

# THE IVORS CLASSICAL AWARDS RULES AND GUIDELINES 2025

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## A. INTRODUCTION

The Ivors Classical Awards is the annual occasion when Ivor Novello Awards are presented to recognise and celebrate creative excellence by British, Irish or UK resident composers.

Compositions that received their first public performance in the UK within the awards year are recognised in our competitive award categories.

Individuals who have demonstrated outstanding achievements in composition are recognised by our Gift of the Academy Awards.

## B. TIMETABLE

2025	
Wednesday 28 May	Entries open for consideration in the following award categories:  Best Small Chamber Composition Best Chamber Ensemble Composition Best Large Ensemble Composition Best Orchestral Composition in association with Dorico Best Choral Composition Best Community and Participation Composition in association with ABRSM Best Stage Work Composition
Friday 4 July	Entries close at 17:00 for:  Best Small Chamber Composition Best Chamber Ensemble Composition Best Large Ensemble Composition Best Orchestral Composition in association with Dorico Best Choral Composition Best Community and Participation Composition in association with ABRSM Best Stage Work Composition
Monday 4 August to Friday 19 September	Juries Sit
Tuesday 14 October	Nominations Announcement
Tuesday 11 November	The Ivors Classical Awards BFI Southbank, London

All times are BST/GMT unless stated otherwise.

## C. ELIGIBILITY

An Ivor Novello Award celebrates achievements by British, Irish or UK resident songwriters and composers. There is a minimum threshold of authorship, by a British, Irish or UK resident, that is required for eligibility across all award categories, except for the Academy Fellowship.

Compositions must have received their first UK public performance between 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025.

In addition, they must have a British or Irish authorship contribution of at least one third (33.3%) according to the works registration at the relevant royalty collection society. A non-British or non-Irish national's contribution can be considered, for the purposes of eligibility, provided they were ordinarily resident in the UK from 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025 inclusive. The Ivors Academy reserves the right to request proof of residency status.

Candidates for Gift of the Academy Award recognition, except for the Academy Fellowship, must be British or Irish nationals.

Each award category has additional specific eligibility criteria, for details please see the CATEGORIES section.

## D. ENTRY

The Ivors Academy accepts entries for the following Award Categories:

1. Best Small Chamber Composition
2. Best Chamber Ensemble Composition
3. Best Large Ensemble Composition
4. Best Orchestral Composition in association with Dorico
5. Best Choral Composition
6. Best Community and Participation Composition in association with ABRSM
7. Best Stage Work Composition

### WHO CAN ENTER?

Anyone can enter an eligible submission for consideration including the composer themselves.

### ENTRY PROCESS

All entries must be submitted online via our Awards Entry Site <https://awardsentry.ivorsacademy.com>

There are different rules and entry requirements for each category. As such, always read the Rules and Guidelines in full before preparing materials and submitting an entry.



## ADMINISTRATION FEES

There is an administration fee for each entry made, which will be payable at the point of submission.

£40.00 + VAT per work	Best Small Chamber Composition Best Chamber Ensemble Composition Best Large Ensemble Composition Best Orchestral Composition in association with Dorico Best Choral Composition Best Community and Participation Composition in association with ABRSM Best Stage Work Composition
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The administration fee may be discounted if the entrant is a member of The Ivors Academy. The following conditions apply:

1. The entry must be made by a member of The Ivors Academy themselves, not a third party.
2. Membership must be active at the point of entry.
3. If the member has a Professional tier membership with The Ivors Academy, they receive a 75% discount on the administration fee.
4. If the member has a Core tier membership with The Ivors Academy, they receive a 50% discount on the administration fee.
5. If the member has a Discovery tier membership with The Ivors Academy, they receive a 10% discount on the administration fee.

If an administration fee is applicable, it must be paid in full before a work is passed for judging.

Administration fees are non-refundable and non-transferable.

## ENTRY LIMITS

There is a limit of three works authored by the same composer that can be entered in any one year.

Where the same composer has authored multiple compositions that were premiered during the eligibility period the Academy encourages entrants to choose those which demonstrate the highest level of compositional craft for consideration.

A musical work can only be entered into one category in any one year.

The Ivors Academy currently presents Ivor Novello Awards twice a year. Awards are presented at The Ivors to recognise songwriting and screen composition. Awards are presented at The Ivors Classical Awards to recognise classical composition. The Ivors Academy reserves the right to move a work entered to a different Ivor Novello Award ceremony, so it receives the appropriate peer review.

