

# Derby Fringe Folk Festival 2023



## Derby Song Maker Competition Rules

**The Derby Song Maker Competition** began in 2022 at Derby Folk festival. This traditionally styled song-writing competition has been inspired by the John Birmingham Cup competition.

### **The brief for the Derby Song Maker Competition organiser is:**

To provide a suitable space for a competition between song makers to perform a cappella and engage the audience for the judges to make their decision as to who is the winner.

Similar competitions will be held at several festivals across the year.

The last heat and then overall final will be held at Derby Folk Festival in October annually.

### **The brief for each song maker is:**

To create a traditional style song to be sung unaccompanied in the competition by the writer, or a nominated person.

If there is any element of collaboration in the writing of the song, please add all contributors' names on the competition form.

The song must be performed solo or as a duo.

The song must engage the audience in some meaningful way (through a chorus, moving them emotionally, delivering with humour etc).

A newly written traditional styled song is one which could be from the people and would be able to be passed on orally like telling a story. Common topics of folk songs might be DEATH / LOVE and LOSS / WORK TRADES / SEASONS / WAR and HEROES / MUSIC and DANCE and could have a local focus.

### **Rules of the contest:**

1. There shall be two entry groups for the competition: 11 to 18 years, and over 18.
2. Songs must be sung with no musical accompaniment, solo or as a duo.
3. The song sung at the contest must be written by the singer or must have been written for the singer; this is in order to promote the art of song writing.
4. The style of singing and the nature of the song shall be suitable for the songs to be appreciated in a pub, at a folk session, on a street corner, or round a campfire, etc.
5. There is no entrance fee or monetary prize.

The winner of each category of the overall final of the Song Maker Competition at Derby Folk Festival will receive a bunch of FOLK3D Derby Folk Festival Flyer Flowers and the opportunity to perform their winning song at the festival that year. They will also be invited back to Derby Folk Festival to perform their winning song again to open up the overall final of the contest the following year and will have the opportunity to be one of the judges on that panel for the overall final for that year if they wish.

## Derby Song Maker Competition Application Form:

**Name of Songwriter:**

**Name of the Singer/s:**

**Title of the Song:**

**Info about song:**

(Why it was written, any story behind it)

### Contact details for entrant

**Phone Number:**

**Email Address:**

**Postal Address:**

I have read and understood the rules



**Judges' Feedback:**