



WA Solo & Ensemble Competition

On Sunday 28 October the WA Band Association held it's Solo & Ensemble Competition at Perth Modern School. The band was well represented with 4 Soloists & 3 ensembles. In the A Grade Solo's MBB players took the top three places in the Champion of Champions playoff having performed earlier in the qualifying round. Sarah Ross being placed third on Tenor Horn, Robert Speers, 2nd, on Eb Tuba & Alan Lourens took the Champion of Champions with a terrific performance of "Jenny Jones" on Euphonium. MBB groups also dominated the ensemble section, our Brass Quintet played the 'Battle Suite' & was placed 3rd, our Tuba Quartet performed 'Opus One' & was placed 2nd, whilst our Brass Quartet playing 'Eine Kleine Nachts Musik' took first spot!



Happenings

Congratulations to Sarah Johnson (nee O'Leary) & Michelle Ward (nee Sitko) who's weddings were held on the same weekend in September. In something of a coincidence Michelle Gregory (Eb Horn) gave birth to son Brendan on that same weekend. We also send our best wishes to Heidi Madden (2nd Cornet) who leaves the band to spend a year in London whilst taking a break from studies.

Australian Brass

Unfortunately the 'Australian Brass' tour of WA fell victim to the Ansett Airline collapse. The tour was called off 3 days before it was due to commence because a number of players were unable to make alternative travel arrangements. The tour has been postponed until 30 June 2002.

Porongurup Festival

The band will be travelling to the Porongurup Festival in March 2002. We will be playing during the weekend at the Castlerock Estate Winery as part of the Festival, which is a showcase for the 10 local wineries & other small business's in the area.

Forthcoming Events

- 16 November - Forrest Place - Perth City - 8.00-9.30pm
- 8 December - Channel 7 Christmas Pageant - Perth City - 6.30pm
- 9 December - Carols in the Park. Len Shearer Reserve Booragoon 6.00pm
- 15 December - Band Christmas Wind-up - TBA
- 18 December - Karinya Village, Dianella - Carols - 7.30pm

Player Profiles

Continuing our feature on the people who make up Midland Brick Brass we now move on to the middle section of the band & feature the Horns. This section of the band helps to give a warm, rich sound to the Brass Band



Peter Garnaut – Flugel Horn

Peter is a real stalwart of the band, having been treasurer of the band for many years. Pete began playing & hasn't stopped yet! Says Pete "Flugel has to be my favourite instrument in the band. I really enjoy both the playing & the strong camaraderie that exists amongst the members". When not busy with band work, Pete also manages to squeeze in some teaching with the Education Department.

Tem Pepere – Principal Eb Horn

Tem has been a member of the band since moving to Perth in 1998. He has played horn for some 19 years & has held the Principal Horn position in various bands he has been with & enjoys the warm, rich sound that the instrument produces.



Sarah Ross – 1st Eb Horn

Sarah started playing horn at the age of 8 with the Rockingham Band. She has been a keen member of our band since 2000 when she joined from the Southern Districts Band with whom she played for nine years. Currently, she is the band Librarian. With a Bachelor of Education in primary teaching Sarah works as a music specialist in a number of Perth's Catholic primary schools. Sarah was WA Champion of Champions from 1994-1998.

Christine Scarry – 2nd Eb Horn

Christine played with The Thornsett Band in the North of UK from age 11 to 21. She has worked in the Casino industry for 14 years and travelled the world extensively, ending up in Australia. She has now been here for 18 months & has been with Midland Brick Brass for a year. Currently, she is setting up an embroidery business from home.



Michelle Gregory – 2nd Eb Horn

Michelle started her banding at the age of 9 with the City of Enfield Band, Adelaide & played flugel horn with City of Perth Band before joining Midland Brick on tenor horn. Michelle's hobbies are art - jewellery making & design. She is currently studying at Curtin Uni, to complete a degree in jewellery/art. Michelle is the Band's new Mum, having just given birth to little Brendan Zac who keeps her very busy at night!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest & support of the band, we wish you & your family a happy & safe Christmas & prosperous New Year.

To receive information about the band call the Secretary, Kathy Salter on 9245 7204 or e-mail on saltkat@inet.net.au or visit the band website on www.wabrass.com