

MUSIC FOR THE SENSES



For schools,
colleges and young
people's groups

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Manchester is the place for music. Widely regarded as the capital of music in the UK, Manchester's music heritage is ingrained into the city's streets, buildings and public spaces. The city's legendary music scene is fuelled by incredible live performances from up-and-coming artists to global superstars.

This summer an estimated 1.3 million music tourists will visit the city and while the city celebrates an incredible line up of musical talent, Wild in Art - the team behind the award-winning Bee in the City - will take over the streets with a brand new art trail, Music for the Senses: an art arrangement for a musical city. Created in collaboration with Manchester City Council, the trail will run from 7 July - 31 August 2025.

The trail will feature artworks, exhibitions and installations that celebrate the people, places, moments and instruments of Manchester's music scene.

At the heart of Music for the Senses is Guitar Art which will see up to 50 acoustic and electric guitars donated by the public as part of a guitar amnesty, before being transformed by artists into individual artworks which will be displayed in shop windows and venues around the city.

At the end of the trail, the decorated guitars will be auctioned to raise money for grassroots music projects and venues throughout Greater Manchester via a dedicated music fund managed by charity partner, Forever Manchester in collaboration with Manchester Music City.

We want to make sure that Music for the Senses filters down to the grassroots and inspires the next generation of artists. The Design a Guitar Competition will give schools, colleges and young people's groups the opportunity to elevate their young people's creativity and contribute their voices to this city-wide celebration of art and music.

**AN ART
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MUSICAL CITY**

We need you to make it happen

We're calling on young people from schools, colleges, and youth groups across Greater Manchester to get creative and come up with eye-catching, imaginative, and unique designs for an acoustic or electric guitar which will transform it into a stunning visual masterpiece.

We're looking for bold, colourful, creative designs - designs that tell a story, represent your community, or simply look amazing!



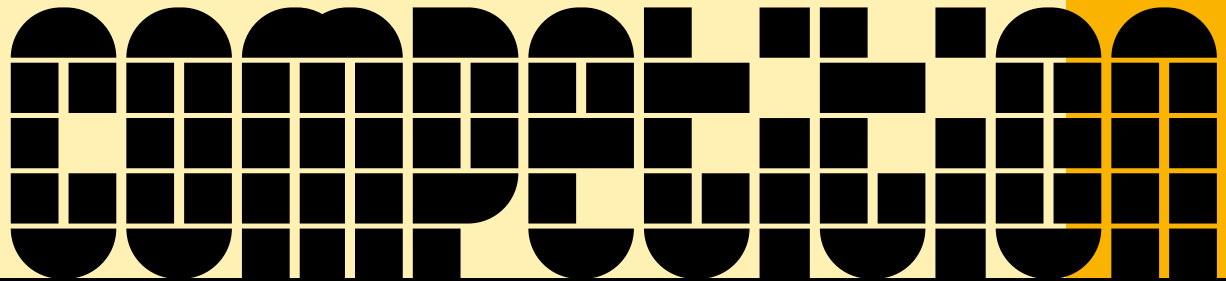
Themes for inspiration

We'd like the designs to reflect the essence of Manchester's musical and cultural legacy, including:

- **Icons of Manchester Music** – celebrating legendary artists and bands that have shaped the city's sound
- **Soundscapes and Rhythm** – translating the energy and movement of music into visual form
- **Manchester's Cultural Tapestry** – exploring the diverse influences that make up the city's creative identity
- **Urban Harmony** – blending Manchester's industrial history with its vibrant modern music scene
- **Lyricism and Storytelling** – using lyrics, poetry, or abstract narratives to express the emotional power of music
- **Nature and Sound** – drawing connections between natural elements and the harmony of musical expression

Please note: we can't accept designs that infringe on 3rd party intellectual property, so please avoid direct copies of album artwork or using copyrighted lyrics.





How to take part

The competition is open to all learning establishments (Primary, Secondary, PRU, SEN, Colleges) along with youth organisations (Scouts, Guides, youth clubs, etc.)

Each learning establishment or group can submit up to **three** original guitar designs.

Decide which group(s) of students or young people you wish to take part in the project. There are no rules over who can take part – you might choose to work with a single class, a whole year group, an extra-curricular club etc. The design can be a collaborative effort created by a group of young people or by an individual. Please indicate the individual or group's name on the entry form.

