

### Gift Aid

Provided that you are a UK tax-payer, your contribution may be worth an extra 25p for every £1 you contribute - all without costing you another penny. Simply sign the Gift Aid Declaration below and the Somerset Song Prize will claim the tax on your contribution.

### Gift Aid Declaration

I am a UK Taxpayer and would like to Gift Aid all donations I have made to the Somerset Song Prize since 6<sup>th</sup> April 2016 and all future donations until I notify you otherwise.

My details are:

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Cover photos: James Hall (2013 winner) and Ellie Parsons (2015 winner)

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

There are many ways in which you can support the Somerset Song Prize.

- Become a Supporter and sign the Gift Aid Declaration.
- Put the dates in your diary – 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> May - and commit to attending the semi-final and/or the final.
- Organise a party and enjoy the weekend with friends - a group of four or more get a discount!
- View the website and sign-up for e-news about the event.
- Tell your family, friends, neighbours and colleagues. Persuade them to come to the final to hear some fantastic singing!
- If you own or manage a business then you may consider becoming a Corporate Supporter.

*The Somerset Song Prize is organised by a voluntary committee under the aegis of The Taunton Festival of the Arts, a registered charity, No. 900556. Taunton Festival of the Arts is affiliated to the British and International Federation of Festivals, of which Her Majesty the Queen is Patron.*



# SOMERSET SONG PRIZE 2017

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The **Somerset Song Prize** aims to bring fine singing to Somerset through a biennial national singing competition for singers aged 18 to 26. With a First Prize of £1,000, the competition is organised through a series of regional rounds across the country followed by a semi-final and a final over one weekend in Taunton. There is also a runner-up prize of £500, a £1,000 prize for the Best Pianist, an Audience Prize and a prize for the Most Promising Young Singer - under 22.

The SSP specifically promotes the art song and is arguably unique in placing a special importance on the collaborative relationship between singer and pianist – hence the equal prizes.

The Somerset Song Prize was inaugurated in 2013 under the aegis of the **Taunton Festival of the Arts**. The competition has quickly developed an excellent reputation in part due to some great adjudicators - including Iain Burnside, Neal Davies, Lorna Anderson and Malcolm Martineau.

The celebrated soprano Elizabeth Watts and the pianist Roger Vignoles are the competition's Patrons.



#### **Past Somerset Song Prize Winners**

The 2013 winner was counter-tenor **James Hall**. In 2015 the winner was soprano **Ellie Parsons**.

In 2017 the adjudicators for the Final will be **Roger Vignoles, Joan Rodgers** and **Jonathan Lemalu**.

## **Somerset Song Prize 2017**

**Regional rounds in Cardiff, London,  
Taunton and Birmingham  
during March and April**

### **Finals Weekend**

**13<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> May**

In Temple Methodist Church, Taunton, TA1 3PY

#### **BECOME A SUPPORTER TODAY**

You are invited to support the Somerset Song Prize 2017

**Gold Supporter            £60**

Free ticket (normally £20) and programme to the Final, reserved seating plus a second ticket at £15.

**Silver Supporter           £30**

Free programme and reserved seating to the Final plus one ticket at £15.

**Bronze Supporter         £10**

Free programme and reserved seating at the Final.

**Corporate Supporter    £150**

Two free tickets and programmes, reserved seating for the Final plus a free quarter page advertisement in the programme.

*Unless otherwise requested, all individual and corporate Supporters will be acknowledged on the website and in the Semi-Final and the Final programmes.*



### **SSP2017 Supporter's Application**

Name: .....

Address: .....

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Post Code: .....

Telephone: .....

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Please tick the appropriate box below:

Gold  Silver  Bronze

Please make cheques payable to:

#### **Somerset Song Prize**

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