



WHITBURN BAND VIRTUAL FESTIVAL

25TH – 27TH JUNE 2021

INFORMATION PACK

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Dear Band Representatives,

We trust we find you all safe and well.

We would very much like to invite you to participate in the Whitburn Band Virtual Festival 2021. In these unusual and testing times we appreciate just how difficult it has been for us all to enjoy being part of something we are passionate about and love, banding..... It's exciting to finally be able to see the light at the end of the tunnel and our Festival couldn't be a better way to allow players of all ages to dust off their instruments and get back into the swing of things.

We are delighted to be able to host our very own Scottish online virtual contest which will be broadcast over the weekend of 25th – 27th June 2021 via YouTube live streaming. In this pack you will find more information about the contest, as well as the important video submission deadlines.

The contest is **FREE** for both competitors and the audience and the broadcast schedule is as follows:

- Friday 25th June, 6pm- 9pm, 4th and 3rd Sections
- Saturday 26th June 6pm – 9pm, 2nd and 1st Sections
- Sunday 27th June 4pm – 9pm, Youth Bands, Championship Section, Gala Concert and Awards Ceremony for all sections.

We appreciate that not all bands have participated in virtual performances over the past year's restrictions. This we know has been due to the lack of experience or knowledge with the technical side of this discipline. To avert this fear and allow as many bands as possible to participate, we are offering group or individual technical support and education as required..... Let us help you take down the barriers!

Please can you advise of your intention to participate by reply via email to whitburn.vf@gmail.com

If you have any questions or require any further information please do not hesitate to contact us on the email address above or:

Charlie Farren – 074710949746

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How the contest will work

- Bands will be split into Sections 1-4, plus Championship and Youth Band Sections.
- Bands will compete in the section that they have been graded in for 2021.
- Player registration is not required. Please compete within the spirit of banding though and try to avoid borrowing superior players from other bands just for the contest. It's fine to borrow players of similar standard though.
- Bands in the Championship, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th sections should limit themselves to a maximum of 35 musicians including percussion, and any other instrumentalists or vocalists you wish to use.
- There is no limit on the number of musicians in the Youth sections.

- Each band is encouraged to submit up to a maximum of 10 minutes of video performance as a mini programme to include introductions, announcements and credits if you choose to include them. We would suggest 3 separate short videos to achieve this, but it's up to each band how they present their programme. **Youth Section may submit only one or two pieces if preferred.**
- The contest is an entertainment style contest, so it provides your band with the opportunity to be as creative as you like with your programme. There are no restrictions on the pieces or styles you perform, or the editing tools and techniques used to produce and present your performances. However, please do not submit videos of your band miming to pre-recorded CDs . This will be immediately obvious and will result in bands not being included in the live broadcast. It is entirely permitted however to record your audio and video separately in whatever way you can and sync it together into a finished video.
- It is the responsibility of the competing bands to ensure they have the necessary copyright permissions for the music chosen to perform
- If you have already created distance banding videos that have been shared across social media, we are happy for you to use them in your programme.
- In the run up to the event we would appreciate if you do not share performances prepared for the contest on your social media channels until after your performance has been aired. We want to minimise the opportunity for performances to be seen before the contest by judges and keep it interesting for the audience too.
- Adjudication will be open and will include comments around:
 - Quality of Performance
 - Programme Content
 - Presentation
- The Adjudicator's decisions are final, and no correspondence will be entered into.
- There will be awards for the Champions in each section.
- Best Soloist/Instrumentalist in each section sponsored by Band Supplies
- Full and final placings will be published for each section after the final results ceremony.

The technical bits.....

- Competing bands are required to submit all videos to the email address provided by the **1st June 2021**. This is really important as it allows our technical team to ensure there are no glitches and everything will run smoothly on the day.
- Videos should 1080p quality and 'ready to play'. We are unfortunately unable to offer video editing services however full technical support is available on an individual basis should you require it.
- Videos should be submitted in any of the following formats: Size - 1920 x 1080P HD - MP4, MOV, WMV

- You can supply individual videos or one complete video (our preferred option) of your programme. Avoid including unnecessary long titles or credits as this will eat into your allotted 10 minutes. We will advise of where to send completed videos closer to the time.
- When supplying your videos, please name them as follows:

Band Name, Section and order your video should be played in

Example:

Whitburn – Championship – Video 1

Whitburn – Championship – Video 2

Whitburn – Championship – Video 3

Additional information

- If for any reason you are unable to compete and wish to withdraw, please let us know as soon as possible.
- Competing bands are responsible for gaining any necessary permissions from those featured in your videos, and or parent/guardians where appropriate.
- By submitting your videos, you agree that they can be shared across Whitburn Band's social media channels.

Thank you for supporting this online festival. We hope you have fun performing and producing your programmes, and we look forwards to seeing and hearing your videos.

Best wishes

Whitburn Band

