



# **Solo & Ensemble Competition 2023**

## **INFORMATION AND RULES**

Malone Presbyterian Church Halls  
Lisburn Road, Belfast

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2023

## **CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES**

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

Entries will be accepted for one week after this date with payment of a double entry fee.

It will be at the discretion of the Brass Bands NI Executive Committee as to whether any entries received after this date will be accepted.

# SENIOR SECTION

A Solo (Open Technical Class) <i>Time limit not exceeding 12½ minutes</i>	Own Choice	£4.50
B Solo (Technical Class) <i>Time limit not exceeding 12½ minutes</i> <i>Restricted to players aged 20 and over</i>	Own Choice	£4.50
C Solo (Technical Class) <i>Time limit not exceeding 12½ minutes</i> <i>Restricted to players from the 3<sup>rd</sup> section and below</i>	Own Choice	£4.50
19 and Under Solos (Technical Class) <i>For players Grade 5 standard and above</i>	Own Choice	£4.50
Slow Melody (Open)	Own Choice	£4.50
Quartet (Open) <i>Prize for 1<sup>st</sup> place and then prize for the highest placed quartet in each band section (Championship, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and non-member bands)</i>	Own Choice	£6.50
Senior Ensemble (Open) <i>2-10 players, excluding quartets</i> <i>Prize for 1<sup>st</sup> place and then prize for the highest placed ensemble in each band section (Championship, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and non-member bands)</i>	Own Choice	£6.50

Competitors in the Ensembles class may play in a duet or trio and one other larger ensemble (five to ten players)

Solo competitors may only enter ONE of the technical classes AND the Slow Melody class.

**All competitors are permitted to play only one piece.**

# YOUTH SECTION

17 and Under Solo	Own Choice	£4.00
15 and Under Solo	Selected Book	£4.00
12 and Under Solo	Selected Book	£4.00
10 and Under Solo	Selected Book	£4.00
17 and Under Ensemble <i>Up to 12 players</i>	Own Choice	£6.00
12 and Under Ensemble <i>Up to 12 players</i>	Own Choice	£6.00
Youth Band (players aged 18 and under)	Own Choice	£7.00

Note: Players aged 17 and Under may enter ONE SOLO CLASS ONLY in the Youth Section, BUT MAY ALSO enter the A or C or 19 and Under solo class and the Slow Melody class in the Senior Section.

**All competitors are permitted to play only one piece.**

## YOUTH SOLOS - SELECTED BOOKS

### 10, 12 and 15 and Under Solo

The Young Soloist Volume One  
Publisher: Studio Music

The Young Soloist Volume Two  
Publisher: Studio Music

The Young Soloist Volume Three  
Publisher: Studio Music

Winner Scores All (Peter Lawrance)  
Publisher: Brass Wind

### 15 and Under Solo only

Great Winners (Peter Lawrance)  
Publisher: Brass Wind

**Please also note the following:**

- In order to reduce processing effort and possibility of error, the preferred method of submitting entries is via the supplied Microsoft Excel spreadsheet. If Excel is not available, a google sheet can be provided on request which can be used on PCs and mobile phones without requiring additional software. A paper entry may **only** be submitted using the supplied form (BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE) if other options have been exhausted.
- Entries must be received by the 28<sup>th</sup> January 2023.
- Late entries will be accepted between 29<sup>th</sup> January and 4<sup>th</sup> February with payment of a double entry fee.
- With regards to the entry form please ensure that you double-check names are spelt correctly and that players are eligible to compete in the selected class. Please check thoroughly before submitting the entry.
- Entries will be accepted from unaffiliated bands and individuals at a double entry fee.
- An accompanist will be provided for all youth players in the **10, 12 and 15** and under classes. All players in those classes must use the provided accompanist or play unaccompanied.
- The BBNI will not provide an accompanist for soloists other than those competing in the 10, 12 or 15 and Under classes. To assist bands, a list of suggested accompanists is available on the BBNI website. It is the responsibility of each performer to engage their own accompanist.
- Competitors in Youth Section solo classes will each receive a certificate to indicate the standard of their performance on the day. The Levels are Gold, Silver and Bronze. Prizes will continue to be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places as usual.
- In sections where age is relevant, proof of age must be provided, and competitors must have been within the age limit on the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023.
- All youth classes will be subject to open adjudication. All competitors in the 10, 12, 15 and Under solo classes must use the books specified in the syllabus. Repeats are optional.
- The BBNI would like to highlight that percussion players are also welcome within any of the appropriate classes.

In order to allow inspection and any necessary repairs to be carried out, **ALL PERPETUAL TROPHIES** must be returned to a member of the BBNI Executive on or before 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023. It is the responsibility of the band holding any of the trophies to ensure that they are returned in a timely manner. **Any bands that still hold trophies by this date will be fined £20 per trophy.**

# **SENIOR SECTION ADJUDICATOR**

Brendan Breslin

# **YOUTH SECTION ADJUDICATOR**

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## **DATES TO NOTE**

### **BRASS IN CONCERT 2023**

Friday and Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> March  
The Valley Hotel, Fivemiletown

### **SPRING FESTIVAL 2023**

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April  
The Strule Arts Theatre, Omagh