

# The Bromley Festival Of Music And Speech

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The Bromley Festival was first held way back in 1928, and has been held every year except during the Second World War. Next year's festival will be held at four venues between February 26 and March 19. The closing date for entries is January 19, and it is open to those aged 18 and under.

The festival is now run by a charity called the Bromley (Kent) Festival Of Music And Speech – so there can be no ambiguity. In spite of its long history, the charity was set up only in the 1980s. Its constitution was adopted December 16, 1982, and it was registered January 20 the following year. Its current name was adopted in 1978.

Lest you think this is solely about music or is in some way all music-related, it includes prepared reading, reciting verse, *Bible* reading, and even mime. No one appears yet to have suggested reciting the *Qur'an*, but give it time!

The 2013 event saw pupils from one school take home a staggering 30 medals. The Independent Day School, Babington House School at Chislehurst won prizes in singing, choirs and strings. As festivals go, this is not the most prestigious of events, but there is clearly a lot of young musical talent in Bromley. Back in 1950 a certain **Peter Frampton** was born there, and he made quite a name for himself.

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