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Dear Musician

Luton Someries Annual David Bates Music Awards 2019

I am pleased to inform you that Luton Someries Rotary Club is once again holding music award auditions, which are open to Luton's young musicians. To enter, you must be aged 18 or under.

Prizes will be awarded to winners in each of the following three categories:

- Musicians who are Grade 1 to 3 standard
- Musicians who are Grade 4 to 5 standard
- Musicians who are Grade 6 and above

Auditions will be held on **either Saturday 19 January or Saturday 26 January** from 1.00pm at St Augustine's Church Hall. A piano accompanist will be available, but there will not be time to rehearse beforehand, so please supply a photocopy of your piano accompaniment music **with** your application form. Applicants will be judged on their own performance, not the performance of their support musicians.

Successful applicants will then be invited to organise and take part in a concert on Thursday 11 July 2019 at St Augustine's Church. The names of the successful applicants will be posted on The Mix website (www.thelutonmusicmix.com) during the week after the auditions.

Winners of the **Grade 6 and above** category will be asked to take part in the next round of the Rotary Young Musician Competition, which takes place on Sunday 10 March 2019. If successful in this round, they will then be invited to take part in the following round, which is likely to take place towards the end of March.

Applications are encouraged from all types of musician, of any style.

Applications are invited from young musicians who:

- are resident in Luton
- or attend a Luton school or Luton Sixth Form College
- or are involved in Luton Music Service's Evening Music Centre or Saturday Music Centre

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At the auditions, musicians will be asked to perform a prepared programme, to demonstrate the range and quality of their playing. 'Grades 1 – 5 standard' category auditions should last no more than **5 minutes**. 'Grade 6 and above' category auditions should last no more than **10 minutes**.

Musicians will be judged on technical merit, artistic interpretation and presentation skills.

Applicants for *all* awards will be selected for auditions on the basis of their letter of application, which should contain details of their musical studies and qualifications, as well as information about their musical interests and activities.

Musicians wishing to apply should complete and return the enclosed application form **with** a photocopy of the piano accompaniment music to:

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by Monday 7 January 2019

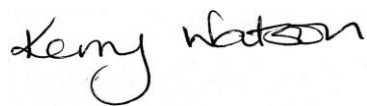
If you would like to apply by email, you can find a copy of the application form on The Mix website (www.thelutonmusicmix.com). Please email the form, **a scanned photo of yourself** and a scanned copy of the piano accompaniment music to lutonmusicservice@luton.gov.uk.

Please note: Applications will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. Places are limited. Applications will not be accepted after the deadline.

Please also note: Winners from previous years cannot re-enter the same category.

If there are any queries, do not hesitate to contact Catherine Payton at the Luton Music Service office (01582 538224).

Yours sincerely



Kerry Watson
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