Works which have previously been entered for Ivor Novello Award consideration (at either of our ceremonies: The Ivors or The Ivors Classical Awards) cannot be re-entered for the Awards.

Any work where there is or appears to be a genuine ownership, authorship or author-share dispute may, at the discretion of The Ivors Academy, be disqualified.



The Academy promotes anonymous judging across our presentation of Ivor Novello Awards. Entrants should remove any reference to the identity of the composer on submitted material.

## E. AWARD CATEGORIES AND RULES

This section focuses on specific eligibility criteria for each category, what materials must be submitted at the point of entry and who is eligible as a candidate for nomination. These are the names that will be listed as nominees or winners should a work or individual be nominated or win in that category. The judging process for each category is also summarised.

## CATEGORIES RECOGNISING MUSICAL WORKS

### 1. BEST SMALL CHAMBER COMPOSITION

This Ivor Novello Award celebrates outstanding contemporary compositions composed for one to five instruments, with or without electronics, and for one instrument or voice per part.

#### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The entire musical work must have received its first UK public performance between 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025.

In the context of The Ivors Classical Awards the first UK public performance can be:

- (a) a live concert performance, accessible to the UK public, or
- (b) a live-streamed concert performance, accessible to the UK public, or
- (c) a radio or television broadcast of a live performance, accessible to the UK public, or
- (d) appearance on a commercial recording available in the UK, if the recorded release denotes the work's premiere.

For the avoidance of doubt, if the musical work is eligible through commercial recording it must, as a minimum, be available to stream or purchase from all of the following major digital music service providers: Amazon Music, Apple Music, Spotify, and YouTube Music. The album may also be available to buy or stream in other formats.

The musical work must have been completed on or after 1 April 2014.

#### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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2. An anonymised audio recording of the entire work, supplied as a MP3 (320 kbps) audio file.

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- (a) film form: mp4 or mov



- (b) audio codec: stereo audio (on audio stream with two channels L and R)
- (c) aspect ratio: 16:9
- (d) file size: cannot exceed 10GB

3. Evidence of authorship contributions. This should identify the composer/author and publisher interests and share contributions of all interested parties. The evidence must take the form of a screen shot of the official composition registration at the relevant royalty collection society. If it is not possible to obtain such evidence a composition contribution template is available to download from the Awards Entry Site.

4. Evidence of the first UK public performance.

If the work qualifies through live, streamed or broadcast performance, entrants must supply evidence of the date of performance/broadcast and where it took place.

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5. An anonymised description or context to the work, of up to 100 words, which will be shared with judges. Please ensure the composer, performers and commissioners are not named and use gender neutral pronouns throughout.
6. Two 300dpi digital publicity photographs of the work's composer. These will not be seen by the judges and will only be used should the work be nominated.
7. The composer's latest biography and the work's programme note. These will not be seen by the judges and will only be used should the work be nominated.

## JUDGING

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## CANDIDATES FOR NOMINATION

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When requested the Academy will credit bona fide co-publishers of a nominated composer's copyright with a hyphenated credit.



## 2. BEST CHAMBER ENSEMBLE COMPOSITION

This Ivor Novello Award celebrates outstanding contemporary compositions composed for six to eighteen instruments, with or without electronics, and for one instrument or voice per part.

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The entire musical work must have received its first UK public performance between 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025.

In the context of The Ivors Classical Awards the first UK public performance can be:

- (a) a live concert performance, accessible to the UK public, or
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- (c) a radio or television broadcast of a live performance, accessible to the UK public, or
- (d) appearance on a commercial recording available in the UK, if the recorded release denotes the work's premiere.

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3. Evidence of authorship contributions. This should identify the composer/author and publisher interests and share contributions of all interested parties. The evidence must take the form of a screen shot of the official composition registration at the relevant royalty collection society. If it is not possible to obtain such evidence a composition contribution template is available to download from the Awards Entry Site.





4. Evidence of the first UK public performance.

If the work qualifies through live, streamed or broadcast performance, entrants must supply evidence of the date of performance/broadcast and where it took place.

If the work qualifies through appearance on a commercial recording, entrants must supply the record company name and commercial release date.

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6. Two 300dpi digital publicity photographs of the work's composer. These will not be seen by the judges and will only be used should the work be nominated.
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### 3. BEST LARGE ENSEMBLE COMPOSITION

This Ivor Novello Award celebrates outstanding contemporary compositions, with or without electronics, composed for up to thirty-six players. Including brass band, concert band and chamber orchestra.

#### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The entire musical work must have received its first UK public performance between 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025.

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  4. Evidence of the first UK public performance.

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## 4. BEST ORCHESTRAL COMPOSITION

### in association with DORICO

This Ivor Novello Award celebrates outstanding large symphonic pieces, with or without electronics. Including works for choir and orchestra.

#### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

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## 5. BEST CHORAL COMPOSITION

This Ivor Novello Award celebrates outstanding contemporary compositions specifically composed for voices; either a cappella or accompanied.

#### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

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## 6. BEST COMMUNITY AND PARTICIPATION COMPOSITION in association with ABRSM

This Ivor Novello Award celebrates outstanding musical works specifically created for voluntary, amateur or youth performers and/or community engagement.

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The entire musical work must have received its first UK public performance between 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025.

In the context of The Ivors Classical Awards the first UK public performance can be:

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- (b) a live-streamed concert performance, accessible to the UK public, or
- (c) a radio or television broadcast of a live performance, accessible to the UK public

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4. Evidence of the first UK public performance. The date and where it took place.
5. Information relating to performer participation.  
Entrants are asked additional questions relating to the performers, the nature of interaction with the performers and how any project activity (i.e., workshops) relates to the final work. This is to help judges understand if there were any factors the composer had to consider when composing the work.
6. Two 300dpi digital publicity photographs of the work's composer. These will not be seen by the judges and will only be used should the work be nominated.
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## 7. BEST STAGE WORK COMPOSITION

This Ivor Novello Award celebrates outstanding stage works: opera, dance and musical theatre.

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

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# CATEGORIES RECOGNISING INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO MUSIC

## 8. ACADEMY FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship of The Ivors Academy recognises excellence and impact in the art and craft of music creation. It is presented to an individual with a substantial body of work, and it is the highest honour the Academy bestows. This award is in the gift of the Academy's Board.

The Academy Fellowship would usually be presented during the annual Awards ceremony but may also be presented at a different time of year, at the Board's discretion. We welcome suggestions for candidates and the opportunity to submit suggestions is available on a year-round basis.

## 9. INNOVATION AWARD

This award is in the gift of the Academy's Awards Committee. The primary purpose of this award is to celebrate a British or Irish composer who demonstrates an innovative approach to composition. And the impact that music has had on their fellow music creators.

We welcome your suggestions for candidates and the opportunity to submit suggestions is available on a year-round basis.



## 10. OUTSTANDING WORKS COLLECTION

This award is in the gift of the Academy's Awards Committee. The primary purpose of this award is to recognise a British or Irish composer responsible for a consistently exceptional body of classical compositions. And the impact that music has had on their fellow music creators.

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## F. JURIES

An Ivor Novello Award represents peer recognition, and all eligible entries will be assessed by specially appointed category juries; the members of which shall be chosen by The Ivors Academy.

The Awards team build the lists of jurors made up of professional composers from across The Ivors Academy membership. Members are invited to put their names forward to be added to a list of potential jurors each year. These lists are subject to Awards Committee approval.

The Academy is committed to striving for inclusive, representative and respected panels and the following best practice guidelines will be followed:

Juries will endeavour to incorporate a diversity of voice and thought and:

- Will have five jurors present to be quorate and will not usually exceed seven jurors in total; except in instances where a larger number of voices is required.
- Each jury will be fully comprised of Ivors Academy members unless specific circumstances demand external expertise.
- To ensure balance and that the demographic make-up of juries is as wide as possible, each jury should contain:
  - Good representation of gender diversity and from under-represented ethnicities.
  - Represent a range of diversity indicators and those from underrepresented groups - including but not limited to age, LGBTQI+, D/deaf & disabled, socioeconomic background and location.
- A juror cannot participate on the same jury over two consecutive years, apart from on juries where there is specified a need for continuity.
- A juror must not have any conflicts of interest: this means they must not have an authorship credit on any works entered in the category they judge. Any possible conflicts of interest, such as personal and professional connections to the entries, must be declared to the Academy before the meeting takes place. The Independent Adjudicator will determine what constitutes a conflict of interest. If a conflict is identified the juror will be asked to forgo their role.

Judging is a voluntary activity.

An Independent Adjudicator will be present at each judging session, in a non-voting capacity.

All judging sessions will be led by a Chair, in a non-voting capacity.



The list of jurors is not made public until the day of the ceremony, to avoid lobbying. Jurors are asked to keep their involvement confidential until that time, to avoid lobbying, and sign an NDA to ensure that all discussions within the meeting remain confidential.

