



Leicester Community Concert Band
and the
Band of the Grenadier Guards
present a joint concert



Wednesday 20th June 2018

7.30pm

SOUVENIR PROGRAMME £1

Leicester Community Concert Band (LCCB) was established in 2007 in response to an initiative taken by Sheehan's Music Services to form a wind ensemble which would encourage lapsed musicians to take up their instruments again. Originally called '2nd Wind', the ensemble quickly grew from 15 to over 50 players, and is now one of the largest amateur wind ensembles in Leicestershire.



In 2013 '2nd Wind' became an independent organisation and was renamed Leicester Community Concert Band. The band has just celebrated its 10th anniversary and in 2017-18 was awarded Platinum and Gold Awards in the Regional and National Concert Band Festivals.

LCCB rehearses every Wednesday evening during term time at the Attenborough Arts Centre, Lancaster Road, Leicester from 7.00 - 9.15pm. There are no formal auditions, but a reasonable level of musical proficiency is now required - equivalent to Grade 5 standard - although it is not a pre-requisite to have taken the exam. We strive to provide a friendly and supportive environment within which all musicians can progress at their own rate. Interest from prospective new members is always welcomed. Please visit our website: leicestercommunityconcertband.weebly.com



The band performs a varied repertoire which includes well known marches, music from shows, classical works, arrangements of popular tunes and favourites from the British wind band tradition. There is something to suit all musical tastes.

BRIAN HUMPHERSON MBE ~ MUSICAL DIRECTOR



After qualifying as a music teacher in 1967, Brian held posts in Nottingham and Leicestershire schools. He also worked as a conductor for the Leicestershire School of Music as well as local operatic and choral societies, and was musical director of Broom Leys Choral Society for 29 years.

As Director of Music and Performing Arts at Guthlaxton College, Brian led the Guthlaxton Concert Band and Big Band to national and international success before his retirement from teaching in 2006. He then continued to work as a music examiner, teacher trainer and arts moderator.

A keen pianist, Brian has held a lifelong interest in jazz and popular music. He still performs regularly with various ensembles, including the Nottingham Jazz Orchestra and his own quintet. He was awarded an MBE for services to music education in Leicestershire.

DON BLAKESON ~ HONORARY PRESIDENT

Don studied trumpet at the Royal College of Music before embarking on a professional career during which he played with many of the major London orchestras. He held permanent posts in the English National Opera Orchestra, the BBC Radio Orchestra and BBC Big Band.

As a freelance musician, Don was in great demand for TV, film and recording sessions. He was appointed Vice-Principal of the Leicestershire School of Music, and conducted the Leicestershire Schools Symphony Orchestra in several prestigious concerts at home and abroad. Don has conducted many of the top Brass Bands in the country including Desford, Fodens and the City of Coventry Band. He has also acted as musical director for local ensembles and operatic societies. He retired in 1997 to concentrate on writing and playing jazz.



COMBINED BANDS

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Fanfare

WINDSOR FLOURISH

Rodney Bashford

LEICESTER COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND

THE MAGNIFICENT SEVEN

Elmer Bernstein arr. Scott Richards

A LITTLE TANGO MUSIC

Adam Gorb

BUGLER'S HOLIDAY

Leroy Anderson

Soloists: LCpl P Cowley, LCpl S Hicks, LCpl M Thomas

LES MISÉRABLES

Schonberg arr. Warren Barker

CARAVAN

Duke Ellington/Juan Tizol

arr. Richard Saucedo

EIGHTIES FLASHBACK

arr. Paul Murtha

Interval

BAND OF THE GRENADIER GUARDS

GRENADIERS!

Rob Wiffin

CATSTALES

Peter Graham

CLEOPATRA

Eugene Damare

Cornet Soloist: Sgt G Hall

LADIES IN LAVENDER

Nigel Hess

Violin Soloist: WO1 S Marinescu

INNUENDO

Mercury/Taylor

COMBINED BANDS

MUSIC FOR THE ROYAL FIREWORKS

Handel arr. Marinescu

Overture

La Réjouissance

Minuet

BRITISH GRENADIERS

Band of the Grenadier Guards



Formed in 1685 by Charles II, The Band of the Grenadier Guards is based at Wellington Barracks in central London. The mainstay of their duties is providing musical support to State Ceremonial events and Public Duties. They can regularly be seen at the Royal Palaces including Buckingham Palace, Windsor Castle, St. James's Palace and on the Queen's Birthday Parade, Cenotaph Parade and the Festival of Remembrance. The Band is the public face of the Army and supports national and defence interests around the globe.



The Band currently comprises 43 musicians commanded by the Director of Music. They can provide a concert band, marching band, brass quintet, woodwind quintet, fanfare team, big band and other ensembles.

As well as their daily duties, many of the musicians have deployed on Defence Engagement tasks and with Short Term Training Teams to areas of the world such as Botswana, Uganda, Ethiopia, Jordan, Sierra Leone, The Balkans, India and Pakistan to support defence interests, to help develop military music in these countries and to give valuable support to charities working with the general population.

The Band of the Grenadier Guards will be playing by kind permission of Major General B J Bathurst CBE, the Major General Commanding the Household Division.



Major Michael Smith BA(Mus) LRSM CAMUS ~ Director of Music



Major Michael Smith joined the Army as a clarinettist, serving in England, Northern Ireland and Cyprus with The Worcestershire & Sherwood Foresters Regiment before being selected to attend the Bandmaster Course at The Royal Military School of Music, Kneller Hall.

As an Army Bandmaster he served with The Band of The Prince of Wales's Division (Clive) and the Band of the Grenadier Guards followed by an appointment at the Royal Military School of Music as Training Design Warrant Officer.

In 2008 he was commissioned into the Corps of Army Music and appointed Director of Music, The Band of The Royal Irish Regiment. This was followed by an assignment as Project Officer, Headquarters Corps of Army Music.

In 2010 he was appointed Director of Music, The Band of the Corps of Royal Engineers followed a few months later by the coveted appointment of Director of Music the Band of the Grenadier Guards.

In 2013 he took up a staff officer post dealing with the deployment of musicians on overseas operations and then was Corps Secretary, Corps of Army Music. In 2015, he was appointed Chief Instructor at the Royal Military School of Music.

In March 2017 Major Smith had the honour and unique distinction of returning to the Grenadiers as Director of Music.

Warrant Officer Class One Sarah Marinescu LRSM BA(Hons) ~ Bandmaster



WOI Marinescu joined the Army as a violinist, clarinettist and pianist, having graduated from Bath Spa University with a First Class Honours degree in music.

On completion of training, WOI Marinescu was assigned to the Band of the Irish Guards and in 2009, was selected to attend the Bandmaster Course at The Royal Military School of Music where she gained a Licentiate Diploma in Wind Band Direction and won the Academic Prize for her studies. She was appointed Training Development Team Warrant Officer at Headquarters, Corps of Army Music.

In 2013, WOI Marinescu was appointed Bandmaster to The Band of The Army Air Corps followed by an appointment at the Royal Military School of Music as Training Design and Courses Warrant Officer.

In 2016, she returned to the Household Division as Bandmaster to the Band of the Grenadier Guards.



There will be a retiring collection as you depart. Please give generously as all profits from the concert are going to the Royal British Legion (Poppy Launch).

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