

EYNSFORD CONCERT BAND

FEEL

THE

HEAT

MUSIC OF INTENSITY, FIRE AND PASSION.

DIRECTED BY

MIKE SMITH

SUNDAY 27TH APRIL 2025
THE SPACE, SEVENOAKS, KENT





WELCOME

A very warm welcome to this evening's concert!

Inspired by Mike Smith, our fabulous Music Director, *Feel the Heat* is set to fire you up for a musical expedition of intensity, fire and passion. The band has been preparing hard to do justice to the repertoire and have certainly felt more than a little warmth under the collar as they've got to grips with it. *From Out of Africa* to *Fever* and from *Dance with the Devil* to *Bat out of Hell*, you'll be getting the feel of what you're in for!

I am delighted that Composer David Hackbridge-Johnson is able to join us this evening. David is a long-standing friend of the band and tonight we premiere *The Alchemist's Lair*, specially written for and dedicated to the Band. We hope you enjoy it as you imagine dark caves filled with steam and bubbling cauldrons where the alchemist tries to create the illusive gold and all the riches it brings.

I am also grateful to members of the Tilbury Band who have joined us this evening to provide our bar service and help us sell programmes and raffle tickets. The Tilbury Band was founded in 1919 and, as a Brass and Contesting band, relies heavily on the generosity of its supporters to survive. Please can I encourage you to make full use of their services this evening to help them fund urgent repairs to their rehearsal rooms.

We last performed here at The SPACE in December for our joint Christmas Concert with the magnificent Kent Youth Wind Orchestra (KYWO). This was a wonderful concert, and we are delighted with the contribution we have been able to make in supporting young musicians engage with music.

To further this commitment, we recently hosted an Open Rehearsal Workshop for young musicians from across Kent, including many from KYWO and Kent Music. This was a great success with 21 young musicians joining 36 ECB members to spend a Sunday afternoon working through several challenging pieces that neither band or guests had seen before. A big thank you to Mike for leading us through this and to Sevenoaks Town Council for helping us fund it.

2025 is already proving to be another busy year for the band. In July, the band will set sail for the Fjords of Norway aboard Fred.Olsen's *Borealis* for a 5-night cruise that will include the band performing on a couple of evenings and hopefully (weather permitting) on deck during our journey home. Nearly 150 band members, friends and family have already booked to travel with us, so please do join us if you can.

We are grateful to Swanley Council for asking us to perform again at the Swanley Park Fireworks Concert on August Bank Holiday Friday, 22nd August from 6.30pm. This has become a regular and popular fixture for the band and something we look forward to each year.

On Saturday 1st November, we will return to Rochester Cathedral for a Festival of Remembrance to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the end of WWII. You can read more about what promises to be a poignant event in a very special setting, later in this programme.

This will be closely followed by our own Service of Remembrance, held at the Vine, Sevenoaks from 11.30am on Sunday 9th November.

..and then, before we know it, it will be Christmas and we'll be performing again in our tinsel, reindeer antlers and party hats!

I am so indebted to Mike and the band's members and committee for the time and effort that they put into each rehearsal, concert and band tour to make all of this possible - I don't think we can thank them enough. So, I really hope you enjoy this evening's concert and get to experience the intensity, fire and passion that all our members give to the band and these opportunities to perform for you.



Ian Page

Chairman, Eynsford Concert Band

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

CRUISE TO THE FJORDS OF NORWAY

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TUESDAY 29TH JULY 2025 FOR FIVE NIGHTS

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SWANLEY FIREWORKS CONCERT

SWANLEY PARK

FROM 6:30PM, FRIDAY 22ND AUGUST 2025

FREE ENTRY

“FESTIVAL OF REMEMBRANCE”

COMMEMORATING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF
WWII AND THE 85TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN

ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL

6:00PM, SATURDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2025

TICKETS: AVAILABLE LATER THIS YEAR

A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH, SEVENOAKS

4:00PM, SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2025

TICKETS: FREE ENTRY

“FESTIVITY”

