

BRASS (to be run alongside Woodwind)

Adjudicator: Rachel Gregory FTCL,LTCL
Venue:
Dates: Saturday 27th February 2027

Closing date for entries: 14 November 2026
 Enter online at <https://pfpa.org.uk/>
 or if wishing to submit a paper form, please email woodwind@pfpa.org.uk



Rachel studied recorder and viol with Carl Dolmetsch and harpsichord with Ruth Dyson.

She is on the visiting panel of conductors of the Society of Recorder Players and performs regularly, as soloist and with The Classical Music Company and the Dolmetsch Concertante. As well as making recordings, she has broadcast on radio and television.

In addition to teaching in schools, privately, at summer schools, both in the UK and Europe, weekend courses and one day workshops, she is increasingly in demand as an adjudicator for the British and International Federation of Festivals.

Rachel lives in Hampshire and has two adult sons.

Joint Heads of Section - Gemma Billington & Jen Flatman

The Incorporated Society of Musicians' Award

will be presented for the best communicated performance (ages 13 to 18 years) in this section.

The Woods Trophy

will be presented for the most promising performance (ages 12 & under) in this section.

**All performers are encouraged to give a short introduction to their piece(s).
 Adults are encouraged to participate in all classes.**

The brass section will be run alongside woodwind for 2027, but will be adjudicated separately.

EXAMINATION MUSIC

Own choice of one piece chosen from any current examination syllabus - to be accompanied unless specifically written as an unaccompanied piece. This is an excellent opportunity for players about to take an examination.

Br1	Pre-grade 1	Time limit 2 mins (A)	Br4	Grades 5-6	Time limit 6 mins (B)
Br2	Grades 1-2	Time limit 3 mins (A)	Br5	Grades 7-8	Time limit 8 mins (B)
Br3	Grades 3-4	Time limit 4 mins (B)	Br6	Post-grade 8	Time limit 10 mins (C)

OWN CHOICE OF ONE PIECE or MOVEMENT

Performers may be accompanied on the piano or another brass instrument played by a teacher/adult (pupil teacher duet).

Br7	Pre-grade 1	Time limit 2 mins (A)	Br10	Grades 5-6	Time limit 6 mins (B)
Br8	Grades 1-2	Time limit 3 mins (A)	Br11	Grades 7-8	Time limit 8 mins (B)
Br9	Grades 3-4	Time limit 4 mins (B)	Br12	Post-grade 8	Time limit 10 mins (C)

JAZZ, SWING & RAGTIME

Own choice of one piece. Can be accompanied on the piano or use backing tracks.

Br13	Pre-grade 1	Time limit 2 mins (A)	Br16	Grades 5-6	Time limit 6 mins (B)
Br14	Grades 1-2	Time limit 3 mins (A)	Br17	Grades 7-8	Time limit 8 mins (B)
Br15	Grades 3-4	Time limit 4 mins (B)	Br18	Post-grade 8	Time limit 10 mins (C)

UNACCOMPANIED SOLO

Own choice of one or two movements of a piece specifically written for solo instrument.

Br19	Pre-grade 1	Time limit 2 mins (A)	Br22	Grades 5-6	Time limit 6 mins (B)
Br20	Grades 1-2	Time limit 3 mins (A)	Br23	Grades 7-8	Time limit 8 mins (B)
Br21	Grades 3-4	Time limit 4 mins (B)	Br24	Post-grade 8	Time limit 10 mins (C)

SONATA

Own choice of part or all of a sonata.

Br25 Open

Time limit 15 mins (D)

CONCERTO / CONCERTINO

One or two movements, or a piece originally written for performance with orchestra.

Br26 Grades 6-7 Time limit 8 mins (B)**Br28 Post-grade 8** Time limit 12 mins (C)**Br27 Grade 8** Time limit 10 mins (C)**RECITAL CLASS**

Own choice of a group of two or more contrasting pieces. The programme can include a mixture of accompanied pieces (piano or another Brass instrument) and unaccompanied pieces. Please aim for a balanced programme of music of different styles. Performers will be adjudicated on their programme choice, dress and presentation as well as their performance. This is an excellent opportunity to perform your pieces in preparation for an upcoming exam.

Br29 Pre-grade 1 - Grade 1 Time limit 8 mins (B)**Br32 Grades 6-7** Time limit 20 mins (E)**Br30 Grades 2-3** Time limit 10 mins (C)**Br33 Grades 8-8+** Time limit 25 mins (E)**Br31 Grades 4-5** Time limit 15 mins (D)**PUPIL TEACHER DUETS**

Own choice of one piece. Duets can be accompanied or unaccompanied. Only the pupil will be adjudicated

Br34 Pre-grade 1 Time limit 2 mins (A)**Br37 Grades 5-6** Time limit 6 mins (B)**Br35 Grades 1-2** Time limit 3 mins (A)**Br38 Grades 7-8** Time limit 8 mins (B)**Br36 Grades 3-4** Time limit 4 mins (B)**Br39 Post-grade 8** Time limit 10 mins (C)**DUETS, TRIOS AND QUARTETS**Own choice of one piece. Duets can be accompanied or unaccompanied. At least one performer must be a Brass Player.**Br40 Pre-grade 1** Time limit 2 mins (A)**Br43 Grades 5-6** Time limit 6 mins (B)**Br41 Grades 1-2** Time limit 3 mins (A)**Br44 Grades 7-8** Time limit 8 mins (B)**Br42 Grades 3-4** Time limit 4 mins (B)**Br45 Post-grade 8** Time limit 10 mins (C)**ENSEMBLES OF 5 OR MORE PERFORMERS**

Ensemble should include at least two Brass performers. Own choice of one to three pieces or movements. Please state exact time on the entry form.

Br46 Under 11 years (F)**Br47 11 -18 years (F)****BRASS BANDS / WIND BANDS / SWING BANDS / JAZZ BANDS****PLEASE NOTE for ALL BAND CLASSES:**

- You are asked to state on your entry form the number of players in your band and the name of your Musical Director. Please remember to do this as it helps with planning.
- No programme alterations will be permitted after submission.
- Bands entering the youth section must only include players in full-time education.
- Own choice of pieces. MDs are respectfully advised to build a programme which shows off their players to their best advantage and which offers a variety of styles to the audience.
- Mixed instrumentation is permitted.
- Please remember to bring an extra copy of your scores for the adjudicator's use.
- If enough bands of the same category enter the festival, the class will be divided.
- Each band is entitled to 1 helper (given free entry to the performance) per 20 performers. Stickers will be issued for the helpers on the morning of the band class day.

NB: Each Band is encouraged to include in its programme a soloist from within the Band, accompanied by the Band. An award will be made to the best soloist in each class.

Br48 Youth Bands Time limit 10-15 minsAll players to be in full-time education and aged 19 years and under on 1st January 2027.**Br49 Mixed Ages** Time limit 10-15 mins

Players of any age

Br50 Adults Time limit 10-15 mins

All players to be aged 19 years and over