefft llwyfan
- Cydweithio a chyfathrebu yn effeithiol
- Datrys problemau a bodloni heriau gan ddefnyddio sgiliau ymarferol a chreadigol
- Dangos arloesedd mewn perfformiad a threfniant cerddorol
- Ymroi i reoli arfer personol disgwybledig.

Ymddygiad i cystadleuwyr yn ystod cystadleuaeth fyw:

- Bydd cystadleuwyr yn perfformio'n fyw, tair cân o'u dewis
- Ni fydd cystadleuwyr sy'n cyrraedd yn hwyr yn derbyn amser ychwanegol oni bai bod rheswm diliys yn cael ei roi

- Bydd cystadleuwyd yn dechrau ac yn gorffen gwaith yn ôl cyfarwyddyd y beirniaid
- Os bydd problem â'r pŵer, cyfarpar yn methu neu ddamwain, rhaid i gystadleuwyd weithredu yn ôl cyfarwyddyd y trefnydd

Bydd angen i ddefnydd ar iaith amhriodol a sarhaus mewn caneuon gael ei olygu ar gyfer y perfformiad.

Meini prawf cystadlu

Mae'r gystadleuaeth hon wedi'i hanelu at ddysgwyr sy'n rhan o fand. Byddant yn gweithio tuag at neu wedi cyflawni cymhwyster cerddorol Lefel 2 neu 3 (neu gyfwerth).

Sylwer:

- Gall uchafswm o un grŵp o hyd at 7 cystadlu fesul sefydliad. (Cysylltwch â'r un sy'n cynnal y gystadleuaeth i awdurdodi grŵp sy'n fwy na hyn)
- Rhaid bod holl aelodau'r band wedi'u cofrestru gyda'r sefydliad Addysg Bellach.

Mae hwn yn ddigwyddiad Cystadleuaeth Sgiliau Cymru. Nid yw'r gystadleuaeth hon yn rhan o World SkillsUK ar hyn o bryd.

Nifer fesul lleoliad/sefydliad

Caniateir uchafswm o un grŵp o hyd at 7 cystadleuydd fesul sefydliad. (Gellir gwneud cais arbennig i drefnydd y gystadleuaeth i cystadlu â grwpiau mwy na hyn, ond uchafswm o 75 o leoedd sydd ar gael yn y gystadleuaeth hon)

Briff

Dewis, ymarfer a pherfformio set fer o dair cân fel band o ddau neu'n fwy o aelodau. Gall y caneuon fod yn fersiynau cyfyr, cyfansoddiadau gwreiddiol, neu'n gyfuniad o'r ddau.

Mae'n bwysig nodi nad cystadleuaeth ysgrifennu cân yw hon gan hynny bydd unrhyw gyfansoddiadau gwreiddiol yn cael eu marcio ar union yr un meini prawf â'r caneuon cyfyr (gweler isod). Ni ddyfernir unrhyw farciau ychwanegol am gyfansoddi.

Rhestr Seilwaith

Bydd dalen Manyleb Dechnegol yn cael ei hanfon at y colegau ar ôl cofrestru. Mae'n hanfodol ei bod yn cael ei llenwi a'i dychwelyd cyn y gystadleuaeth i hwyluso gofynion technegol pob band a rhediad llyfn ar y dydd.

Bydd y llinell ôl (backline) yn cael ei chyflenwi a gofynnwn i bob band ei defnyddio (gweler manyleb dechnegol am fanylion). Bydd ffurflen ychwanegol yn cael ei hanfon cyn y digwyddiad yn gofyn am restrau trac at ddibenion PRS. Bydd yn gyfle hefyd i fandiau rhoi rhagor o fanylion am eu hunain

ynghyd ag amlinellu'n glir i'r beirniaid yr hyn maen nhw'n ceisio'i wneud o ran ymwybyddiaeth farchnata (Agwedd ID F).

Byddwch chi'n cael cyfle i gael prawf sain yn gyflym cyn i chi ddechrau eich cân gyntaf. Dyma fydd eich cyfle i roi gwybod i'r tîm technegol eich bod chi'n hapus â'ch cymysgedd monitor.

