

**Midlands Regional Brass Band Committee**  
**2023 CONTEST INFORMATION**  
**THE CORE THEATRE, CORBY CUBE, CORBY, NORTHANTS NN17 1QG**

**SATURDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> February 2023 – SECOND SECTION – 14 Bands - Adjudicators - Messrs Gary Davies & Sam Fisher**

The FIRST DRAW will take place in the Contest Control Room at 9.00 am, and the band drawn number one to be on stage to commence at 10.00 a.m. with the National Anthem. The SECOND DRAW will take place at 11.00 a.m.

**SATURDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> February 2023 - FIRST SECTION – 16 Bands - Adjudicators – Anne Crookston & Nick Garman**

The FIRST DRAW will take place in the Contest Control Room at 1.00 p.m., and the Section will commence at the completion of the Second Section results. The SECOND DRAW will take place at 3.00 p.m.

**SUNDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> February 2023 - THIRD SECTION – 15 Bands - Adjudicators – Messrs Steve Pritchard Jones & Sam Fisher**

The draw FIRST DRAW will take place in the Contest Control Room at 9.00 a.m. and the band drawn number one to be on stage to commence at 10.00 a.m. with the National Anthem. The SECOND DRAW will take place at 11.00 a.m.

**SUNDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> February 2023 – CHAMPIONSHIP SECTION – 11 Bands – Adjudicators - Messrs Stephen Roberts & Leigh Baker**

The DRAW will take place in the Contest Control Room at 1.30 p.m. and the Section will commence of the completion of the Third Section

**SATURDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> March 2023 – FOURTH SECTION – 15 Bands - Adjudicators – Messrs Gary Davies & Steve Pritchard Jones**

The FIRST DRAW will take place in the Contest Control Room at 10.00 am and the band drawn number one to be on stage to commence at 11.00 am with the National Anthem. The SECOND DRAW will take place at 11.30 a.m.

**IMPORTANT GENERAL INFORMATION - PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE REGULARLY FOR ANY UPDATES <http://mabbc.org/>**

- (1) The results of each section AND presentation of awards will be announced at the conclusion of that section, prize winning bands are again reminded to ensure that they have an adult representative to accept and sign for awards and trophies. Band Officials must sign and accept the trophies on the basis that they are insured and kept in safe custody **to be returned to the Regional Trophy Officer by January 2024 – AT THE LATEST.**
- (2) There will be no EATING, DRINKING **OR FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY, VIDEO TAPING OR RECORDING** within the performing areas, ALSO please ensure all MOBILE PHONES REMAIN SWITCHED OFF WHILST IN THE PERFORMING AREAS.
- (3) The committee have again utilised a split draw system for ALL SECTIONS EXCEPT the CHAMPIONSHIP SECTION, Band Secretaries have been advised by email. Draw Delegates please be present 15 minutes before the stated draw time to receive all contest information, including approximate playing times. **BANDS ARE REQUESTED NOT TO COME WITH INSTRUMENTS AND CONGREGATE IN THE ENTRANCE TO THE THEATRE UNTIL THEY KNOW THEY CAN ACCESS THEIR PLACE IN THE BAND HOLDING AREAS.**
- 4) **30 BANDPERSONS WRISTBANDS & DELEGATES CARD** – are available on the day for collection from the steward's desk which will be just past the Booking Office in the foyer at the top of the stairs. These should be collected and signed for by the band's authorised representative. **Please retain the Delegates Card to obtain the remarks at the conclusion of the section. Wristbands must be shown before players will be allowed on stage to play; these wristbands will also allow Bandsmen into the STALLS AREA of the auditorium.** These stewards will also direct players to the band holding area.
- 5) There are Lift facilities at the Corby Cube. Bands are requested to advise the Contest Controller at the draw, if they will be requiring any assistance for disabled persons
- 6) **The bar on the first level will be open** and there here are several places to eat and drink, a very short distance from The Cube. **The Qube Cafe Bar** with a huge menu and drink selection (located on the ground floor of the Corby Cube building) will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on each of the days **THE LOWER LEVEL BAR WILL NOT BE OPEN, THIS AREA WILL BE USED FOR REGISTRATION**
- 7) Large items of percussion are being provided for the use of competing bands and maintained on stage by GI Percussion of Huddersfield. Please hand in your percussion plan at the appropriate Draw. Bands are to use these items supplemented by their own equipment, as required by the score, **but are reminded that the four-minute rule will apply.**
- 8) The Car Park adjacent to the Corby Cube is Pay & Display on Saturdays – with free parking on Sundays. There are also a further 2 car parks close by.
- 9) **TICKETS FOR NON PLAYERS AND VISITORS WILL ONLY BY SOLD AT THE CORE BOX OFFICE ADJACENT TO THE THEATRE ENTRANCE, WE RECOMMEND THAT VISITORS BUY TICKETS/E-TICKETS IN ADVANCE ONLINE AT <https://www.thecorecorby.com/whats-on/> and select Login at the bottom of the page**(the Box Office is open 9.30 a.m. – 3 p.m. on the days of the Contest) **PROGRAMMES WILL ALSO ONLY BE SOLD AT THE BOX OFFICE**
- 10) BOPA – The Midland Regional Committee will be applying for BOPAs for each of the Contest days. Please remember if you have children playing in your Band to bring any paperwork with you should there be a check by BBE or Northamptonshire County Council

With best wishes to all the Bands competing at the Midland Regional Championships 2023

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