

Dear Competitor

We are looking forward to welcoming you to the 2025 Celebrating Chopin for Royal South Street Society! To assist you in your preparation for the competition... here are answers to some FAQ's

WHEN TO ARRIVE

Aim to arrive 15-30 minutes before the scheduled start time. This allows the registration team time to ensure they have the correct details for you and allows you time to settle into the venue and find your way around. If your section is later during the session, you may arrive later, but it's best to err on the side of caution, as we may run ahead of time.

The timetable for the competition is on our website under '[Celebrating Chopin](#)'

PRE REGISTRATION

We ask that everyone completes their pre-registration prior to the commencement of the competition. Pre-registration includes completing the song title of each piece you are performing. This can be done by logging into your MyStage account and following the prompts. There is also a handy guide located on our website under '[Navigating MyStage](#)'

NB. We are not asking for sheet music to be uploaded this year

TICKETS AND MERCHANDISE

Friends and family can buy tickets for \$10 at the door, or via our website prior to the event. There is a new Multipass Ticket available this year. This is a discount for those who are attending multiple sessions, even across a selection of different disciplines.

Guidebooks are also available at the door for \$5 and a range of RSSS merchandise including a RSSS Tshirt, candles, stickers, badges, certificates and more.

WHAT TO BRING

Bring a photocopy of each piece you are performing. This goes to the adjudicator and should have;

- Bars numbered
- Section number (top right)
- Competitor number (top right)

If your piece is still in copyright, you must bring the original to be sighted at registration as per the copyright law. Your original can be used instead of a photocopy for the adjudicator.

All photocopies will be destroyed after the session.

WHAT TO WEAR

Dress for your performance! Take pride in your appearance as this may help you to present confidently on stage.

WHO ARE THE ADJUDICATORS

David Soo and Elizabeth Mitchell are the two adjudicators for Chopin 2025. They will provide written feedback on each performance.

PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEOGRAPHY

Please be respectful of copyright and child safety laws and do not use your device to take any photos or videos of any person during any performance.

Some photos will be taken by staff during the event to be used on social media or website. If you do not wish for you/your child's photo to be published on our website, please speak to the Stage Manager or the Chairperson.

THE ROYAL TREASURE TRAIL

This is a new initiative and designed to share with you some of Ballarat's wonderful local shops, eateries and entertainment venues. Take a moment to look at what is on offer and remember to say you're from Royal South Street Society. Who knows what special treats are in store for you! [Explore the Royal Treasure Trail](#)

PARKING

Competitions will be held at the Minerva Room in the Ballarat Mechanics Institute on Sturt Street. As it is in the centre of town, parking is limited to street parking, which is FREE on Sundays, but charged at an hourly rate every other day. Take a moment to look at this website for ideas of free and cheap parking within walking distance.

<https://www.parkopedia.com.au/>



HOW DO I CONTACT THE OFFICE IF I NEED HELP

If you have any issues on the day and need to contact us, please phone the office on 5332 1054. If you can't get through on that number, phone the RSSS mobile on 0472 626 777.

Leave a message or text and we'll reply as soon as possible.

VOLUNTEERS

Please remember that the competition is run largely by a group of passionate volunteers who just enjoy helping in the community. They enjoy seeing young performers and giving them a chance to get up on stage. Without our volunteers, this competition would not be able to run. Please take a moment to say thank you or a kind word and have patience if someone seems to be learning or unsure.

SURVEY

We are currently gathering data to help highlight the impact that our Eisteddfod has on the Ballarat community. This data will help us apply for funding, sponsorships and grants, so please take a moment to fill out the survey via the QR codes located at the Eisteddfod.

LASTLY...

Have fun! We love a friendly, happy comp. It's always fun to win a prize, but regardless, we hope you enjoy the experience of performing and get some valuable advice from the adjudicators. Support and encourage other singers, come and watch other sections, take part in the masterclasses on offer, and enjoy your time at the 2025 Eisteddfod!