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Membership Information

2011

ABOUT THE BRISBANE SYMPHONIC BAND

The Brisbane Symphonic Band (the Band) is one of Brisbane's premier community bands with origins that date back to 1976. The Band regularly performs in own series concerts, at local and international festivals and as part of the Brisbane City Council's Bands in the Park program.

The Band provides an opportunity for adult musicians in the Brisbane community to come together and share their enjoyment for performing music. With the current success and expansion of the Instrumental Music Program in Queensland schools, the Band also provides an opportunity for students to continue with their musical experience – even if music is not their chosen career path.

The Band is committed to providing the Brisbane community with opportunities to appreciate and experience live music.

OBJECTIVES OF THE BRISBANE SYMPHONIC BAND

The Band's constitution states that the main objectives of the Band are:

- to promote and foster scholarship, interest, enthusiasm and social welfare of people in the playing and appreciation of music;
- to promote and present public concerts;
- to establish, provide and maintain facilities which are calculated to implement the Band's objectives;
- to hire, lease, purchase, sell, construct, maintain and repair buildings, premises, amenities, musical instruments and music publications for the use and benefit of all the Band; and
- to raise money according to the Band objectives.

VISION OF THE BRISBANE SYMPHONIC BAND

Working together to perform quality music for the benefit and enjoyment of our members and the community

REHEARSALS

Swing Band: Wednesday, 6:00pm to 7:30pm.

Symphonic Band: Wednesday, 7:40pm to 9:40pm.

Both rehearsals take place at the Trinity Wilston Uniting Church Hall on the corner of Kedron Brook Rd and Hawdon Street, Wilston.

UNIFORM

Outdoor or informal uniform:

- Band Polo shirt – purchased from band;
- Black trousers or skirt – supplied by member;
- Black shoes & socks/stockings – supplied by member; and
- Drizabone or bomber jacket – supplied by band for cold weather.

Formal uniform:

- As above, except for a long sleeved black shirt instead of the polo shirt.

WET WEATHER PROTOCOL

Members should note that in the event that a performance is to be cancelled due to rain, or any other circumstances, members will be advised by SMS and/or email up to one hour before the scheduled call time. Unless such a notification is received, members should consider that the performance will be going ahead.

Members should ensure that their contact details are up-to-date so they are able to be contacted under these circumstances.

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

It is expected that members of the Band will:

- Undertake regular home practice to ensure the most effective use of rehearsal time;
- Consistently attend rehearsals and performances. In particular, members intending to play at a concert must attend the last two rehearsals before the performance;
- Provide the Attendance Secretary, Musical Director and/or Swing Band Leader with sufficient notice of their inability to attend a performance or rehearsal, except where unforeseen or emergency circumstances exist, by sending an email to absent@brisbanesymphonicband.com;
- Provide sufficient notification in writing, where possible, to the Secretary, Attendance Secretary, Musical Director and/or Swing Band Leader of any absence greater than 4 weeks;
- Behave in a manner which maintains or enhances the reputation and image of the Band and is respectful, courteous and considerate to all others;
- Provide assistance with fund raising, publicising concerts and events, setting up before and packing up after concerts and rehearsals, library working bees and the annual stocktake;
- Be responsible for any music which is issued to them; and
- Ensure they are properly dressed in the prescribed uniform (see above) and have the necessary items – including music – for every performance.

SUBSCRIPTION FEES

Annual subscription fees are payable to the Treasurer by the first week of March each year or within 4 weeks of a player's first attendance in any year. A \$10 late fee will be applicable for payments after these dates. Members who attend their first rehearsal

after 30 June or who are full-time students will pay half the annual subscription fees.

It should be noted that only financial members are:

- Covered by the Band's insurance policies;
- Able to vote at meetings of the Band;
- Able to attend and benefit from Band activities, such as camps, tours and tutorials.

Any queries regarding subscriptions, including issues of financial hardship, should be directed to the Treasurer or a member of the Management Committee (see below).

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Office bearers of the Band are elected at the Annual General Meeting in March each year. These office bearers form the band's Management Committee. A list of current committee members can be found on the band's website. Committee meetings are held on a monthly basis and all members are welcome and encouraged to attend. Members are also encouraged to speak to one or more of the committee members to raise any problems or make any suggestions or to give feedback.