

HERTFORDSHIRE MUSIC SERVICE – SONG COMPETITION 2009

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Hertfordshire Music Service is proud to announce the launch of the fourth Song Competition. Following on from the previous competitions we are planning to build on our success, appeal to a wider audience and attract more young people to song writing.



Hertfordshire Music Service runs the Hertfordshire Song-Writer competition to encourage young people in Hertfordshire to write original songs. We offer song-writing workshops in Music Centres, Schools and Youth Centres across the county to support young people to write their own songs and raps.

All entrants receive written feedback from the Music Service Song Writing team and from invited industry professionals. This year's judges include Goldie (D&B DJ), Annie Nightingale (Radio 1) and Boo Hewerdine (The Bible).

Song-writer 2009 will be generously sponsored by [Avid](#), manufacturers of music equipment and software, who will provide £8000 worth of prizes. The young people can also win recording and performing opportunities at showcases across the county; prize winners will have their songs published on a compilation CD. Particularly promising song-writers will be referred to the Arts Council Escalator Scheme for further mentoring and funding.

The Song-writer 2009 competition has Junior, Intermediate and Senior categories that will run across the whole school age range. This year we are delighted to announce an additional post-18 Student category in partnership with the University of Hertfordshire. Entries can be submitted in Rock, Acoustic and Urban categories and for the first time we will be adding an Electronic Music Category.

The competition will feature an online chart for people to vote for their favourite song. Check out www.numu.org.uk/songwriter-2007 to hear songs from the last competition. The winner of the online voting category receives the chance to record their song in a professional studio. This prize will be sponsored by JP Productions.

Closing date for receipt of entries is **31st December 2009** with the winners announced in February 2010.

For more details, entry forms and information on workshops, please visit www.hertsmusicsservice.org.uk/songcompetition2009 or ring 01438 202806.

NOTES FOR EDITORS:

The Song Competition is run by The Mix, a team within Hertfordshire Music Service promoting informal and personalised music and arts provision across Hertfordshire. The Song Competition is run as an outreach tool and as an outcome for the music projects that they run.

Previously, the 2007 competition had over 80 entries and judges included Fergal Sharkey and Boo Hewerdine. The online voting category received over 18000 votes with the winning entry receiving 3000 of those votes.

Hertfordshire Music Service, a team within Hertfordshire County Council's Children, Schools and Families Service is the largest music service in the country. It is also one of the best, having won awards from the National Music Council on five separate occasions.

Song Writer 2009 Competition

Launch your music writing career!

Urban - Rock - Acoustic - Electronic



Junior, Intermediate, Senior and Post-18 Student age categories

Prizes *Pro-Tools and M-Audio software and hardware. *feedback and advice from top industry experts *studio time
*performance opportunities at rock venues *online voting prize, a day in the recording studio with JP productions

CD's and Entry forms should be addressed to:

The Mix, Bowes Lyon Centre. St Georges Way, Stevenage, SG1 1XY.

For further information and entry forms please phone 01438 202806

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