



Folk Song Competition 2020

The North Lincolnshire Music & Drama Festival began in 1900 as the Musical Competitions and was founded by Lady Winefride Elwes and her husband, the internationally acclaimed tenor Gervase Elwes.

The first Folk Song Competition in Brigg was around 1905 when Percy Grainger recorded Joseph Taylor singing “Brigg Fair” and it attracted prize money of 10/6.

To mark the 100th North Lincolnshire (Brigg) Festival in 2020, we are launching a competition to write a new Folk Song to acknowledge the importance of the Music & Drama Festival in Brigg, along with the town and its people.

The prize for the winner of the 2020 competition will be £500.

Terms and Conditions.

1. The competition is open to amateur composers and performers. No age limit.
2. The composition must be your own original words and music and can be with or without live accompaniment. The music to be played on hand-held and hand-carry sized acoustic instruments.
3. The song should consist of the composer’s own work and should not infringe on any copyrights or any other rights of third parties.
4. Time limit maximum 5 minutes.
5. The winning composition, which must be suitable for family entertainment, must be performed by the composer or on behalf of the composer at the Festival and at the Concert and Awards ceremony on Saturday 4th April 2020 at The Vale Academy and also at the Special Concert to be held at The Barn Theatre Elsham Hall on Sunday 20th September 2020.
6. Entries must be submitted on an MP3 or WAV recording with a copy of the lyrics.
7. Entries will be judged on lyrics, melody, performance and the use of the North Lincolnshire Music & Drama Festival connection. The adjudicators decision is final.
8. Multiple entries will be accepted.
9. Entry fee £10
10. Closing date 31st December 2019

