

ROYAL IRISH ACADEMY OF MUSIC LOCAL CENTRE EXAM INFORMATION 2017

LEARNING SUPPORTS AND EDUCATION

The Local Centre is delighted to announce the new **RIAM Teaching and Learning Network**, which will provide support and resources for music teachers, parents, and students throughout Ireland.

www.network.riam.ie

FOR YOUR EXAM, REMEMBER ...

- To bring your own **music stand**, where appropriate: this applies to all centres outside of the RIAM.
- For recitals, to bring a **list of the pieces** you will perform **and a copy of the original music** for the examiner.
- To bring a **copy of pieces** for examiners for all instruments, including singing and music theatre. For piano this applies to pieces listed in the syllabus but not in the piano albums (Grades 6–8, and Senior Cert).
- That failure to produce original copies will result in not receiving a mark.
- To bring proof of purchase for sheet music bought online.
- To bring your piano album with you even if you are playing from memory.
- To check whether you need **accompaniment** for your pieces (for instruments other than the piano).
- Where applicable, to play one piece from **each list**, A, B, and C.
- Pieces in the piano albums are only **valid for exams in the year printed** on the album i.e. 2016 piano album pieces can only be presented for exams in 2016. Similarly, 2017 piano album pieces can only be presented for exams in 2017. In cases where 2016 pieces are presented in 2017 or vice versa, the candidate will unfortunately not be awarded marks, but they will still receive feedback.
- To bring your **theory cert**. Candidates taking a practical exam, who have passed the written Theory and Harmony exam at the equivalent grade, or higher, will automatically be awarded 5 full marks in the practical (Preliminary to Grade V). A full 15 marks for Aural and Theoretical tests (Grades VI to VIII), and a full 10 Marks for Aural and Theoretical tests (Senior Cert).

EXAM OPTIONS

There are numerous exam options outside the traditional graded exams. These include:

- CARA Awards; Recitals; Duets; Chamber Music; Choral singing; Orchestra; Theory and Harmony.

Explore all options on the Teaching and Learning Network website.

MATERIAL AVAILABLE IN MUSIC SHOPS

- *Music Workout* is a series of theory workbooks (Preparatory to Grade 8).
- *Let's Get Reading* is a series of piano sight-reading books (Preliminary to Senior Certificate).
- *Sample Aural Tests* (Junior and Senior Grades).
- *Complete Scales and Arpeggios: Elementary to Grade V* (Piano).
- *Scales Made Simple* (Violin, Preliminary to Grade V and Grade VI to Senior Cert).
- *Scales Made Simple* (Cello, Primary to Grade V and Grade VI to Senior Cert).

COMPOSITION COMPETITION

Encouraging students interested in composition, the Local Centre welcomes pieces for Elementary to Grade V, with the possibility of being published in the 2018 piano albums, as well as a prize of €150. **Closing Date: Friday, 16 September 2017.** The applicant must be under 18 on 31 December 2106.

Submissions should be sent to: Local Centre Composition Competition, Senior Examiners, The Royal Irish Academy of Music, 36–38 Westland Row, Dublin 2.

All details can be found on the Teaching and Learning Network website.

COMPOSERS, PIANO ALBUM COMPOSITION

Composers are invited to submit compositions for possible inclusion in the RIAM's 2018 Piano Albums from Elementary to Grade V. **Closing Date: Friday, 16 September 2016.**

Submissions may be sent via post to the Senior Examiners (see address above) or by email to lc.publications@riam.ie

All details can be found on the Teaching and Learning Network website.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND PRIZES

An opportunity to study at the RIAM, or to win a cash prize, for candidates who are awarded a minimum of 90 in their exam (terms and conditions apply). All details can be found on the Teaching and Learning Network website.

SPECIAL NEEDS

The RIAM Local Centre is committed to catering for candidates of all abilities. In order to facilitate your child or student, please fill out the Special Needs Entry Form. All details can be found on the Teaching and Learning Network website.

RECOMMENDATIONS

While it is not obligatory to sit the Theory and Harmony exams we strongly recommend preparing theory through the *Music Workout* books. This complements the practical component of music education, strengthening the student's comprehension of the pieces they perform, as well as the scales and arpeggios they play. It is worth keeping in mind that if you have passed the theory exam at the equivalent grade, or higher, as your instrument you will, as noted above, be awarded full marks in the theory component of the practical exam.

ERRATA

Keep up to date with any errata that may be relevant to your instrument. All details can be found on the Teaching and Learning Network website.

