

Chairman's Welcome 2023

Hello everyone and welcome to Eastbourne Performing Arts Festival 2024

Firstly, another sad announcement this year is the passing of Pam Freeman. This is truly the end of an era for our Festival.

We are in our 'home' once again, but the likely hood (due to rising costs) of us being here next year, is very slim. As in previous years, we ask you to kindly respect all of our amazing volunteer stewards, because without them we would not be able to run this Festival and efficiently as we do. We will be using wristbands this year, which we kindly request that you ensure that you do put them on your wrists if the box office has not already done so. As last year, all Certificates and Adjudication Sheets are to be collected by a School Representative only. Our female changing rooms are downstairs, and we remind you that no male relatives are allowed down there, if Dads are collecting their children, please wait at the top of the stairs and wait for them to come up with their allocated adult. As a reminder, no other family members (apart from siblings) will be allowed in the changing room at any time, or non-performers.

Unfortunately, we are unable to hold a Speech & Drama section again this year, we have tried very hard and have contacted many drama schools, but to no avail. We are an All-England Competition this year and are looking forward to seeing some amazing dances, in addition to the amazing talent in music we also have.

Just to let you know that as from next year, we will be adopting the new marking system across all of our genres.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our committee members and stewards, who give their time voluntarily and free of charge – we could not make the Festival happen without each and every one of you. Your help is invaluable and greatly appreciated.

Beverley Potter