Use our Guitar Design Templates to design your entry, either the acoustic or electric, or a mixture of both. You could run your own internal competition structure and then select up to three designs to represent your school or group.

Send us your completed designs by email to art@musicforthesenses.co.uk by **5pm on Monday 2nd June 2025**. Remember you can submit a **maximum of three** guitar designs and you must include your completed entry form(s) as attachments to your email.

The winners will be announced on **Friday 6th June 2025**. All entries will be featured on the Music for the Senses website.



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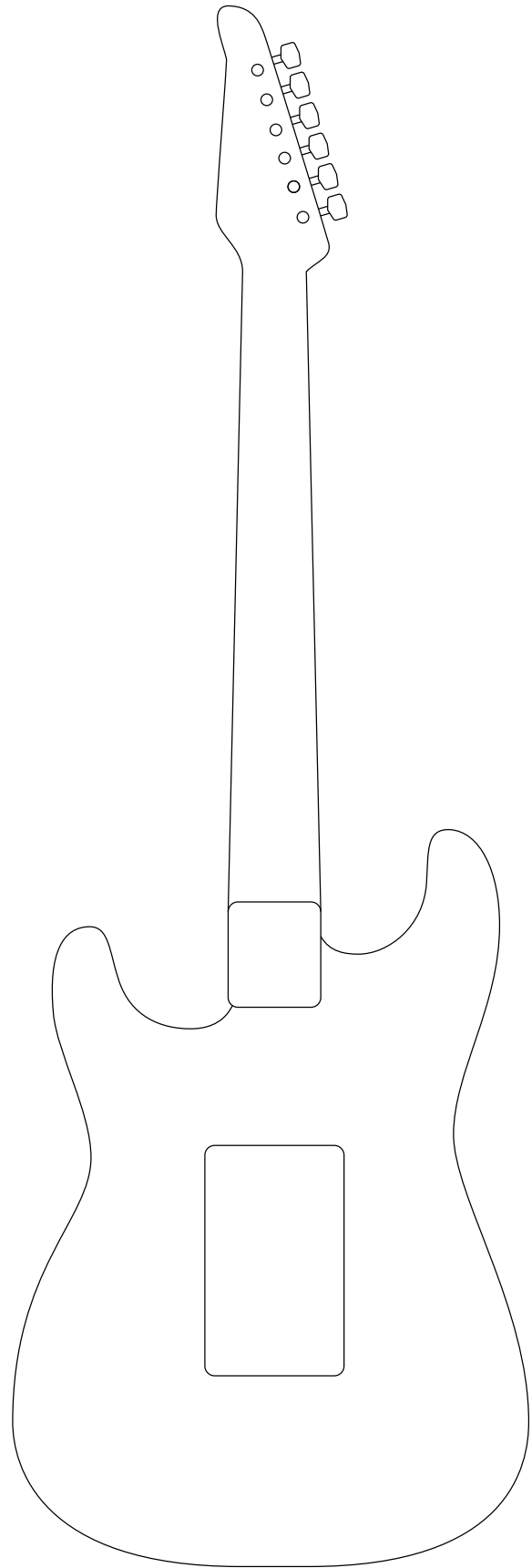
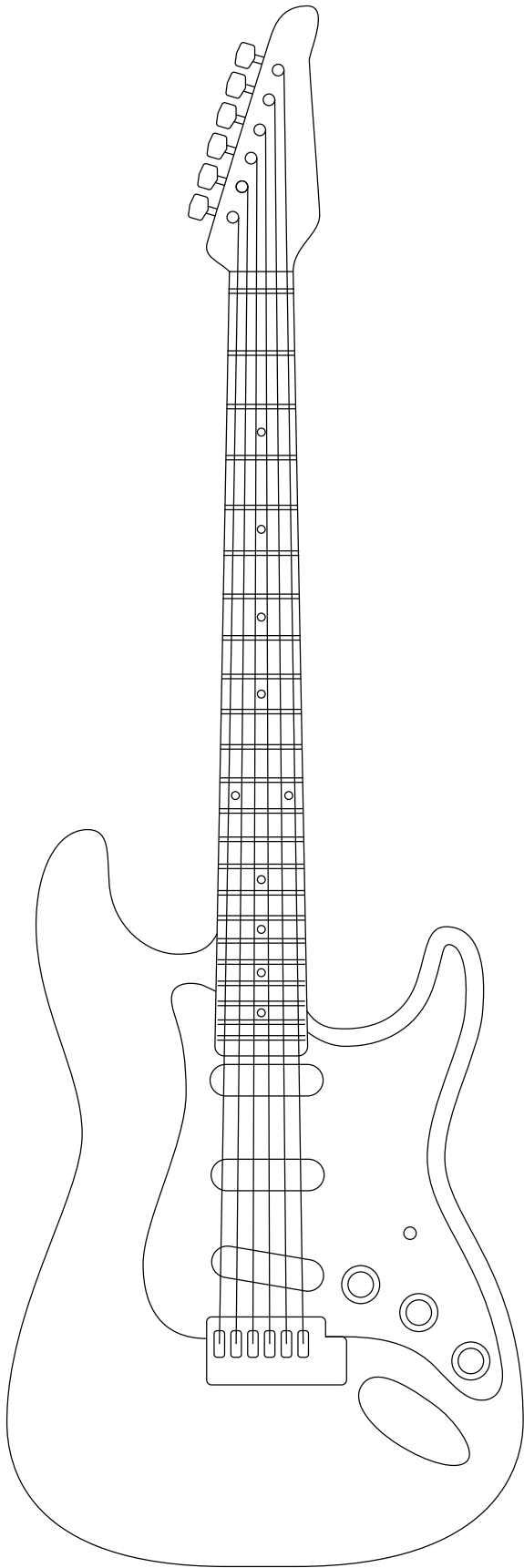
- Three winning designs will be selected by our panel.
- The three winning designs will each be created on a real guitar by professional artists and displayed in a window display in Manchester city centre as part of the Music for the Senses trail.
- The winning schools/groups will be credited on signage alongside the display, on the trail map, website and app.
- Representatives from the winning schools/groups will receive tickets to a VIP launch event for the project.
- The winning schools/groups will receive a replica of their winning design, vinyl printed on to a guitar for you to display as you wish.



