



THE MUSICIANS' COMPANY

September 2026

Dear Applicant,

John Clementi Collard Fellowship

Thank you for applying for the John Clementi Collard Fellowship. The Fellowship Committee, while not wishing to discourage any applicant, is concerned that only musicians who genuinely meet the two main criteria (early excellence and mid-career difficulties) should apply. What your two referees have to say about you will carry considerable weight, and you will note that they are being asked some searching questions.

Please complete the Application Form informatively, using extra sheets as necessary. You may attach a copy of a separate CV if you wish. Please include a photocopy of your birth certificate or passport, which will not be returned. If you are short-listed for interview you will need to bring with you your original birth certificate or passport. Interviews will take place in London on **3rd December 2026**.

The closing time and date for applications is **12.00 noon on 5th November 2026**. Your application, together with all the additional material (please see the Application form for details), must be delivered to the Company Office by post or (preferably) by email before then, and no extensions will be allowed.

Neil Constable OBE
The Clerk



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APPLICATION FORM

1. Candidate's full name:		
2. Professional name (if different from above):		
3. Address:		4. Tel. no.:
		5. Email address:
6. Date of birth:		7. Place of birth:
8. Marital status:		
9. What is your field of music?		
10. Employment status (please tick box):		
a) Employed	☐	Who is your employer?
b) Self-employed	☐	
<i>If you need more space for the following questions, please use additional sheets.</i>		
11. What are your present activities?		
12. Education:		
13. Describe your music career:		

14. What have been your special achievements?	
15. Describe your mid-career frustrations and problems and how the Fellowship could alleviate them:	
16. How would you use the Fellowship?	
17. What are your ultimate aspirations in your musical career?	
18. Please give the names of your two referees:	
	1.
	2.
<i>NB. You must give to each of them a copy of the 'Note to referees' and a copy of the Regulations</i>	
19. How did you hear about the John Clementi Collard Fellowship?	
Please ensure that you submit your form by 5th November 2026 together with the following:	
1. A photocopy of your birth certificate or passport (the original of the above is to be brought to the interview if offered one) 2. a recent score composed by you OR a recent recording of a performance by you OR a copy of a research paper recently written by you (or a meaningful extract)	
Your referees may submit the references directly by email to assistant@wcom.org.uk	



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Note to Referees

Thank you for agreeing to write a Testimonial for a candidate for the John Clementi Collard Fellowship.

This Fellowship is one of the Worshipful Company of Musicians' most prestigious awards; it ranks among one of the more valuable awards in the world of music, and is restricted to British nationals.

For this reason the Committee is expecting a great number of applications and the Testimonials will be of the greatest importance in assisting the Committee to shortlist candidates for final interview.

The candidate will give you a copy of the Regulations relating to the Fellowship, which explain the purpose of the award.

In your testimonial, would you please state how long you have known the candidate, and whether you can attest from your own knowledge to his or her excellence in the early stages of the candidate's career.

The Committee needs to have some information about the frustrations and problems which are preventing the candidate from reaching the creative, artistic or scholastic standards which he or she ought to be able to attain in mid-career. If there is any information which you can provide on this subject, please do so. In addition, please give us your estimate of what the candidate's ultimate potential in his or her field could be, if assistance such as the Collard Fellowship were made available.

Please return the Testimonial by email to the Deputy Clerk, Amanda Ratcliffe, at assistant@wcom.org.uk. It will of course remain a confidential document for the sight of members of the Collard Fellowship Committee only. The closing date for applications is **5th November 2026** at 12.00 noon.