



**NORTH OF ENGLAND
BRASS BAND
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

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Dear Colleagues

Enclosed are the details for the forthcoming North of England Brass Band Championships. All timings set out in this letter could be subject to change if there are any withdrawals, etc., from the contest. If any change is necessary I will let you know as soon as I can. Please ensure that your band arrives at the venue in good time for your section.

Saturday 14th March 2014

Timings:	Section one	Draw 10.30am	start 12midday prompt
	Section three	Draw 12.30pm	start 2-.00 (approx.) to follow section 1

Sunday 15th March 2014.

Timings	Section two	Draw 8.30am	start 10.00am
	Section Four	Draw 12 midday	start 1.00pm (approx.) to follow section 4
	Championship	Draw 1.30pm	start 3.00pm (approx.) to follow section 1

Adjudicators Paul Cosh, Championship, First and Second sections
Mike Kilroy, Third and Fourth sections

The Gala Theatre: Millennium Place: Durham; DH1 1WA: Tel 03000 266600. Public access to the main hall is via the main entrance on the main concourse, Millennium Place. Parking is available near the Gala on the riverside. There may be a charge for this. You can access lifts through the NCP multi story adjacent to the Premier Inn, direct to the level required for the Gala Theatre. Please visit www.walkergate-durham.co.uk this will give you additional information that may be of interest.

Coach parking is available on the riverside car parks. Claypath, the street adjacent to the Gala is closed to through traffic although you may be able to drop off with your coach. **I am currently checking this out and will let you know as soon as possible any issues that may arise.**

The Draw will be held in the control room which is situated on the upper level adjacent to the studio. Entry to the draw will need a delegate pass. One pass per band will be provided.

All bands will be given performers passes (30 free per band) and can be collected from the control room on the day. **This will give bandsmen in uniform access into the theatre on the day that they contest.**

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Enclosed for your attention is a list of percussion provided. Bands will be able to view these during the adjudicator change over as per usual. Timpani will be fixed between the trombones and basses, but a degree of flexibility will be given for other instruments, within reason, to suit the number of percussionist bands are using. **Please note the four minute rule will be enforced.** Please bring to the draw your stage and percussion plans.

I am currently negotiating with the technical director of the theatre the possibility of a sound secure, warm up facility. Please note that this will not be a full rehearsal facility and I will confirm this facility, if it is possible, as soon as I can

All results will follow each section, and remarks will be available in the control room 20 minutes after their announcement. A delegate pass will be needed to collect remarks. This will be posted out

An issue has come to light with the legality of any recording, (audio or video) made at the Championships, and then broadcast on the internet via individual band web sites. Please respect our request not to take photographs or record performances. We will not be held responsible for any possible actions taken with bands regarding this issue.

Finally, can I congratulate you all in advance for your performance at the North of England Brass Band Championships. We pride ourselves for the friendly atmosphere we create and the professional manner in which we perform. Please extend our welcome to all your bandsmen/women and supporters. If you have any problems at any time during the weekend please come to us and we will help. In any emergency please contact me on my mobile number 07748878081. You may need to leave a message but I will contact you as soon as possible. A further specific sheet of instructions, relating to the Gala, is enclosed. All letters and forms will be available to download from our website.

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Enclosed... *Instruction for arriving at the Gala*
Percussion plan sheet to be presented at the draw
Band stage plan to be presented at the draw
List of percussion provided