Rheolau'r gystadleuaeth

Gallwch berfformio'r caneuon yn yr arddull o'ch dewis ond cofiwch eich bod chi'n perfformio mewn lleoliad cyhoeddus byw. Bydd angen i unrhyw ymddygiad amhriodol a/neu iaith sarhaus gael eu golygu o'r perfformiad. Cyfrifoldeb y staff yw sicrhau bod myfyrwyr yn cadw at y rheol hon.

Gobeithiwn gynnwys cymaint o gynnwys â phosibl ar y dudalen Facebook

www.facebook.com/SgiliauCyfryngauaChreadigol/.

Rheolau cyffredinol y gystadleuaeth

- Dylid diffodd ffonau symudol yn ystod y gystadleuaeth.
- Ni chaniateir gwrando ar gerddoriaeth gyda chlustffonau yn ystod y gystadleuaeth.
- Dylid cyfeirio unrhyw gwestiynau yn ystod y gystadleuaeth at y panel beirniaid.
- Ni ddylai'r cystadleuwyr gyfathrebu gyda chystadleuwyr eraill yn ystod y gystadleuaeth.
- Cyfrifoldeb pob cystadleuydd fydd cyrraedd ar amser ar gyfer pob rhan o'r gystadleuaeth. Pe baech yn cyrraedd yn hwyr, ni roddir amser ychwanegol ichi.
- Pe bai rhyw wall technegol ar eich offer, dylid rhoi gwybod i'r panel beirniaid yn syth. Bydd amser ychwanegol yn cael ei roi os bydd y gwall y tu hwnt i reolaeth y cystadleuydd.

Marcio ac asesu

Bydd caneuon yn cael eu perfformio yn fyw o flaen panel o feirniaid. Bydd y beirniaid yn asesu pob perfformiad yn erbyn y meini prawf a amlinellir isod:

Agwedd ID	Disgrifiad	Marc Uchaf
A	Perseinedd Brawddeg, ynganiad, mynegiant, dynamic, tone, consonance and rhythm a chynnwys o ran genre	5
B	Cywirdeb Technegol Amser, rhythm, traw, tonyddiaeth, consonance and rhythm a chynnwys o ran genre	5
C	Crefft llwyfan ac ymwybyddiaeth Esthetic performance llwyfan o ran genre	5

	Agwedd a chyflwyniad, symudiad, cyflwyniad gweledol, cydbwysedd y llwyfan, rheoli amser	
D	Sgiliau ensemble Undod fel ensemble, tyndra, rhyngweithio cerddorol, rheolaeth ar ddynameg unigol	5
E	Trefniant a Detholiad Defnydd effeithiol ar adnoddau ensemble, dealltwriaeth o drefnu ar gyfer perfformiad byw Trefniadau dyfeisgar a Dehongliadau	5
F	Ymwybyddiaeth o'r farchnad a gwreiddioldeb Dewis repertoire priodol o ran genre a chynulleidfa darged (marchnad arfaethedig) Perfformiad gwreiddiol (Dim marciau ychwanegol am gyfansoddiadau gwreiddiol)	5
Cyfanswm:		30

Adborth a chydubyddiaeth

Ni chyhoeddir canlyniadau ar ddiwrnod y gystadleuaeth.

Ar ôl cymedroli'r beirniadu bydd tri enillydd uchaf y medalau'n cael eu gwahodd i Achlysur Dathlu a gynhelir ar gyfer holl gystadlaethau Sgiliau Cymru ar 19 Mawrth 2020 yn Neuadd Sophia, Gerddi Sophia, Caerdydd CF11 9XR rhwng 12pm a 5pm.

<https://www.sophiagardens.wales/venue/the-sophia-hall.html>

Bydd canlyniadau ac adborth yn cael eu hanfon i'r holl gystadleuwyr yn dilyn y seremoni wobrwyd.

Bydd Tystysgrifau Cyfranogi yn cael eu cyhoeddi ar y diwrnod.

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