



We are looking for the best young classical guitarists the UK has to offer to compete for the title of..

UK YOUNG GUITARIST '27

Entrants must be no older than 18 on the 11th September 2027.

The competition will have 2 rounds. The first will be a video round, and if the entrant gets through to the finals, the second will be a live performance at the Felixstowe Classical Guitar Festival on the 11th September after which a winner will be announced.

Round 1 (Video round).

The round will take the form of several Youtube videos.

The entrant will prepare 2 pieces. A composition (their own) and a repertoire piece that they believe shows off their technical skills. They will film a live performance of these pieces (a phone is fine, landscape pls).

The 2 pieces do not need to be filmed back to back. The pieces must not be cut or edited.

The composition must be unreleased and entirely the entrants own work.

The scores will be collated and made available as a free .pdf for a month following the festival to all our Attendees and Entrants.

Entrants will be put into groups/pairs throughout the course of the videos and a winner will be chosen based on the following:

- Quality of their composition
- Technical ability
- Musicianship.

The entered videos will also appear on our other social media in the lead up to the festival.

The 2 videos and a score (not hand-written) should be entered before the 1st April '27 with a note from a parent or guardian giving the following permissions and acknowledgments:

- **The entrant needs permission to take part.**
- **We need permission to use the Videos and Scores as described above and below.**
- **Understanding that getting through the first round means taking part in the final on Sat 11 September '27.**

There is no fee to enter the competition. But finalists will be required to buy a ticket for the festival. This ticket will allow themselves and 1 supervising parent/guardian access for the day.

Round 2 (Finals)

On the 11 September '27 Finalists are expected to turn up to the festival around midday. Please be aware of the festival program on our website for specific timings.

The entrants will have prepared a different composition and a different technical piece.

The composition score must be emailed to us by 1st September. The scores will be collated and made available as a free .pdf for a month following the festival to all our Attendees and Entrants.

They will perform these 2 pieces in The Palm Court to an audience and our judges.

The playing order of entrants will be random.

A winner will be chosen based on the following:

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- Musicianship.

The winner will be crowned: UK YOUNG GUITARIST '27

There will be a small cash prize. Amount TBA.

The winner will be announced on our Social media and youtube platforms.

The event will be (hopefully) be videoed, we will use those videos on Youtube and our other social media. We will make the entrants' videos available to them at no charge. The videos and social media will be up permanently.

To enter please email: info@felixstoweclassicalguitarfestival.co.uk

With the subject heading: Submission-2027 FCGF UK YOUNG GUITARIST '27

Our Website: felixstoweclassicalguitarfestival.co.uk

For more information our Festival Director Mark Harris can be contacted on: 07891 674666.