

RUTH ASCHER MASTERCLASS 2024

SUNDAY 24 MARCH 2024 2:00-5:30_{PM}

ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE, READING RG1 5JT

Anthony Williams M.Mus GRSM(Hons) DipRAM ARAM, Pianist, Teacher, Adjudicator, Music Educator and ABRSM Examiner will give a piano masterclass to advanced piano students before an invited audience.

After the masterclass **Anthony Williams** will give a short recital.

Ruth Ascher was a much loved, gifted musician and teacher and a member of Reading u3a, which has sponsored the masterclass in her memory from a legacy left by her to Reading u3a.

Applications are now invited from piano students to perform in the masterclass.

Applicants should be aged 18 years or younger, and live within 50 Km of Reading. They are asked to propose two short pieces to play, from which one will be chosen by the organising committee if the application is successful.

Candidates will be selected to perform in the masterclass on the basis of:

- a. Their musical ability (normally having attained grade 8),
- b. Their readiness to cope with a public performance,
- c. Choice and range of repertoire, to achieve a balanced programme on the day

Other factors, such as the likelihood of them pursuing a career in music, the quality of the piece chosen. etc. may also be taken into account.

All applications should be accompanied by a letter of recommendation from the applicant's piano teacher, which addresses the above criteria, and provides any other relevant information. It may be sent by mail or email, and will be treated as a confidential communication between the teacher and the organizing committee.

All applicants will be offered a number of complimentary tickets to the masterclass.

All applicants will be notified in the first half of February 2024 if they have been selected or not and which piece has been selected to play. Dress at the masterclass will be optional.

Please apply on the accompanying form.

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APPLICATION FORM

I wish to apply to perform in the Ruth Ascher Masterclass 2024

My details

Name (s)

Address:

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Tel: Email:

I have attained Grade:

My proposed pieces are:

1.....

2.....

Details of piano teacher

Name (s)

Please tick ONE box

☐ I attach a confidential letter of recommendation from my piano teacher
(this must be in a sealed envelope.)

☐ My piano teacher will email a confidential letter of recommendation

Send by 9 February 2024 to:

Francis Hayes, 42 College Road, Reading RG6 1QB

Email: francisrhayes@hotmail.com