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Calling all Young Composers! Fantastic Fanfares Competition



If you are aged 11-18, go to school in North West London and are good at music, the Proms at St Jude's composing competition is for you. Compose a short fanfare and you could win a prize and have your piece played live to a public audience!

Aaron Czerny from Fortismere School and Nemunis Jusionis from Mill Hill County High School won the senior (15-18) and junior (11-14) competitions respectively in 2021. Their compositions were performed at the Last Night of the Proms at St Jude's Music Festival in Hampstead Garden Suburb in July.

Ethan Lieber, who won the prize in 2020, was one of the judges in 2021. "It was amazing to win," he said "and I'd recommend taking part to anyone who enjoys writing music."

Besides hearing your work performed in public, both junior and senior winners will receive a gift token worth £50. The senior winner will also receive a licence for special music notation software – Dorico Pro – worth nearly £500. 25 runners-up will win a Dorico Elements licence worth £85.

This year, you are asked to compose a fanfare to celebrate HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

"We are delighted to be running this competition for a fifth successive year," said Joan Arnold, who initiated the idea. "We are also hoping to extend it to primary school children in future."

To enter the competition or find out more, go to <https://www.promsatstjudes.org.uk/fanfare-competition>

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Fantastic Fanfares winners 2021: (l to r) Ethan Lieber, Aaron Czerny, Joan Arnold, Nemunis Jusionis.

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