



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



Wednesday 26th June 2019
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 60 musicians 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.



In 2017-18 the band celebrated its 10th Anniversary by taking part in the National Concert Band Festival, receiving a Platinum Award in the regional event. As a result the band was invited to take part in the National Finals held at the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester, when the band achieved a Gold Award.

The 10th Anniversary celebrations culminated in a spectacular joint concert with the Band of the Grenadier Guards last summer and they are delighted to be able to welcome the band back again this evening. LCCB produced a CD to mark their 10th Anniversary, reflecting the development of the band and demonstrating its varied repertoire which has an appeal for a wide range of musical tastes. The CD is available this evening, priced £10, and we hope you will enjoy the result.



LCCB strives 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.

BRIAN HUMPHERSON MBE ~ MUSICAL DIRECTOR



After qualifying as a music teacher in 1967, Brian held posts in Nottingham and Leicestershire schools. He was invited to work as a conductor for the Leicestershire School of Music and often acted as musical director for a number of choirs and operatic societies, notably Broom Leys Choral Society which he directed 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. The college also became renowned for its strong tradition in musical theatre. After leaving the classroom he continued to work as a music examiner, teacher trainer and arts moderator until his retirement in 2016.

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.

Don 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

Arr. G Jacob

FANFARE FESTIVE

Michael Geisler

LEICESTER COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND

CHORALE AND ROCK OUT

Ted Huggens

MARCHE MILITAIRE FRANCAISE

Saint-Saens Arr. Mortimer

THE GREATEST SHOWMAN

Arr. Paul Murtha

ELTON JOHN ON TOUR

Arr. Jay Bocook

BAND OF THE GRENADIER GUARDS

BIG BAND

Led by Lance Sergeant Ben Beavis

Interval

BAND OF THE GRENADIER GUARDS

THE LONGEST DAY

Arr M. Smith

DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE MARCH

Malcolm Arnold

GO THE DISTANCE

Arr M. Smith

ENGLISH FOLK SONG SUITE

Ralph Vaughan Williams

COMBINED BANDS

SCARLET AND GOLD

Rob Wiffin

WEST SIDE STORY

Arr. Naohiro Iwai

BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY

Arr M. Smith

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 48 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 Macedonia, Botswana, Uganda, Ethiopia, Jordan, 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



WO1 Marinescu joined the Army as a violinist, clarinettist and pianist, having graduated from Bath Spa University with a First Class Honours degree in music.

She 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. She was appointed Training Development Team Warrant Officer at Headquarters, Corps of Army Music and in 2013 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. This is her final concert with the band before being commissioned and taking up the appointment of Director of Music, The Countess of Wessex's String Orchestra.



There will be a retiring collection as you depart. Please give generously. All profits from the concert are going to the Grenadier Guards Association Leicestershire and Rutland branch.

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