THE SPACE – SEVENOAKS PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE

4:00PM, SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2025

TICKETS: TICKETS@EYNSFORDCONCERTBAND.CO.UK

PROGRAMME

Bright Shadow Fanfare

N Pinnno

The Speed of Heat

J Giroux

Spitfire Prelude

W Walton

Cadillac of the Skies

from Empire of The Sun

J Williams

Fever

Soloist: Sue Rivers

O Blackwell
E Cooley

Earth, Wind & Fire

M White

INTERVAL

Dance With The Devil

Movement 1 from Sinfonietta

R Wiffin

The Alchemist's Lair

D Hackbridge-
Johnson

Out of Africa

J Barry
arr. J De Meij

Finale from The Firebird Suite

I Stravinsky

Bat Out Of Hell

J Steinman

Feeling Good

Soloist: Sue Rivers

L Bricusse
A Newly

Malagueña

E Lecuona

After the poignant success of our Festival of Remembrance at Rochester Cathedral in November last year, we are delighted that the Royal British Legion has asked us back to help them commemorate the 80th anniversary of the end of WWII, along with the 85th anniversary of the Battle of Britain and of Operation Dynamo at Dunkirk.

Held in the fabulous setting of Rochester Cathedral, the second oldest cathedral in England, this promises to be a suitably reflective event that will include the West Malling Community Choir, the standard bearers of the Royal British Legion and representatives from the cadets and veterans of each of the services and other special guests.

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COMMEMORATING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF WWII

ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL

6:00PM, SATURDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2025

TICKETS: £20

£15 RESTRICTED VIEW, £5 STUDENTS & UNDER 16'S

TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE

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EYNSFORD CONCERT BAND

WITH SPECIAL GUESTS INCLUDING:

WEST MALLING COMMUNITY CHOIR

THE STANDARDS OF THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



TICKETS



THE TILBURY BAND

Established 1919

On May 28, 1919, the Tilbury Branch of the National Union of Railwaymen formed a brass band.

By 1st July, the Tilbury Railwaymen's Band held its first meeting and acquired 24 instruments.

The second meeting saw 47 members in attendance.

In January 1921, after repeated requests from local supporters, the band changed its name to The Tilbury Town Band. The band thrived and went on to run a youth training band and a contesting band.

In the 1970's, they redeveloped their tin shack rehearsal room, originally put up by the Salvation Army, into a two-storey purpose-built brick rehearsal hall which they continue to use to this day.

The band is self-financing, relying heavily on the generosity of supporters to cover annual running costs, including urgent maintenance of their rehearsal space.

As one of the few remaining traditional Brass Bands in the south of England, please help us make the most of this opportunity to help them raise the urgent funds they need to continue to bring brass band music to our community and beyond.

EYNSFORD CONCERT BAND



MUSIC DIRECTOR - MIKE SMITH

PICCOLO & FLUTE

Carole Eastwood

FLUTE

Anna Casling
Clare Evans
Alice Bowman
Jane Wright
Sue Ringrose
Bhavneet Ghuman

OBOE

Jo Chapman
Jenny Harris

OBOE & COR ANGLAIS

Helen Fidler

BASSOON

Sian Miller
Peta White

ALTO SAXOPHONE

Luke Bowman
Marie Chalkley-Bowman
Thomas Evans

TENOR SAXOPHONE

Graham Bell
Zoë Marksford

BARITONE SAXOPHONE

Ian Page

CLARINET

Neil Anderson
Sandra Lane
Gemma Norford
Bryan Edwards
Andy Mattison
Wendy Eaton
Mags Shackleton
Joanna Page
Vivienne Astall
Alex Scott
Emma Foster
Jessica Curtis
Jessica Powell

EB CLARINET & CLARINET

Christine Till

BASS CLARINET

Brian Evans

HORN

Carol Maher
David Chapman
Martin Grainger
Danielle Flarty
Alistair Rycroft

STRING BASS

Pete Ringrose

'OUR MAN AT THE BACK'

Craig Hallatt

TRUMPET

David Walker
Paul Boyd
Sheila King
Zoe Mackenzie
David Simmonds
Ray Lester
Richard Knights

TROMBONE

Paul Gould
William Evans

TROMBONE & PIANO

Liz Smallwood

BASS TROMBONE & CONDUCTOR

Steve Aitken

EUPHONIUM

Geoff Batty

TUBA

Steve Bennett
Brian Bennett
Graeme Cutler

PERCUSSION

Dave Hunt
Tim Evans
Will Ryby
Stuart Marsh
Eddy Tse



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