



## **Brass Band Association of New Zealand Inc.**

### **2023 National Youth Brass Band - application information**

Brass and percussion players under the age of 23 years at the start of the course on 15 January 2023 are invited to apply to be a member of the 2023 National Youth Brass Band. Applicants must be a registered member of a band affiliated with BBANZ. The Musical Director is Tyme Marsters, Christchurch, Assistant Musical Director is Phil Johnston, Christchurch, and the Band Manager is Emily Richards, Wellington. The guest soloist is Nic Scott, tuba player extraordinaire.

Interested players are requested to fill in the application form and return it along with a recorded audition to Emily Richards no later than **5.00pm on Saturday 3 September 2022**.

#### **Course information:**

The 2023 National Youth Brass Band is expected to convene in Christchurch on Sunday 15 January 2023. The course will include a lunchtime outdoor concert in Christchurch on Wednesday 18 January (weather permitting) and then be followed by a short concert tour, with the first concert in Westport on Thursday 19 January, a concert in Blenheim on Friday 20 January and the final concert in Christchurch on Saturday 21 January. The band will disperse from Christchurch on Sunday 22 January.

A course fee will be set, and must be paid in full to BBANZ by Friday 6 January 2023. It is expected that this fee will be approximately \$600. Band members are to arrange and pay for their own travel to and from the course.

#### **Audition requirements:**

Please introduce yourself at the start of your audition, and ensure your audition is recorded specifically for your 2023 NYBB application – do not send recordings of other performances.

#### **Brass players**

##### **There are three parts to your audition:**

1. The set study
2. The set excerpt(s)
3. An own choice piece that is no longer than 90 seconds to show your sound, range and technical abilities. This can be made up of different parts of one/multiple pieces but it must not go over 90 seconds in total

#### **Percussion players**

##### **There are five parts to your audition:**

1. Four set excerpts, one on each of the following instruments:
  - a. Timpani
  - b. Snare Drum
  - c. Mallets (played on either xylophone, marimba or vibraphone)
  - d. Drum kit (there are two options available, please select one)
2. An own choice piece on your preferred instrument that is no longer than 90 seconds

**The set works can be accessed here – please make sure you play the correct study and excerpts for the instrument on which you are auditioning:**

Brass players: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/5n0byh0g0olehic/AAAn4j3JzRkDLwntJpnO4BWCa?dl=0>

Percussion

players: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/iacfsjivugiat2x/AAAFRMhLgC21CBAgMUMsUEzza?dl=0>

### **Technical requirements and submitting your audition**

Please record with a decent recording device, as using an iPhone or similar may hide the true qualities of your playing. We would prefer your auditions to be uploaded to Google Drive. Upload your video to a folder (especially if it is multiple files) and share that folder with [nybb2023@gmail.com](mailto:nybb2023@gmail.com)

If you have any issues accessing the set pieces, email Emily Richards at [nybb2023@gmail.com](mailto:nybb2023@gmail.com)

Alternatively you can post a USB stick with your application to Emily Richards, 148 Tinakori Road, Thorndon, Wellington 6011. This will need to arrive by the Saturday 3 September deadline.

We recommend you do not email your audition as the quality of the recording is significantly reduced when sent via email, and may not show your performance at its best.

**Audition recordings must be in either .avi, .mov or .mp4 formats, no other format is acceptable.**

The application form is to be completed in full and be accompanied by a letter of recommendation from the Musical Director of your current band.

Please note that there is a blank form available on Dropbox (in the folder with the set work) for the Musical Director of your current band to complete – it is preferred that the letter of recommendation is completed on this form.

Please have this recommendation emailed to [nybb2023@gmail.com](mailto:nybb2023@gmail.com) or posted to Emily Richards at 148 Tinakori Road, Thorndon, Wellington 6011.

Your auditions, application form and letter of recommendation must all be received by **5.00pm on Saturday 3 September 2022**



## Brass Band Association of New Zealand Inc.

### 2023 National Youth Brass Band - application form

Full Name:	Date of birth:
Residential address:	
Postal address: if different from residential	
Mobile phone:	Email address:
Email address for parent/caregiver if you are under 18:	
Next of kin name and contact phone number:	
<b>EITHER</b> Place and year of study (and subject, if at university):	
<b>OR</b> Occupation (if not studying):	

Instrument/s you are seeking selection on:
BBANZ member band you are registered with:
Current position/seat in your registered band:
Tutor/s from whom you currently receive tuition (name and contact number):

Have you completed any performance grades/exams for the instrument/s you are seeking selection on? Please provide the name of the examining institution and highest qualification received.

Have you completed any theory performance grades/exams? Please provide the name of the examining institution and highest qualification received.

List your previous representative band experience, including the years you participated: (NYBB, NYO, NSSBB, National Youth Jazz Band etc)

List your solo or ensemble placing for the previous two National Contests:

List your solo or ensemble placing for the previous two District Contests:

Tell us about any other musical experience you have had: (Other instruments you play with confidence, school/community music groups you belong to, compositions you have written etc.)

**Referee:**

Please provide contact details of someone who we can contact as a character reference for you. This should not be a family member, but should be someone who knows you well. Please make sure you have asked them to act as your referee.

Name:

Organisation:

Role/position:

Email:

Phone number:

**Applicants Agreement:**

I hereby agree, if selected, to abide by the rules of the Brass Band Association of New Zealand Inc. and the Code of Conduct that applies to the band and to pay the course fee by the due date.

Signed by applicant:

Date:

And those applicants under the age of 18 also require parental consent Parental or Caregiver Consent

I hereby give consent to the above applicant becoming a member of the 2023 NYBB should he/she be selected.

Signed by Parent/Caregiver:

Date:

Name of Parent/Caregiver:

**Application checklist: Must be received no later than 5.00pm on Saturday 3 September 2022.**

- The application form is completed in full including referee contact details
- A letter of recommendation from the Musical Director of my current band is enclosed, or
- Will be emailed to the Band Manager at [nybb2023@gmail.com](mailto:nybb2023@gmail.com)
- My audition recording is enclosed on USB in .mov, .avi or .mp4 format, or
- My audition has been uploaded to Google Drive in .mov, .avi or .mp4 format and I have advised [nybb2023@gmail.com](mailto:nybb2023@gmail.com)
- I undertake to ensure my course fee is paid by the due date of 6 January 2023