



Dear AV Enthusiast

Welcome to the fourth edition of Festival News.

If you have not already sent me your AV for the 24<sup>th</sup> RPS International AV Festival, you now only have a brief time in which to enter. The closing date for entries is Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2021 at 23:59 (BST or GMT+1) – see details at [www.rps.org/iavf](http://www.rps.org/iavf).

Once the entries are in and proofed, we will be preparing the running order for inclusion in the Festival Programme. Robert Albright FRPS has kindly agreed to help Linda and I with this task and we are very pleased to have his support. Some of you may remember the article that Linda wrote for AV News about the importance of a preparing a balanced running order and how this was achieved for the RPS International AV Retrospective held last year.

Keith Leedham FRPS has been busy getting the menu presentation prepared and will be finalising it once the running order has been concluded.

Another task after the closing date is to send the AVs to the Judges. This is when their work will start in earnest as the AVs are being prejudged in advance. However, all of the AVs received will be shown over the Festival weekend. After the AVs have been sent to the Judges, my focus immediately moves onto the Festival Programme and the drafting of the Festival Catalogue which is a FIAP requirement.

There is still a considerable amount of work to do but I'm really pleased to have such support in organising the Festival.

The fifth edition of Festival News will be published in mid-September with a link to the Festival Programme and final arrangements for the Festival Weekend of 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

All entrants will receive a complimentary Zoom link to watch the event. If you are not entering, but would like to view the Festival, make a date in your diary for the Festival weekend and book your ticket for £3.00 to cover the whole Festival via the RPS booking portal, which can be found at [www.rps.org/iavf](http://www.rps.org/iavf).

I look forward to seeing you online.

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