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BANDS AND ORCHESTRAS COME TOGETHER FOR SUCCESSFUL EISTEDDFOD

The Australian National Eisteddfod's Bands & Orchestras event, which took place from May 30 to June 2, was a great success.

Around 2,750 musicians, primarily youths, took part in 83 groups (concert, school and jazz bands, orchestras and ensembles).

A highlight of the event was the Open Concert and Brass Bands in Llewellyn Hall on Friday 31 May.

Ten Open age (adult) bands took part. The Adjudicator, Dr Joanne Heaton from Melbourne, commended groups on the high level of playing and achievements.

Four Open groups (Hunter School of the Performing Arts Junior Concert Band, Hunter Wind Ensemble, Ginninderra Wind Orchestra and Canberra City Band) received Platinum awards to recognise outstanding performances.

Awards were evenly spread over the event with 8 Platinum awards, 32 Gold, 31 Silver and 10 Bronze.

The Australian National Eisteddfod will continue in August and September with Piano, Singing, and Speech and Drama events.

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



*Ginninderra Wind Orchestra and Canberra City Band, Platinum awards in Open A Grade Concert Bands
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2024 BANDS & ORCHESTRAS RESULTS

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

Minimum of 8 players – Own choice item: 8 minutes

1. Campbell High School Year 8 Band - SILVER
2. Canberra High School Jazz Band – GOLD and Kaaren Talty Jazz Encouragement Award
3. Canberra Grammar School Jazz Ensemble – GOLD
4. Radford College Big Band - GOLD
5. Lyneham High School Intermediate Jazz Band - GOLD
6. Telopea Park School Jazz Empire - GOLD

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

Minimum of 8 players – Own choice item: 12 minutes

1. Campbell High School Senior Band – SILVER
2. Lyneham High School Senior Jazz Band - GOLD

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

Minimum of 8 players – Own choice item: 8 minutes

1. Hawker College Jazz Band - GOLD
2. Canberra Grammar School Big Band - PLATINUM
3. Radford College Stage Band - SILVER
4. St Francis Xavier College Jazz Band – SILVER

Section B 182 – 18 Years & Under Jazz Bands (Grade A)

Minimum of 8 players – Own choice item: 8 minutes

1. ACT Instrumental Music Program Jazz Band - GOLD

Section B 001 – Open Jazz Bands Grade B

Minimum of 10 players – Own choice item: 12 minutes

1. Prism - GOLD
2. Daramalan College Jazz Band - GOLD

Section B 002 – Open Jazz Bands Grade A

Minimum of 10 players – Own choice item: 12 minutes

1. Twilight Jazz Band – GOLD
2. Sonus Big Band – PLATINUM



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Section B 011 – Open Brass Bands (Grade C)

Minimum of 10 players – Own choice item: 15 minutes

1. Newbery Brass - SILVER

Section B 003 – Open Concert Bands (Grade C)

Minimum of 10 players – Own choice item: 15 minutes

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

Section B 004 – Open Concert Bands (Grade B)

Minimum of 10 players – Own choice item: 20 minutes

1. Hunter Wind Ensemble – PLATINUM
2. South Canberra Wind Orchestra - SILVER
3. Hunter School of the Performing Arts Senior Concert Band – GOLD

Section B 007 – Open Brass Bands (Grade B)

Minimum of 10 players – Own choice item: 20 minutes

1. Victoria Street Brass - SILVER

Section B 008 – Open Brass Bands (Grade A)

Minimum of 10 players – Own choice item: 20 minutes

1. Canberra Brass - GOLD

Section B 005 – Open Concert Bands (Grade A)

Minimum of 10 players – Own choice item: 20 minutes

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

Section B PS1 – Primary School Bands

Minimum of 10 players – Own choice item: 8 minutes

1. Canberra Grammar School Primary Concert Band - GOLD

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

Minimum of 10 players – Own choice item: 8 minutes

1. ACT Instrumental Music Program Primary Concert Band – GOLD
2. Marist College Year 7 Concert Band – SILVER
3. Radford College Gershwin Concert Band – BRONZE

