

NEWSLETTER #1

Yamaha Australian National Band Championships—Brisbane 2019

AUGUST 2018

The countdown to September 1 has started..... keep your eye out for the announcement of all test pieces on the official Facebook site and www.nationalbandchampionships.com.au. Band and Solo/Ensemble Entries will also open on September 1. Entry forms will be available on the Nationals 2019 webpage above.



Brisbane City Hall



Main Auditorium



Ithaca Auditorium

Championship Schedule

Thursday 18 April—Solo and Ensembles—Conservatorium of Music
Friday 19 April—Brass Hymn and Test

Saturday 20 April—Parade of Bands, Concert Bands, Junior Brass
Sunday 21 April—Brass Own Choice and Stage March



Adjudicators



Chief Brass Adjudicator: Mr Steven Mead

Englishman Steven Mead (B.1962) needs no introduction to brass enthusiasts around the world as his playing and teaching have become known to virtually all who have a love for the instrument known as the euphonium.

As a soloist his career as a professional solo performer continues to break new ground. With over 75 solo performances a year his relentless schedule sees him touring almost constantly.

This remarkable solo career followed on from the successes he achieved as a member of several of the UK's leading brass bands. Nowadays he travels constantly and performs regularly with some of the finest brass, wind and symphonic ensembles in the world.

Chief Concert Adjudicator: Mr Patrick Pickett, CSM, M Mus, B Mus, FTCL, LRAM, ARCM, LTCL, ALCM

Patrick Pickett has been a leader, performer, conductor, artistic director, educator, fundraiser and business advisor within the arts in Australia and overseas for more than 40 years.

In 1985 Patrick was selected to attend the famed Royal Military School of Music, Kneller Hall in London where he completed the Bandmasters course. Whilst in London he completed Licentiate and Associate Diplomas in music at the Royal College of Music, the Royal Academy of Music and Trinity College of Music London where he was admitted as Fellow in Conducting in



Patrick was appointed Chief Executive Officer of the Queensland Symphony Orchestra in January 2009 and retired in July 2012. Prior to that appointment Patrick completed a 37 year career in the Australian Defence Force.

Accommodation in Brisbane CBD—There are many options for your band's accommodation in the Brisbane CBD. Ranging from apartment style to 5 star hotels, you will find one to suit your budget and most are within walking distance to the Brisbane City Hall. Look for the link to all CBD Hotels on the Yamaha National Band Championships Facebook page and check out some great deals being offered by Pullman-Mercure group on the Nationals webpage: www.nationalbandchampionships.com.au

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