**SCOTTISH BORDERS BRASS BAND ASSOCIATION**

Re-formed 1998

**Borders Entertainment Contest**

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24th June 2019

Dear Band Secretary

**BORDERS ENTERTAINMENT CONTEST**

**SATURDAY 2nd NOVEMBER 2019 – KELSO NORTH PARISH CHURCH, KELSO**

The Scottish Borders Brass Band Association is delighted to invite you to attend the Borders Entertainment Contest to be held at the Kelso North Parish Church in Kelso on Saturday 2nd November 2019.

This will be the first time that Kelso has hosted the BEC in the 19 year history of the event.  One constant in every BEC since it’s conception has been our compère, Alasdair Hutton.  This year, SBBBA would like to acknowledge Alasdair’s invaluable contribution to our contest and to the brass band movement in Scotland.  Hopefully we can achieve this by bringing the BEC 2019 to his home town of Kelso and to the church where he is a member.  Alasdair is well aware that the contest is being held in Kelso this year, but he does not know WHY it is being held there!  Therefore, as a surprise, can I ask all bands to keep this information to themselves where possible please?

The Scottish Borders Youth Brass Band (SBYBB) will be helping to run/organise the event alongside the SBBBA committee and it is hoped that the SBYBB will perform a short concert for Alasdair after the contest has finished just before the results.  As the church is being used for the first time as a contesting venue, information regarding specific details/logistics will be released to bands at a later date.

It would be great to see as many bands as possible come and compete this year to help us celebrate with Alasdair in his home town.  The BEC is always a fantastic day of banding and Kelso is a tremendous town in which to enjoy a day out.  The venue is a very short walk from the town centre.

There is to be a pre-draw twenty one days before the event and requests for an early or late draw can be made on the enclosed entry form. Invitations are confined to bands in Sections 2 – 4. Each Band is required to play a fifteen minute programme**. There is no theme this year.**

Adjudication will be open with the adjudicators marking the bands separately. Our two adjudicators this year will be Paul Drury and Derek Broadbent.

The prize fund is currently being negotiated and will be intimated in due course.

**Prizes**

**1st Prize Trophy and cash**

**Most Entertaining Band Trophy and cash**

**1st in Section 2 Trophy and cash**

**1st in Section 3 Trophy and cash**

**1st in Section 4 Trophy and cash**

**Best Soloist**

**Best Instrumentalist**

**Best Bass Section**

**Best Percussion Section**

**Deportment**

**Entry costs £60.00 per band and cheques (please make cheques payable to SBBBA) should be sent with the enclosed entry form by 20th September to Christine Calvert, Contest Controller.**

Yours sincerely

Christine Calvert

SBBBA Contest Controller

**Borders Entertainment Contest**

**SATURDAY 2nd NOVEMBER, 2019**

**KELSO NORTH CHURCH, KELSO**

**BAND**

**SECTION**

is pleased to accept the Association’s invitation to participate in the

Borders Entertainment Contest

**We would request an \* EARLY / LATE draw**

**( \* Please delete as applicable)**

The entry fee of £60.00 is enclosed

Secretary/Main Contact:

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| Name |  |
| Address |  |
| Telephone |  |
| Email |  |
| The Band will be conducted by: |  |

Please return this form and payment to:

Christine Calvert,

SBBBA Contest Controller,

Kernigal,

Walter Street,

LANGHOLM.

Dumfriesshire.

DG13 0AX

**by 20th September 2019**

**(Please make cheques payable to “S.B.B.B.A.”)**

**Borders Entertainment Contest**

**SATURDAY 2nd NOVEMBER, 2019, KELSO NORTH CHURCH, KELSO**

**CONTEST SCHEDULE**

The Contest shall be held under the rules of the Scottish Brass Band Association.

The contest will be organised in three sections, viz. Section Four, Section Three and Section Two, conforming to the classifications for 2018 of the Scottish Brass Band Association.

Each performance should consist of a minimum of three own choice items with a maximum playing time of 15 minutes.

**The penalty for exceeding 15 minutes playing time is as follows:**

* **Between 15 and 16 minutes – warning written on your adjudication sheet that you exceeded time limit**
* **Between 16 and 17 minutes – lose 1 place in the overall standings**
* **Between 17 and 18 minutes – lose 2 places in the overall standings**

The draw shall take place twenty one days prior to the contest and the result of the draw will be conveyed to the bands.

Band must make two conductor scores/solo cornet parts and compere notes for all pieces being played **at least seven days before the contest.**

Band delegates are responsible for their respective bands being available to register when required to do so by Officials.

A warm-up area will be provided and bands will be allocated a specific time to use this room. Bands will proceed as directed by Officials prior to actual performance on stage.

The Contest shall be adjudicated by two judges. Adjudication shall be open. One written adjudication and one voice over adjudication.

Each band is allowed to play four guest players in accordance with the condition stated on the Scottish

Brass Band Association guest player form. The guest player form must be with the Contest Controller **no later than 7 days prior to the contest.**

The delegate of any band winning a trophy will be asked to sign a receipt for same before leaving the

Hall.

The Association is not responsible for the safety of any personal belongings or band belongings. No mobile phones will be permitted in the hall.

No smoking, food or drink will be permitted in the hall.

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