

The National Youth Brass Band of Scotland - 2012

The NYBBS was formed in 1958 and has built up an excellent reputation for high quality tuition and performance. The main emphasis of the course is on education and improving overall standards, but this is done without detracting from the single most important element of music - enjoyment. Since 1994, the band has been led by the inspirational **Richard Evans**.

The NYBBS, its Reserve Section and the newly created Children's Band (formerly the Training Band), cater for brass and percussion students under the age of 21 of all abilities from Grade 3 upwards. Each year, a varied programme of suitable music aimed at each target group is carefully chosen to maximise the experience for all young players.

The NYBBS has broadcast frequently on BBC Radio, produced three highly acclaimed CDs and featured on both the CD and DVD of the highlights of the European Brass Band Championships 2004. Tutorial Staff are always among the most sought after players, teachers and conductors in the country: recent tutors and guests include Phillip McCann, Russell Gray, John Barber, Frank Renton, Lyndon Baglin, Simone Rebello, Philip Sparke, Geoffrey Brand, Maurice Murphy, Steven Mead, Geoffrey Whitham and many more.

The NYBBS has toured abroad on several occasions and, to celebrate the band's Golden Jubilee, visited Japan in July 2008 for an extensive concert tour with venues in Tokyo, Kyoto, Hamamatsu and Yokohama amongst others. Many specially commissioned works have been composed for the Band from the pens of composers such as Malcolm Arnold, Peter Maxwell Davies and Alan Fernie. Without a doubt, the NYBBS showcases some of the finest young musicians in Scotland.

The Reserve Band shall be led by **John Boax**. This group is designed primarily for players who have not quite reached NYBBS standard or for whom there are simply no vacancies in the NYBBS. Recent bands have been of an incredibly high standard highlighting the strength of youth bands throughout Scotland.

The Children's Band, led by **Gordon Evans**, provides a wonderful opportunity for young, inexperienced players to enjoy the pleasures of playing in a full band of likeminded enthusiasts while receiving quality tuition. In 2012, following on from the great success of the past two years, this band will be for players **aged 13 or younger**. The Children's Band works along with the Reserve Section and, together, they have a team of dedicated, experienced tutors.

All applicants will be auditioned on arrival for playing positions in what is deemed the most appropriate band based on age, experience and ability. The music studied by all bands will contain a mixture of new and traditional items chosen to enhance all players' technique and musicianship.

All students will enjoy excellent food and comfortable accommodation in the University Halls of Residence. The Reserve and Children's Band courses will conclude with concerts in the Younger Hall, St Andrews at 3.00 pm on Saturday 4th August. The NYBBS will perform in concert at 7.30 pm on that evening in the same venue.

Dates of Courses: NYBBS, NYBBS Reserve and Children's Bands: 30th July – 4th August, 2012

Venue: University Hall, University of St Andrews

Fee: £350 including full board and tuition

A non-returnable deposit of £50 should be forwarded along with the enrolment form by 31st March 2012 with the outstanding balance paid by 30th June 2012. Please note there will be a £50 discount for second and subsequent siblings also attending the course.

Extra accommodation will be available (£30 per person per night) for students who require to arrive the evening before the course (i.e. Sunday 29th July) or stay until the morning following the concerts.

All enrolment forms and cheques should be forwarded to the Course Director at the address below.

Financial assistance towards the cost of the course may be available from your Local Authority.



Course Director:

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