Competition Guidelines

- Your entry should include two separate parts: up to three guitar design sheets and the completed entry form. The entry form should include the names of the individuals or groups who have created the designs.
- Entries should demonstrate engagement with the Music for the Senses themes and Manchester's musical or cultural legacy.
- Winning schools/groups must agree to their work being recreated by an artist on a guitar and featured in the Music for the Senses trail.
- By entering this competition, you also consent to your entry being featured in our online gallery.
- If you have any questions, please have a look at musicforthesenses.co.uk

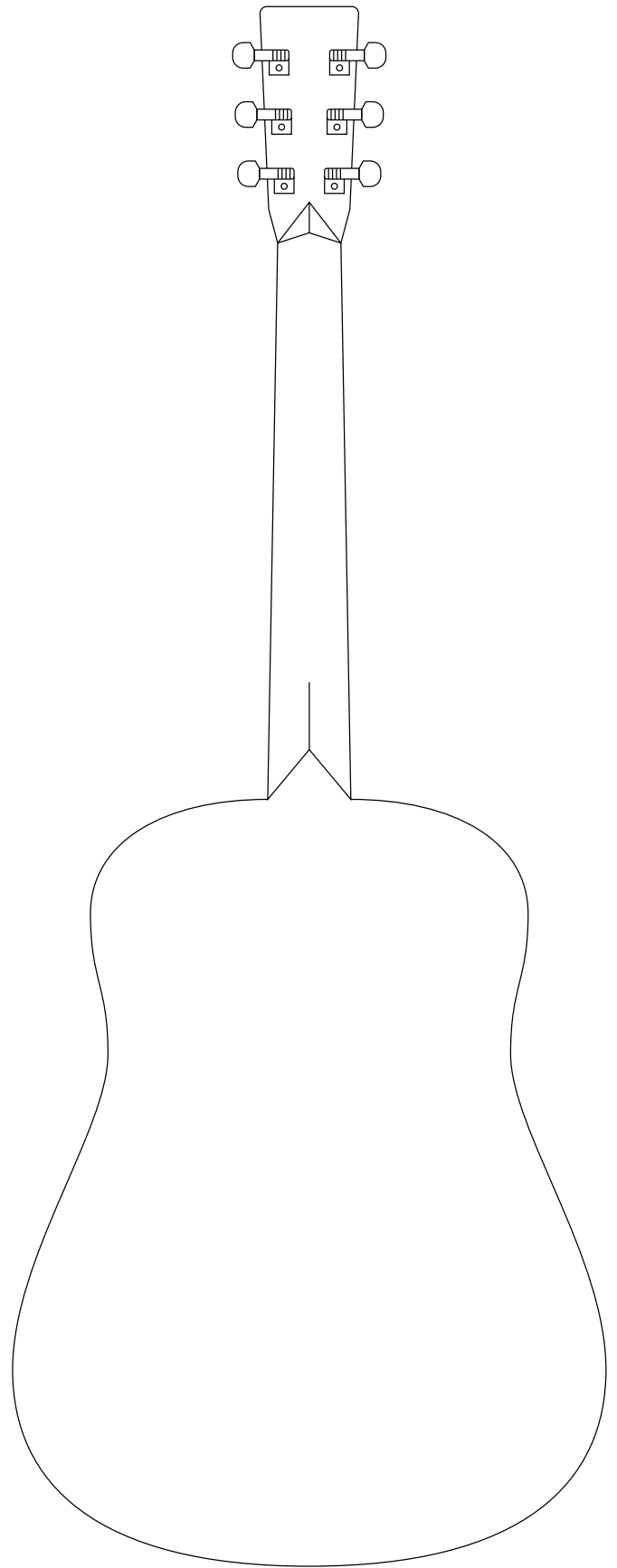
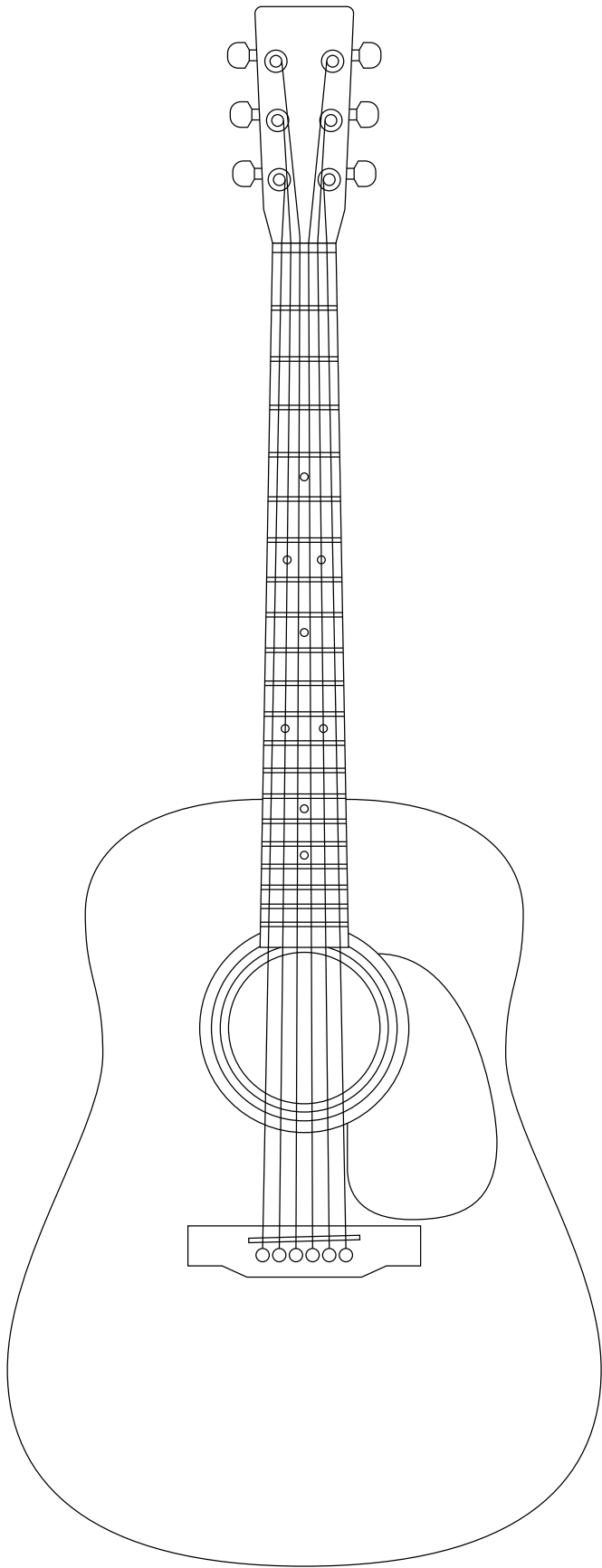
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