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EISTEDDFOD BANDS & ORCHESTRAS MAKE TRIUMPHANT RETURN

The Australian National Eisteddfod's Bands & Orchestras event made a fantastic return to live format on May 25-31.

"It's great to be back performing live" captured the spirit of the event and its participants (around 2,000 members in 70 bands, orchestras and ensembles).

A highlight of the event was the Open Concert and Brass Bands in Llewellyn Hall on Friday 26 May.

Canberra Brass, Canberra City Band and John Agnew Band were all given Platinum awards for outstanding performances (for the first time Open age sections were non-competitive).

Canberra Brass, directed by Veronica Boulton, used their 20 minutes well to perform a variety of works – from an arrangement of Winter (from Vivaldi's Four Seasons) to the 1940s Yes Indeed! spiritual which included the band singing and a work written by a member of the band, Gypsy Cook.

Canberra City Band, conducted by Shilong Ye, performed the third suite of Folksongs for Band by David Stanhope, which are dedicated to the memory of Percy Grainger.

John Agnew Band performed three contrasting pieces, under the baton of Jenna Hinton.

Ginninderra Wind Orchestra and the Hunter School of the Performing Arts Senior and Junior Concert Bands received Gold Awards in the A, B and C grade Open Concert Bands respectively, and Victoria Street Brass Silver in Open B Grade Brass Bands.

The main Adjudicator, Dr Jemima Bunn from Melbourne, was impressed with the repertoire chosen and overall standard. Over the 68 groups taking part there were 9 Platinum awards, 32 Gold and 28 Silver. She reflected on what an amazing opportunity the Eisteddfod offers as a vibrant and exciting event supporting youth and community music in and around Canberra.

For further information, photo opportunities and interviews please contact: Simon Best (Event Director); 0403 827303; simon@nationaleisteddfod.org.au



Canberra City Band, and Canberra Brass, Platinum awards in Open A Grade Concert and Brass Bands



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2023 BANDS & ORCHESTRAS RESULTS

Section B 161– 16 Years & Under Jazz Bands (Grade B)

Minimum of 8 players – Own choice item: 8 minutes

1. Lyneham High School Intermediate Jazz Band - GOLD
2. Canberra Grammar School Jazz Ensemble - GOLD
3. Campbell High School Year 8 Band - SILVER
4. Canberra High School Jazz Band – SILVER and KAAREN TALTY JAZZ ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD
5. Radford College Little Big Band - GOLD
6. Gold Creek School Senior School Jazz Band – GOLD
7. Lyneham High School Senior Jazz Band - SILVER
8. Campbell High School Senior Band - GOLD

Section B 162– 16 Years & Under Jazz Bands (Grade A)

Minimum of 8 players – Own choice item: 12 minutes

1. Telopea Park School Jazz Empire - SILVER

Section B 181 – 18 Years & Under Jazz Bands (Grade B)

Minimum of 8 players – Own choice item: 8 minutes

1. Canberra Grammar School Big Band - GOLD
2. Daramalan College Jazz Band - SILVER
3. Radford College Big Band - SILVER
4. Hawker College Band - SILVER

B 001 Open Jazz Bands Grade B

Minimum of 10 players – Own choice item: 12 minutes

1. Sonus Big Band – PLATINUM
2. ANU Music Society Big Band - GOLD

B 002 Open Jazz Bands Grade A

Minimum of 10 players – Own choice item: 12 minutes

1. Twilight Jazz Band - PLATINUM

Section B 003 – Open Concert Bands (Grade C)

Minimum of 10 players – Own choice item: 15 minutes

1. John Agnew Band - PLATINUM
2. Hunter School of the Performing Arts Junior Concert Band - GOLD



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Section B 007 – Open Brass Bands (Grade B)

Minimum of 10 players – Own choice item: 20 minutes

1. Victoria Street Brass - SILVER

Section B 004 – Open Concert Bands (Grade B)

Minimum of 10 players – Own choice item: 20 minutes

1. Hunter School of the Performing Arts Senior Concert Band - GOLD

Section B 005 – Open Concert Bands (Grade A)

Minimum of 10 players – Own choice item: 20 minutes

1. Ginninderra Wind Orchestra – GOLD
2. Canberra City Band - PLATINUM

Section B 008 – Open Brass Bands (Grade A)

Minimum of 10 players – Own choice item: 20 minutes

1. Canberra Brass - PLATINUM

Section B 141 – 14 Years & Under Concert Bands (Grade B)

Minimum of 10 players – Own choice item: 8 minutes

1. Telopea Park School Year 7 Band - GOLD
2. Radford College Gershwin Concert Band - SILVER

Section B 163– 16 Years & Under Concert Bands (Grade C)

