



42nd

INNER WEST EISTEDDFOD INC.

STRINGS

Program 2026

including the

MARCUS EDWARDS
VIOLIN PRIZE



2nd, 3rd MAY 2026



PATRON: Neta Maughan AM
Convenor/Vice President: Halina Dallas
Acting Secretary: Vilija Burneikis
Acting Treasurer: Rachel Hennessy
Hon. Members: Neta Maughan AM

AUDIENCE VENUE ADMISSION:

Audience All Day Ticket:

Adults: \$ 12.00

Children/Pensioners: \$ 5.00

Family

(2 adults, child/children) \$ 25.00

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Inner West Eisteddfod is managed by the Inner West Eisteddfod Inc. The Eisteddfod is administered solely by volunteers and all monies received from donations are used for prizes and the promotion of the Eisteddfod.

Rules and Conditions – as published in Syllabus 2026

Donations: a special thank you to our friends & supporters for their donations

Our major supporters are acknowledged in the programme. We are indebted to them for their support and commend these individuals, companies and organisations to you as being worthy of your patronage.

Major donations received from:
IWE Strings Committee.

IWE STRINGS 2026 PROGRAMME

Coordinator: Halina Dallas Stage Manager:

Adjudicator: **Cecilia Bersee**

Prizes: Trophies/ prizes will be allocated when donation funding is finalised.

Enquiries: Email: info@iwe.org.au

Date: Saturday 2nd May 2026 and Sunday 3rd May

Venue: **Woodstock, Community Centre, Fitzroy Hall** Church Street, Burwood
(Vehicle carpark - via Fitzroy Street, Burwood)

Entrants Note:

1. In ALL Sections Entrants may provide their own Accompanist.
2. Entrants should register at receptions TEN (10) MINUTES prior to starting time and performers shall appear in the order which they are listed in the programme. If a performer is not present when called he/she is liable to disqualification. Latecomers will be included at the end of the Section and could be excluded from Prize Presentation at the discretion of the Adjudicator.
REMEMBER A COPY OF YOUR MUSIC PIECE FOR THE ADJUDICATOR.

NO RESPONSIBILITY WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR ACCIDENTS, INJURY OR LOST PROPERTY OF ANY PERSON/S AT THIS EISTEDDFOD

RULES AND CONDITIONS:

1. All Sections are for amateurs only – an amateur means a person, the major portion of whose income is not derived from the exercise of his/her talents for the particular Section which he/she had entered. Entrants may be requested to supply proof of income to a committee member.
2. **No entries will be accepted unless accompanied by the FULL ENTRY FEES, including \$10 administration fee.**
3. No entry fee will be refunded (exception Rule 19.)
4. The entrant's age will be determined as **at date of performance.**
5. In any Section where an age limit is specified, the committee reserves the right to ask any entrant, at any time, to provide a proof of age. Prize money may be withheld until such proof has been provided.
6. Closing date for entries in each section is stated in the Syllabus. (Late entries may be accepted).
7. The Committee may cancel any Section if insufficient entries are submitted or may create two or more divisions if entries are deemed excessive.
8. Entrants who have been pupils of Adjudicators at any time during the twelve (12) months prior to date of performance of the current year are not eligible to compete in any Section judged by that Adjudicator.
9. The Adjudicator's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
10. If, due to unforeseen circumstances, an Adjudicator is unable to perform his/her duties, the Committee reserves the right to appoint a substitute without notice.
11. The Adjudicator reserves the right to terminate a performance at any stage.
12. The Adjudicator reserves the right to withhold, and in consultation with the Section Co-ordinator, reduce or vary any prize.
13. Each entrant may perform an item only once during the Eisteddfod.

14. Entrants should register at Reception TEN (10) MINUTES prior to starting time and Subject to Rule 20, performers shall appear in the order in which they are listed in the official programme. If a performer is not present when called he/she is liable to disqualification. Latecomers will be included at the end of the Section and could be excluded from Prize Presentation at the discretion of the Adjudicator.

15. In all Sections presentation and appearance will be taken into consideration.

16. In all Sections performers must, before the commencements of the Section, hand to the RECEPTION DESK, a copy of the performance item for the Adjudicator. Each entrant is responsible for collecting the item (if an original or licensed photocopy) at the conclusion of the Section.

NOTE: PHOTOCOPIES OF MUSICAL WORKS, POEMS, LITERARY OR DRAMATIC EXTRACTS PROVIDED TO THE COMMITTEE, UNLESS CLEARLY MARKED AS “NOT SUBJECT TO COPYRIGHT” WILL BE RETAINED AND DESTROYED AFTER USE. THERE WILL BE NO PHOTOCOPYING FACILITIES MADE AVAILABLE BY THE INNER WEST EISTEDDFOD. PLEASE ENSURE YOU HAVE A COPY OF YOUR MUSIC FOR THE ADJUDICATOR.

