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Broadway n' Brass Concert ~ Two Shows for 2018

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Four 2018 National Champions In The Band











Left: A Grade Contest - Waitakere Auckland Brass On Stage Right: National Champions (clockwise from top) Joe Thomas , Andrew Large, Jamie Mackay and Steven Booth.

NATIONAL CONTEST

2018 has been a very busy time year for us so far. Anzac Day, Jazz Mania, ABA Solo & Party Competition, a National Contest in the South Island and now the Broadway n' Brass Concert, we have had non-stop planning, rehearsing and performing since the beginning of the year. Still to come are the ABA Contest in September our Christmas Concert in December with The City of Sails Chorus. What a year!

We had a terrific time at National Contest this year and placed 4th overall and 3rd in the marching. We played well on stage and had some very positive comments from the Adjudicator, Russell Gray. Blenheim was a great venue for the Contest, we had excellent accommodation, and the weather was fantastic. Our Soloists this year were outstanding, we now have four National Champions around the stands with Steven Booth winning the Open Baritone, Joe Thomas Open Bass Trombone, Andrew Large winning the Open Amateur Cornet, and Jamie Mackay winning the Open Bb Bass. It was wonderful to see the Waitakere name up there with the best of the best four times over at the gala Champion of Champions evening event.

We also had the amazing opportunity to have the Principal Cornet of World Champion "Cory Band" from Wales, Tom Hutchinson, play with us for Contest. Tom became one of the band, helped our Soloists and band players while he was here and was very generous with his time and expertise. Not only is he a super player, he is also a super guy. Tom won the A Grade "Best Soloist in the Test Piece" award. We are very hopeful of getting Tom back again, sometime in the future, to work with the band. We also had Fletcher Mitchell (Euphonium) and Gareth Lawless (Eb Bass) from Australia play for us, filling in very important seats. It is no exaggeration to state that without them, and Tom, that we probably could not have gone to Contest, and certainly would not have had such a successful Contest.

Thank you to all our players for their hard work and commitment, Howard Taylor and Grant Langdon for their leadership and our supporters for cheering us on all the way whether it was in person, via the live stream or with us in spirit.

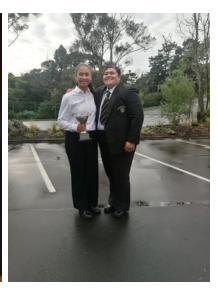
ABA SOLO CONTEST

MAY 2018 - GLENFIELD COLLEGE

ABA Solo's saw our band once again get significant results, Well done to all, regardless of your result. It is a big thing to stand up in front of your peers, and an adjudicator, and play a difficult piece of music. It was wonderful to see lots of our Youth Band players performing this year. There were lots of trophies again, and we congratulate Andrew Large, Steven Booth, for their 1st placings. Steven, Grant Langdon, for winning the Open Duet, we must also give Steven a special mention. Not only did he win the Championship Slow Melody, he then won the Championship Not Slow as well. Incredible playing!







NEW PRESIDENT



We have a new President. Matthew Booth. Matt, as he's known to most in the band, has been a playing member for the last 10 years or so. Originally from the UK, his Kiwi wife Michele decided it was time to come home and when presented with the opportunity he jumped at the chance to come to NZ. Matt and Michele have a daughter Milly, who's decided that clarinet is more interesting than a brass instrument!

Prior to coming to NZ Matt was not a stranger to playing or being involved in the administration of brass bands having picked up the cornet at the tender age of 8, joined his first brass band at 12 and hardly missed a rehearsal since!

Matt has been a loyal member of the band, and looking back the loyalty streak is a consistent theme through his banding career, unknowingly with similarities to the All Blacks. Matt has always pursued his banding pastime as one underpinned by the need for fun and friendship, and like the All Blacks respecting 'the jersey', in the brass bands sense 'respecting the instrument'. With a view to always try to leave the band more progressed than when you joined.

It's early days on the journey of that respect for Matt in his new role as President and determining with the help of the experienced band management team how that future will look. But what he does know is that like many voluntary organisations, success starts with having fun and if we get that bit right and a collective sense of wanting to leave our legacy better than we started then the bit in between will come together.

Matt enjoys a 'chat' and sees those conversations with players and audiences alike as an important and essential part of the bands' success, so please, if you see him around, stop for that chat.....even if it's to talk about the All Blacks success against the England team!

EVENT NEWS

Magic of the Musicals

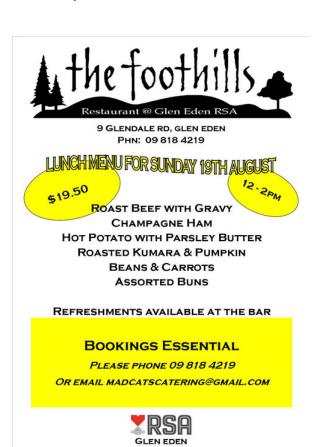
High quality, magical, colourful, and captivating all describe last years Broadway n' Brass Concert! This one is an audience favourite and this year's concert will feature traditional crowd pleasers, as well as some brand-new additions. We hope you can join us for this celebration of popular music from the stage and screen.

We are thrilled to be sharing the stage once again with Playhouse Theatre Inc who are renowned for their stunning shows with amazing vocals. Sit back, relax and enjoy some toe-tapping favourites from all the big musicals.

This year we have two shows, the first on Saturday, August 18th at 7:30 p.m., and then another on Sunday 19th August at 2.30pm both held at the stunning Glen Eden Playhouse Theatre, 15 Glendale Road. Auckland.

If you are planning to come to the Sunday afternoon show the RSA next door is offering a special \$19.50 Sunday Lunch Deal for concert patrons. Give them a call on 09 818 4219 to prebook a table between 12 and 2 pm perfectly timed for a preconcert meal.

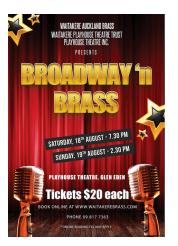
Concert tickets are \$20 each and can be booked online at www.waitakerebrass.com or phone Tracey on 09 817 7363 to reserve your seats. Enquiries can also be emailed to tracey@waitakerebrass.com







DIARY DATES



ABA CONTEST 23 SEPTEMBER



XMAS CONCERT 9 DECEMBER - 3PM



Facebook Post leads to a chance meeting with Prime Minister

"Anyone know any local musicians?" was the question posted on a local Facebook page.

That post led to our Waitakere Auckland Brass quintet performing at the official celebration for the re-opening of the Mount Albert town centre. The event held in May was to celebrate a significant revamp of the area making the town centre more pedestrian and cyclist friendly.

The event was well attended by local politicians including the Mayor of Auckland, Phil Goff, and the Albert-Eden Local Board members who were responsible for driving the project.

Also in attendance was one of the band's newly-elected patrons who has several other roles including MP for Mount Albert, Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage, and, of course, Prime Minister, the lovely Jacinda Ardern.

As you would expect for someone so important, Jacinda didn't have much time to stand around and chat but we were able to squeeze in a quick photo opportunity and an invitation to our next concert!











