



**THE BAND ASSOCIATION
OF NEW SOUTH WALES, INC.**

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CALL FOR AUDITIONS

2012 NSW STATE YOUTH CONCERT BAND

For the first time in over 20 years, the Band Association of NSW will be establishing a representative State Youth Band for 2012. The band will be a full size symphonic wind ensemble. Plans for a Brass Band in 2014 are well under way.

The 2012 ensemble will rehearse at an intensive 5-day camp in the July school holidays, culminating in a premier performance. The group will then reassemble in the first week of the September holidays for a regional NSW tour. Performances will be held in the Riverina, Central West/Tablelands and Hunter districts, and also Canberra and Sydney.

The repertoire will feature challenging works by Johan DeMeij, Percy Grainger, Frank Ticheli, Greg Butcher and Eric Whitaker.

**James Brice B.Ed (Music), L.Mus A, A.Mus A
Musical Director**

The 2012 Youth Band will be directed by James Brice. With 20 years professional teaching, performing and conducting experience, James is a highly sought after conductor, educator and adjudicator, throughout Australia. James' current achievements can be viewed on the Band NSW website.

AUDITIONS

Auditions will be held in Sydney and regional areas as required, in November and December 2012.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO AUDITION FOR 2012

All applicants must be a member of a registered NSW band.

Woodwind, Brass and Percussion players
Age 14 to 21 years old
(age as at 30 September 2012)

Minimum playing ability of AMEB Grade 6 or equivalent.

AUDITION REQUIREMENTS

Auditions will take approximately 10 minutes.

Applicants are to prepare the following:

- Two short contrasting pieces for their audition presentation. Dependent on the length and nature of the piece the entire pieces may/ may not be heard.
- Applicants will also be required to demonstrate confidence and fluency in the presentation of Technical work. Applicants are to prepare 12 Major Scales on their chosen instrument.
- Applicants will be required to perform a short extract of 'Sight reading' taken from the proposed repertoire for their instrument.

Proposed ENSEMBLE REQUIREMENTS (55 members)

- 6 x Flutes with one doubling on Piccolo
- 2 x Oboes with one doubling on Cor Anglais.
- 10 x Bb Clarinets with one doubling on Eb Clarinet
- 1 x Bass Clarinet
- 4 x Alto Saxophones with one doubling on Soprano Saxophone
- 2 x Tenor Saxophones
- 1 x Baritone Saxophone
- 1 x Bassoon
- 7 x Trumpets with one doubling on cornet and flugel horn
- 4 x French Horns
- 4 x Tenor Trombones
- 1 x Bass Trombone
- 2 x Euphoniums
- 4 x Tubas
- 6 x Percussionists

PLAYER FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION

\$400 per player, contributing towards camp and tour costs

\$95 per player, uniform purchase (dress shirt, pants and polar fleece jacket)

Total player contribution: \$495

All meals provided at music camp, players may need to cover some meals on tour.

KEY DATES

November/December 2011 Auditions in Sydney and regional areas.

July School Holidays 2012 Proposed camp dates Mon 2 July – Fri 6 July

Sept School Holidays 2012 Rehearsal and NSW tour Mon 24 Sept - Sun 30 Sept



HOW TO APPLY

Application forms will be emailed to all registered NSW Bands and can also be obtained from the Band NSW website www.bandnsw.com

Or email bandnsw@tpg.com.au to request a form to be sent to you by email or post.

Return completed applications by post to:

Youth Band Manager
Band Association of NSW
P.O. Box 550
Jannali 2226

It would assist to expediate our audition scheduling if, prior to posting your original application, you could also scan and email your documents to: bandnsw@tpg.com.au

However please note that original documents must still be received by post by closing date.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY 28 OCTOBER 2011