ENTRANTS TO ARRANGE THEIR OWN PIANO ACCOMPANIST

SATURDAY 2ND MAY 2026

Woodstock Community Centre Fitzroy Hall

SECTION 300 **VIOLIN or CELLO** **Own Choice** **9.00am**
6 years & Under GRADE 1 LEVEL
Time Limit 3 minutes
1st Trophy

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| 1. Josie | LIN |
| 2. Sophie | CHU |
| 3. Ethan | DU |
| 4. Haoye (Kenneth) | BIAN |
| 5. Millie | YE |

SECTION 301 **VIOLIN or CELLO** **Own Choice** **9.30am**
8 years & Under
Time Limit 3 minutes
1st Trophy 2nd Medal 3rd Medal

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| 1. Sanam | AHMADI |
| 2. Sarah | WANG |
| 3. Hannah | HUANG |
| 4. Yige | PENG |
| 5. Lily | SONG |
| 6. Xin Tong | WANG |
| 7. Christina | SHI |
| 8. Hannah | LI |
| 9. Daniel | BANG |
| 10. Amelia | ZHAO |
| 11. Mavis | WANG |
| 12. Jonathan | SAM |
| 13. Alice | ZHANG |

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SECTION 302 **VIOLIN or CELLO** Own Choice 10.35am

10 years & Under

Time Limit 5 minutes

1st, 2nd, Trophies , 3rd Medal, 4th Medal

1. Sophia	FANG
2. Oliver	KIM
3. Jeremy	YE
4. Yu (Mario)	ZOU
5. Patrick	KONG
6. Eliana	KIM
7. Leonardo	MAK
8. Ryan	HUANG
9. Yunchang	LIU
10. Clara	YUAN
11. Jessica	SHI
12. Ella	YAN
13. Clarice	ZHONG
14. Alicia	WU
15. Zoleena	FEI
16. Aimee	LI
17. Alannah	MOUSA
18. Olivia	GU
19. Selena	FONG
20. Claire	HUANG
21. Carole	WU

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SECTION 303 **VIOLIN, CELLO or VIOLA** Own Choice

1.45pm

12 years & Under

Time Limit 5 minutes 1st Trophy

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| 1. Steven | JEONG |
| 2. James | ZHU |
| 3. Riha | HAN |
| 4. Bella | XU |
| 5. Ella | YAN |
| 6. Clarice | ZHONG |
| 7. Yu (Mario) | ZOU |
| 8. Lucrezia | FEI |
| 9. Mia | LI |
| 10. James | HAN |

SECTION 304 **VIOLIN or CELLO** Own Choice 2.45pm

14 Years & Under

Entrants to be 5th Grade and above.

Time Limit 10 minutes

1st & 2nd Trophy, 3rd Medal

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| 1. William | GU |
| 2. Anson | LI |
| 3. Joyce | FANG |
| 4. Ryan | WANG |
| 5. Riha | HAN |
| 6. Tong | WU |
| 7. Chelsea | WANG |
| 8. Ivy | YAN |
| 9. Clarice | ZHONG |
| 10. Maven | LIU |
| 11. Maya | KOMINE |
| 12. Monique | NEAL |

SUNDAY 3rd MAY 2026

Woodstock Community Centre Fitzroy Hall

SECTION 305

VIOLIN, VIOLA or CELLO Own Choice

Open Age

Entrants to be 6th Grade and above.

Time Limit 10 minutes

Cash Prizes – 1st \$200, 2nd \$100 in each group

GROUP A – 9.00am

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| 1. Chelsea | WANG |
| 2. Ming | ZHANG |
| 3. Tina | DONG |
| 4. Joyce | FANG |
| 5. Julie | ZHU |
| 6. Yu (Mario) | ZOU |
| 7. Lily | SONG |
| 8. Tong | WU |
| 9. Yunchang | LIU |
| 10. Vivian | WU |

GROUP B – 12 noon

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| 11. Ryan | WANG |
| 12. Ivy | YAN |
| 13. Sharon | ZHAO |
| 14. Clarice | ZHONG |
| 15. Thomas | SILPA-ANAN |
| 16. Egbert | WU |
| 17. Vera | ZHANG |
| 18. Maven | LIU |
| 19. Monique | NEAL |
| 20. Cindy | XIONG |
| 21. Chanelle | TIRANATVITAYAKUL |
| 22. Emma | YANG |

SUNDAY 3rd MAY 2026
Woodstock Community Centre Fitzroy Hall

SECTION 306

THE MARCUS EDWARDS VIOLIN PRIZE

3.30pm

Total prizes: Cash Prizes - \$3000

Time limit: 15 minutes

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| 1. Jiayu (Lucas) | YANG |
| 2. Tong | WU |
| 3. Lewis | BI |
| 4. Sharon | ZHAO |
| 5. Violetta | SHOPOVA |
| 6. Egbert | WU |
| 7. Brianna | CHEN |
| 8. Lara | DOWDESWELL |
| 9. Benjamin | LAM |
| 10. Beverly | KWAN |
| 11. Kaito | DEED |
| 12. Mai | KHANG |

Friends of Inner West Eisteddfod

As with all voluntary community groups, the IWE has a need for FRIENDS to help conduct this important cultural event in May - November EACH YEAR.

If you have an interest in a particular Section, your help in door-keeping, ticket selling, event management, canteen or a myriad of other essential small tasks, would be of great value.

If you wish to be a part of the Eisteddfod
for further information please contact:- info@iwe.org.au

Welcome to our Adjudicator:

Cecilia Bersee is a freelance violinist, teacher and an AMEB examiner. She has played with the SSO, the Australian Chamber Orchestra and predominately for Opera Australia Orchestra, where she played for more than 20 years. Her career highlight was performing a concerto as soloist with the SSO as state winner of the ABC Instrumental and Vocal Competition (school aged division). She has had much success as a teacher, with many of her students accepted into the Rising Star Program at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music and awarded full music scholarships at many elite private schools. She is a past president of AUSTA NSW and travels frequently across the state to examine for the AMEB and to adjudicate various eisteddfods. She is currently on the staff of the Wollongong Conservatorium of Music.



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