

Co-fharpaisean Clàrsaich – Clarsach competitions

Junior Competitions (under 18 years)

Solo singing with self-accompaniment

B320: Own choice of two contrasting Gaelic songs with clarsach accompaniment. Not to exceed **5 mins.**

Solo playing – Introductory class for beginners (Up to Grade 1)*

B321: Own choice instrumental piece of Gaelic origin.

Solo playing – Elementary (Grade 1)*

B322: a) Dòmhnallan Dubh *Arr. H. Yule*
b) Own choice piece of Gaelic origin not to exceed **3 mins.**

Solo playing – Intermediate 1 (Grade 2-3)*

B323: a) Cumh' airson a fir 's a leanabha *Arr. I. Mieras*
b) Own choice piece of Gaelic origin not to exceed **3 mins.**

Solo playing – Intermediate 2 (Grade 3-4)*

B323A: a) An t-Aparan Goirid 's an t-Aparan Ùr: Òran do Sheasaidh Bhaile Raghnaill *Arr. G. M. Sinclair*
b) Own choice piece of Gaelic origin not to exceed **3 mins.**

Solo playing – Advanced (Grade 5)*

B324: a) 'Si Morag a rinn a'bhanais and A'Bhanais Aighearach *Arr. P. Seddon*
b) Own choice piece of Gaelic origin not to exceed **4 mins.**

Clarsach duet – under 13 yrs

B330: Own choice of a piece or set of pieces of Gaelic origin, not to exceed **5 mins.**

Clarsach duet – 13 to 18 yrs

B330A: Own choice of a piece or set of pieces of Gaelic origin, not to exceed **5 mins.**

Recital Class – Grade 6 and above

B332: Open to **any players** of gut and/or wire harp. A well balanced **10 minute** programme of own choice music of Gaelic origin, to include spoken introductions in Gaelic or English by the competitor, who may include his/her own arrangements.

* Refers to RCS Scottish Traditional Music Exam syllabus. Own choice pieces should be of a comparable standard to those set in this syllabus.

Senior Competitions (18 years and over)

Solo playing – Elementary

- B325:** a) Crodh Chailein *Arr. L. Jackson*
b) Own choice piece of Gaelic origin. Not to exceed **3 mins.**

Solo playing – Intermediate/Advanced

- B326:** a) Caidil gu là *Arr. W. Stewart*
b) Own choice piece of Gaelic origin. Not to exceed **3 mins.**

Solo singing with self-accompaniment –

- B327:** Own choice of two contrasting Gaelic songs with clarsach accompaniment. Not to exceed **5 mins.**

Clarsach duet –

- B333:** Own choice of a piece or set of pieces of Gaelic origin.
Not to exceed **5 mins**

Open Competitions

Accompanying of a singer –

- B328** a) 'S olc an obair do theachdairean cadal *Arr. I. Henderson*
b) Mo Chailin Dìleas Donn *Arr. M. Napier*

Composition class –

- B329:** An original composition lasting between 3 and 5 minutes, for
a) solo clarsach in the style of a slow air, pipe march, strathspey, jig, reel or a set of tunes, or
b) voice and clarsach

In the case of a) competitors may perform their own work or provide a player.

In the case of b) competitors may perform their own work or provide a player and/or singer.

A copy of the words (with translation) must be submitted to the Mod office. The quality of the composition will be judged - not the performance. Manuscripts are not required

Clarsach ensemble –

- B331:** Any number of instruments or voices but to include no fewer than 3 clarsachs. Own choice music of Gaelic origin. Not to exceed **6 mins. No marks will be given for this class. The adjudicator(s) will give an appreciation of each performance and announce the winners.**

All those attending the clarsach competitions are reminded that the use of audio and/or video recording is not permitted.

Competitors are reminded that:

- a) own choice music and songs (with translation) must be submitted to the Mod Office by 30th June. See website for “Rules for the Royal National Mod”
- b) It is expected that competitors shall enter at the appropriate level as indicated.
- c) No competitor may enter more than once in a duet or ensemble competition in any given year.
- d) If competitors over-run the time permitted, the adjudicator may stop the performance.
- e) Competitors are expected to appear in good time for their competition and **MUST** play in the order stated in the Mod programme, except when competitions overlap.