All decisions made by The Ivors Academy and its juries regarding nominations and winners are confidential and final. No correspondence will be entered into as to why particular entries were or were not nominated.

## G. NOMINATIONS AND WINNERS

There is a minimum threshold of eligible entries to determine whether a category is presented and the corresponding number of nominations. The Ivors Academy, and its juries, reserve the right to nominate fewer works should they deem it appropriate in any given year.

Nominations for each category will always be listed in alphabetical order by work title. Where there is more than one candidate for nomination associated with a work, names will always be listed in alphabetical order of surname.

Details of when candidates for nomination will be confidentially informed, and when the nominations will be made public, can be found on The Ivors Academy's website. These dates are subject to change.

Acceptance of any nomination or award bestowed by The Ivors Academy shall be deemed to constitute acceptance by the recipient of The Ivors Academy's CODE OF CONDUCT, published at the time such award was accepted.

Each candidate for nomination will receive a ticket for themselves and a guest to attend The Ivors Classical Awards ceremony, courtesy of The Ivors Academy. Complimentary tickets are non-transferable.

Should a candidate for nomination be unable to attend the ceremony it is a condition of entry that they supply an acceptance video, and grant permission for the video to be played during the ceremony, should their nomination be successful.

Each candidate for nomination will receive an official unframed nomination certificate. Upon request, unframed duplicate nomination certificates can be purchased by bona fide representatives of the candidates for nomination. For further details and costs contact the Awards Team.

There will be one winner in each award category.

The winner's press release is the definitive source of award winner's information.

One hand cast bronze statuette (Ivor Novello Award) will be presented to each winner in line with the candidates for nomination. Only these individuals will be invited on stage to collect their award at the ceremony.



One hand cast bronze statuette (Ivor Novello Award) can be purchased by the corresponding UK music publisher if they are included in the candidates for nomination. Where a co-publishing credit has been agreed one statuette will be presented to the hyphenated credit. An additional duplicate Ivor Novello Award may be purchased for the second publishing company after the ceremony.

The Ivors Academy does not issue duplicate Ivor Novello Awards in any other circumstances.

Award winners unable to collect their Ivor Novello Award at the ceremony must arrange collection from The Ivors Academy within 12 months of the ceremony, unless they have arranged for a representative to attend the ceremony and collect the award on their behalf.

Award recipients acknowledge and agree that the Ivor Novello Award statuette remains the property of The Ivors Academy, and it is to remain in the care of the recipient or their descendants. Should the award leave the care of the recipient or their descendants, the Academy reserves the right to purchase the award back for a fee of £1. The award must not be sold on to any third party.

Award recipients acknowledge and agree that possession of the Ivor Novello Award statuette is granted upon the express condition that the recipient will not use the statuette other than for their own personal, non-commercial purposes. Without limiting the foregoing, any public exhibition, reproduction, or other public or commercial exploitation of the statuette by the recipient or any third party, without the express prior written consent of The Ivors Academy, is strictly prohibited.

Awards recipients acknowledge and agree not to use the Ivor Novello Award statuette in any way that is deemed obscene, offensive, disparaging, derogatory or harmful to the reputation of The Ivors Academy or the awards.

The Ivors Academy reserves the right not to make an award in any category.

The Ivors Academy reserves the right to rescind an award or nomination, once bestowed, at the sole discretion of The Ivors Academy Board.

## H. PERMISSIONS AND ADDITIONAL TERMS & CONDITIONS

It is a condition of entry that the individual or company entering has obtained the relevant permission(s) and clearance(s) from rights holders for The Ivors Academy to share the audio and video recordings provided for the purpose of judging The Ivors Classical Awards 2025.

It is a condition of entry that the individual or company entering has obtained the relevant permission(s) and clearance(s) from rights holders for The Ivors Academy to use the artwork, publicity photographs, audio and video recordings provided for promotional purposes on The Ivors Academy's official social media channels and digital platforms should the entrant be successful with a nomination.

Cooperation from nominees and award recipients, and their representatives in supplying the necessary assets, along with permission and clearances, for use during the awards ceremony will be required.



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The Ivors Academy may change these Rules and Guidelines from time to time and is under no obligation to provide notice to you of any changes. You should therefore check them regularly.

The Ivors Academy reserves the right to suspend, postpone, cancel, or amend The Ivors awards ceremony where it becomes necessary to do so.

The final decision regarding all aspects of The Ivors, including the interpretation of these rules rests with The Ivors Academy Board.

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