

NEWSLETTER

West Midlands Brass Bands Association



The West Midlands Brass Bands Association is proud to present an exciting Brass Masterclass led by the renowned Glyn and Helen Williams, taking place on Sunday 11th January 2026 at Tally Ho! Conference Centre, Pershore Road, Birmingham.

Open to all brass players, this is a fantastic opportunity to learn from two of the most respected figures in the brass band world. Whether you're looking to sharpen your technique, deepen your musical understanding, or simply enjoy playing in a supportive environment, this session is not to be missed.

🕒 Time: 10:00 - 16:00

📍 Venue: Tally Ho! Conference Centre, Birmingham

💷 Cost: £10 per participant

🔥 All levels welcome!

Let's come together to inspire, learn, and celebrate the joy of brass banding. For more details or to reserve your place, please contact: Contact@wmbba.org



UPCOMING EVENTS

WMBBA's Events Calendar is here to showcase brass band activity across the region – from local concerts and contests to open rehearsals and community events. If your band has something planned, we'd love to include it! Sharing your event helps boost visibility, grow audiences, and celebrate the vibrant brass band scene we're all part of.

👉 Submit your event details to wmbba.org and we'll make sure it reaches fellow players, supporters, and the wider public.

A full list of events can be found on our website
wmbba.org/events-calendar

Celebrating 50 Years of City of Birmingham Brass Band

The West Midlands Brass Bands Association is proud to recognise a significant milestone in our regional brass banding heritage: 2026 marks 50 years since City of Birmingham Brass Band was formally adopted by the City of Birmingham, receiving the name they proudly carry to this day.

Throughout the year, CBBB will be celebrating this golden anniversary – a testament to their rich history, musical excellence, and unwavering commitment to the Birmingham community.

We look forward to seeing how the band marks this special year and continues to honour its legacy, celebrate its achievements, and inspire through music.

🌟 Congratulations to City of Birmingham Brass Band on reaching this remarkable milestone!



S,D & Q Contest Entries **Open**

WMBBA is delighted to announce the return of our Solo, Duet & Quartet Contest, taking place on Sunday 18th October 2026. This much-loved event offers players of all ages and abilities the chance to shine as individuals and in small ensembles, showcasing their talent in a friendly, supportive atmosphere.

Whether you're a seasoned performer or stepping out for the first time, it's a brilliant opportunity to build confidence, receive professional feedback, and celebrate the joy of brass music. Entries are now open! sign up online, download an entry form or email Contact@wmbba.org for details.



SOLO, DUET & QUARTET CONTEST 2026



MIDLANDS AREA BRASS BAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

As we head into the early months of the new year, bands across the region are deep into rehearsals for the Midlands Area Brass Band Championships 2026 – and WMBBA would like to wish every competing band the very best in their preparations.

This contest represents months of hard work, dedication, and passion, and we know how much commitment goes into every note. Whether you're returning champions or making your Area debut, we're cheering you on every step of the way.

Keep going through the late nights, sectional rehearsals, and that all-important fine-tuning. We can't wait to see the fruits of your efforts on the contest stage! all information for bands can be found on the MABBC website **MABBC.org**

7TH MARCH

3rd & 1st Section

8TH MARCH

4th & Championship Section

15TH MARCH

2nd Section

IS YOUR BAND IN WMBBA'S AREA?

Birmingham * Coventry * Stoke-on-Trent * Wolverhampton * Solihull * Sutton Coldfield * Telford * Worcester * Burton-upon-Trent * Dudley * Halesowen * Hereford * Kidderminster * Leamington Spa * Newcastle-under-Lyme * Nuneaton * Redditch * Rugby * Shrewsbury * Smethwick * Stafford * Stourbridge * Tamworth * Walsall * West Bromwich * Aldridge * Bedworth * Bilston * Bloxwich * Bromsgrove * Burntwood * Cannock * Darlaston * Droitwich Spa * Evesham * Kingswinford * Lichfield * Malvern * Oldbury * Rowley Regis * Stratford-upon-Avon * Tipton * Warwick * Wednesbury * Willenhall * Atherstone * Biddulph * Brierley Hill * Bridgnorth * Cheadle * Hednesford * Kenilworth * Kidsgrove * Leek * Leominster * Ludlow * Market Drayton * Newport * Oswestry * Ross-on-Wye * Rugeley * Sedgley * Stone * Stourport-on-Severn * Uttoxeter * Whitchurch * Whitnash * Wombourne

IS YOUR BAND INTERESTED IN BECOMING A WMBBA MEMBER?

WMBBA is dedicated to providing an outstanding service to its member bands, we hold several events throughout the year including contests, massed band and social events and are here to support you with a voice on the MABBA committee. We'll help advertise your events through our growing social media following, and we're always ready to listen to any suggestions / recommendations and work with our member bands to support Brass Banding throughout the Midlands.



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