ABSENCE

Any candidate failing to attend their exam on the date and time assigned to them will forfeit the entry fee. In case of illness, notification of such should be sent in writing with name, address, exam number, date, venue, subject of exam (i.e. theory, piano, singing) with a medical cert within seven days of the date of the exams. In such instances, every effort will be made to reschedule or postpone the exam.

RIAM TUITION

The RIAM offers a wide range of courses from pre-instrumental, to Junior and Leaving Cert, through to third-level. For more information visit www.riam.ie

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LOCAL CENTRE EXAM FEES
APPLICABLE FROM 1 JANUARY 2017

INSTRUMENTS, SINGING, DUETS, AND SPEECH & DRAMA
FEES

Early Learning Grades	€ 15.00
Kindergarten, Elementary, Preliminary, Primary, and Preparatory Grades	€ 30.45
Grade I	€ 46.20
Sub-Junior Grade	€ 46.20
Grade II	€ 54.10
Grade III	€ 59.75
Junior Grade	€ 59.75
Grade IV and Grade V	€ 68.00
Middle and Senior Grades	€ 68.00
Grade VI	€ 78.80
Grade VII	€ 81.90
Grade VIII	€ 89.20
Senior Certificate Grade	€124.55

RECITAL CERTIFICATE PROGRAMME

Junior	€ 51.45
Intermediate	€ 62.60
Advanced	€ 78.00

STAGE SCHOOL PERFORMANCE, ORAL COMMUNICATION, AND
PERFORMANCE & INTERVIEW TECHNIQUE

Junior Grade	€ 44.10
Intermediate Grade	€ 54.60
Senior Grade	€ 54.60
Advanced Grade	€ 66.90

CREATIVE PERFORMANCE

Introductory Grade	€ 30.45
Preparatory Grade	€ 35.25
Junior Grade	€ 44.10
Intermediate Grade	€ 54.85
Transition Grade	€ 54.85

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Preliminary Grade	€ 35.25
Intermediate Grade	€ 54.85
Senior Grade	€ 54.85

SPEECH & DRAMA SENIOR CERTIFICATE WRITTEN PAPER	
Senior Certificate Grade (written)	€ 58.10
GROUPS AND ENSEMBLES FEES	
Ensemble	€ 72.10
Orchestra	€ 72.10
Class/Choral Singing	€ 72.10
Group Drama	€ 72.10
Choric Verse-Speaking	€ 72.10
Cór-Reacaireacht	€ 72.10

RIAM CARA MUSIC AWARDS	
Céim 1, Céim 2, Céim 3	€ 15.00

RIAM CARA DRAMA/COMMUNICATION AWARDS	
Drama Groups – Taisteal 1, Taisteal 2, Taisteal 3	€ 72.10
Transition Year Communication Award	€ 15.25

THEORY AND HARMONY EXAMS	
Preparatory Grade	€ 20.95
Grades I and II	€ 25.75
Grades III, IV, and V	€ 32.00
Grades VI, VII, and VIII	€ 46.75
Senior Certificate Grade	€ 55.55

GENERAL INFORMATION

Online Registration

To enter online visit: <https://extranet.riam.ie/>

Education and Learning Support for Teachers, Students, and Parents

For more information about exams and supports please refer to the Teaching and Learning Network website: <http://www.network.riam.ie>

Telephone Number
+ 353 1 632 5300

Email
localcentre@riam.ie

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LOCAL CENTRE EXAM DATES 2017

Closing Dates for Exam Registration

	Postal	Online
Easter	Friday 13 January 2017	Wednesday 18 January 2017
Summer	Friday 3 March 2017	Friday 10 March 2017
Christmas	Monday 2 October 2017	Friday 6 October 2017

Exam Sessions

Easter	Monday 20 February to Thursday 16 March 2017
Summer	Monday 10 April to Tuesday 6 June 2017 *
Christmas	Wednesday 1 November to Saturday 9 December 2017

Written Exams**

Start promptly at 2 p.m.

Theory	Saturday 27 May 2017 Saturday 18 November 2017
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Speech Senior Cert (Written Paper)	Saturday 27 May 2017 Saturday 18 November 2017
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Bank Holidays

March	Friday 17 March 2017
April/Easter	Monday 17 April 2017
May	Monday 1 May 2017
June	Monday 5 June 2017
October	Monday 30 October 2017

* Exams will take place during the Easter break. Please indicate unavailability if appropriate.

** If taking the theory exam, please indicate this on your practical application to avoid date clash.

CONTACTS AND INFORMATION

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<https://extranet.riam.ie/>

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Websites:

<http://www.network.riam.ie> (supports for Local Centre Exams)

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