Section B 142 – 14 Years & Under Concert Bands (Grade A)

Minimum of 10 players – Own choice item: 12 minutes

1. ACT Instrumental Music Program Junior Concert Band - GOLD



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

Minimum of 10 players – Own choice item: 8 minutes

1. Belconnen Musicians YMS Concert Band – BRONZE
2. Daramalan College Junior Concert Band - SILVER
3. Canberra Girls Grammar School Holst Concert Band - SILVER
4. Canberra Grammar School Barrett Concert Band - GOLD

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

1. Hunter School of the Performing Arts Junior Concert Band – GOLD
2. Canberra Grammar School Middleton Concert Band - GOLD

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

Minimum of 10 players – Own choice item: 10 minutes

1. Epping Boys High School Concert Band - SILVER

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

Minimum of 10 players – Own choice item: 10 minutes

1. Baulkham Hills High School Symphonic Wind Orchestra - SILVER
2. Hunter School of the Performing Arts Senior Concert Band - GOLD
3. Radford College Bernstein Symphonic Wind Ensemble - SILVER
4. Canberra Grammar School Fischer Concert Band – GOLD
5. Daramalan College Senior Concert Band - SILVER

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

Minimum of 10 players – Own choice item: 12 minutes

1. Baulkham Hills High School Senior Wind – SILVER
2. ACT Instrumental Music Program Senior Concert Band – GOLD

Section B 166 - 16 Years & Under Orchestras

Minimum of 10 players – Own choice item: 8 minutes

1. Canberra Grammar School Primary String Orchestra – SILVER
2. Radford College Elgar String Orchestra – GOLD
3. ACT Instrumental Music Program String Ensemble – BRONZE
4. Radford College Vivaldi String Orchestra – SILVER
5. Canberra Girls Grammar School Sutherland Orchestra – GOLD



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Section B 186 - 18 Years & Under Orchestras

Minimum of 10 players – Own choice item: 12 minutes

1. Baulkham Hills High School Orchestra – SILVER

Section B 187 - 18 Years & Under String Orchestras

Minimum of 10 players – Own choice item: 8 minutes

1. Hunter School of the Performing Arts String Orchestra - SILVER
2. Baulkham Hills High School String Ensemble – GOLD
3. Canberra Grammar School Senior String Orchestra - SILVER

Section B 008 – Open String Orchestras

Minimum of 10 players – Own choice item: 20 minutes

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

Section B 009 – Open Orchestras

Minimum of 10 players – Own choice item: 20 minutes

1. Epping Boys High School Orchestra - SILVER

Section B 010 – Open Ensembles

Minimum of 4 players – Own choice item: 20 minutes

1. Daramalan College String Ensemble - 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 - BRONZE
2. Telopea Park School Beginner Concert Band - BRONZE

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. Mount Stromlo High School Junior Band – GOLD AND MASLING ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD
2. Canberra High School Year 8 Band – SILVER
3. Gold Creek School Combined Band – SILVER
4. Telopea Park School Year 7 Wind Ensemble – BRONZE
5. Campbell High School Year 7 Band - SILVER
6. Brindabella Christian College Intermediate Band - BRONZE
7. Harrison School Senior Band - SILVER
8. Lyneham High School Year 7 Concert Band - GOLD

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. St Francis Xavier College Senior Band – BRONZE
2. Brindabella Christian College Senior Band - SILVER
3. Telopea Park School Wind Ensemble - SILBER
4. Lyneham High School Year 8 Concert Band - GOLD
5. Canberra High Senior Band - GOLD
6. Melba Copland Secondary School Band – BRONZE
7. Mount Stromlo High School Senior Band - GOLD
8. UC High School Kaleen Concert Band - SILVER





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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. Telopea Park School Year 9/10 Senior Wind Ensemble - BRONZE
2. Lyneham High School Year 9 Concert Band - GOLD

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 - PLATINUM



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