

CORNWALL YOUTH BRASS BAND

TRIPLE CONCERT SEASON.

When the sixty young Musicians of The Cornwall Youth Brass Band gather for their Christmas Residential Course on December 27th at Truro High School for Girls they will be commencing four days of concentrated rehearsals in preparation for three high profile Concerts. These start with the end of Course Gala Concert at St Michael's Church, Newquay at 7pm on December 30th.

During the Course they will under the baton of their Guest Conductor Dr Robert Childs, Musical Director of the Cory Band, the World Champion Brass Band and will be working on a selection of challenging original and popular brass band music. This will include Penlee by Simon Dobson, which the Cornwall Youth Brass Band commissioned in 2008 and which has made an extraordinary impact on the brass band movement following its first performance by the Band. It portrays Simon's heartfelt musical reaction to the Penlee Lifeboat disaster of 1981 and has received many performances including its choice as a test piece for the Swiss and American National Brass Band Championships.

They will also play music by such noted composers as Derek Bourgeois and Edward Gregson as well as Paul Patterson's test piece Countdown which was written in 1975 for The National Youth Brass Championships. Composer Philip Harper will be represented by The Kingdom of Dragons which was commissioned by The Greater Gwent Youth Brass Band last year. The Cornwall Youth Brass Band will play this at a joint Concert with the Gwent Band at the prestigious Festival of Brass at The Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester on January 30th 2011.

This long established Annual Festival features the very top brass bands in the world playing only original music written for brass band. This is the first occasion on which Youth Brass Bands have been invited to take part and the combined Cornwall and Gwent Youth Bands will number over 120 Musicians and will be conducted by Dr Robert Childs.

For last of their three Concerts the Cornwall Youth Brass Band will be appearing back in Cornwall at The Hall for Cornwall on February 12th as part of the Miller Countrywide Best of Brass Charity Concerts 2011.

All in Cornwall involved with the Band give their services for the benefit of the talented young musicians with the monthly Rehearsals in preparation for the Course and Concerts being undertaken by the Band's Team of local Tutors led by Music Co-ordinator Brian Minear.

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