Minimum of 10 players – Own choice item: 10 minutes

1. Young Music Society Concert Band – SILVER
2. Canberra Grammar School Barrett Concert Band - PLATINUM
3. Daramalan College Junior Concert Band - GOLD
4. Hunter School of the Performing Arts Junior Concert Band - PLATINUM

Section B 164 – 16 Years & Under Concert Bands (Grade B)

1. Telopea Park School Wind Ensemble B (Grade B) - GOLD
2. Canberra Grammar School Middleton Concert Band - GOLD

Section B 165 – 16 Years & Under Concert Bands (Grade A)

Minimum of 10 players – Own choice item: 12 minutes

1. Telopea Park School Wind Ensemble (Grade A) - SILVER

Section B 183 – 18 Years & Under Concert Bands (Grade C)

Minimum of 10 players – Own choice item: 10 minutes

1. James Sheahan Catholic High School Concert Band - GOLD



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Section B 184 – 18 Years & Under Concert Bands (Grade B)

Minimum of 10 players – Own choice item: 10 minutes

1. Radford College Bernstein Symphonic Wind Ensemble - GOLD
2. Hunter School of the Performing Arts Senior Concert Band - GOLD
3. Canberra Grammar School Fischer Concert Band - PLATINUM
4. Epping Boys High School Concert Band - SILVER

Section B 185 – 18 Years & Under Concert Bands (Grade A)

Minimum of 10 players – Own choice item: 12 minutes

1. Canberra Girls Grammar School Empire Concert Band - SILVER

Section B 187 - 18 Years & Under String Orchestras

Minimum of 10 players – Own choice item: 8 minutes

1. Epping Boys High School String Orchestra – PLATINUM
2. Hunter School of the Performing Arts String Orchestra - SILVER
3. Canberra Grammar School Senior School String Orchestra – SILVER
4. Daramalan College String Ensemble - SILVER

Section B 010 – Open Ensembles

Minimum of 4 players – Own choice item: 20 minutes

1. Epping Boys High School Senior Jazz Ensemble (Open Ensembles) - GOLD

Section B 167 – 16 Years & Under Ensembles

Minimum of 10 players – Own choice item: 8 minutes

1. James Sheahan String Ensemble - SILVER
2. Daramalan College Small Jazz Ensemble - GOLD

Section B 008 – Open String Orchestras

Minimum of 10 players – Own choice item: 20 minutes

1. Hunter School of the Performing Arts String Orchestra – GOLD
2. Canberra Grammar School Senior Chamber Strings - GOLD

Section B 009 – Open Orchestras

Minimum of 10 players – Own choice item: 20 minutes

1. Epping Boys High School Orchestra - SILVER



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Section B HS1 – ACT High School Bands (Beginner)

Minimum of 10 players – Own choice item: 8 minutes

Players must attend the same school and predominantly have playing experience of 7 months.

1. Lyneham High School Year 7 Beginner Concert Band - GOLD
2. Campbell High School Year 7 Beginner Band - GOLD
3. Gold Creek Secondary School Beginner Band - GOLD

Section B HS2 – ACT High School Bands (Novice)

Minimum of 10 players – Own choice item: 10 minutes

Players must attend the same school and predominantly have playing experience of 1 year.

1. Harrison School Senior Band - GOLD
2. Brindabella Christian College Intermediate Band - GOLD
3. Campbell High School Year 7 Band - GOLD
4. Melba Copland Secondary School Year 7 Band – SILVER
5. Lyneham High School Year 7 Concert Band - SILVER

Section B HS3 – ACT High School Bands (Intermediate)

Minimum of 10 players – Own choice item: 10 minutes

Players must attend the same school and predominantly have playing experience of 2-3 years.

1. Lyneham High School Year 8 Concert Band - SILVER
2. Canberra High Year 8 Band - GOLD
3. Melba Copland Secondary School Concert Band – SILVER
4. Gold Creek School Secondary School Y7-10 Band – SILVER AND MASLING ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD
5. Brindabella Christian College Senior Band - SILVER

Section B HS4 – ACT High School Bands (Advanced)

Minimum of 10 players – Own choice item: 12 minutes

Players must attend the same school and predominantly have playing experience of 3-4 years.

1. Lyneham High School Year 9 Concert Band - GOLD
2. Canberra High School Senior Band - SILVER





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Section B HS5 – ACT High School/College Bands (Advanced)

Minimum of 10 players – Own choice item: 12 minutes

Players must attend the same high school/college.

1. Lyneham High School Year 10 Concert Band - GOLD

Section B PS1 - Primary School Age Bands

Minimum of 8 players – Own choice item: 8 minutes

1. Maribyrnong School Year 6 Woodwind Band - GOLD
2. Canberra Girls Grammar School Bandicoot Concert Band - GOLD
3. Kingsford Smith/Latham Combined Year 6 Band - SILVER
4. Gold Creek School Year 6 Band – SILVER
5. Canberra Grammar School Primary Concert Band (by recording) – SILVER



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