

# 2021 Festival of Brass

Christchurch Town Hall complex  
14 to 18 July 2021



The Festival of Brass contest committee is delighted to welcome all bands, soloists, and supporters to Christchurch for the 2021 National Brass Band Championships. We are very excited to have secured the best performance venue in New Zealand for this event, namely the restored Christchurch Town Hall, right in the heart of the city.

From the moment you walk into the foyer of this iconic building, you will know you're at the best band contest around. Meet and greet your banding friends, cruise the trade stands before popping into one of the many performance venues all under one roof.

Such great venues deserve large audiences to enjoy your performance. Therefore all events, other than the Invitation Slow Melody and Sunday concert, are free of charge. Yes – FREE! So there is no reason why all bands can't have a full hall to play to.

Special contest events have been given a Christchurch twist. The Invitation Slow Melody on Wednesday evening will have table seating in front of the stage where groups can relax with a drink in hand while listening to beautiful melodies. The Open Champion of Champions on Thursday evening is now a free event. And contest week will finish off with a fantastic concert experience – **Contrasts in Brass**: the virtuosity of the National Band and the versatility of the New Zealand Army Band.

There is plenty to explore in and around our revitalised city for those of you who like to step outside of the contest venue. The contest committee is delighted to be partnered with ChristchurchNZ. Check out their website to discover all the Christchurch and Canterbury has to offer. <https://www.christchurchnz.com/>



So, are you excited yet?

If you need local advice on accommodation or practise halls – contact Stephen Leader [leader14@slingshot.co.nz](mailto:leader14@slingshot.co.nz) 027 687 7193

If you or your business would like to advertise in the contest programme or secure a trade stand - contact Graham Hickman [GRAHAM.HICKMAN@NZDF.mil.nz](mailto:GRAHAM.HICKMAN@NZDF.mil.nz) 021 189 5756

And if you have any questions about the contest in general, please contact our BBANZ Contest Manager – Helen Lee [bbanzeo@gmail.com](mailto:bbanzeo@gmail.com) 029 770 4588

We can't wait to see you all at the Christchurch Town Hall in July.