



The European Youth Brass Band Contest, 2020

Rationale of the contest:

The European Youth Brass Band Contest will provide a platform for Europe's finest youth brass bands to perform a programme of musical excellence which is also entertaining in a competitive environment. In doing so this will encourage the development of youth brass bands throughout the member countries of the European Brass Band Association, fostering enduring social links between the young people taking part and will help to create a better understanding of the cultural diversity throughout Europe.

Date and venue of the European Youth Brass Band Contest

The EYBBC will take place on 3 May in Palanga, Lithuania, and will be part of the European Brass Band Championships 2020.

Entry to the European Youth Brass Band Contest

Each EBBA member country is invited to nominate TWO youth bands to participate in the contest, one for each section of the event. The competition has two sections, the Premier and Development sections. It is up to each EBBA member country to decide how these bands should be chosen.

Bands that are interested to participate can also show their interest by contacting EBBA's General Secretary Kor Niehof via: generalsecretary@ebba.eu.com

In addition, the winning bands from the Premier and Development sections held in Montreux 2020 will be invited to participate in their appropriate section.

EBBA will also consider the participation of bands from non-EBBA member countries.

The deadline for all bands entering the contest will be the **31st December, 2019**.

There will be **no** fee for entering the competition.

Bands participating in the contest may be established youth bands, school bands, regional bands, national bands or "project bands" made up of an amalgam of players selected to form a band to play in the contest. However, as each band will be representing their country, all players in each band **MUST** consist of players who are only from that country.

Players will be asked to produce proof of age and identity in the form of an identification card, passport or other form acceptable to the organisers.

Rules for the European Youth Brass Band Contest

1. The European Youth Brass Band Contest will be organised under the auspices of the European Brass Band Association (EBBA).
2. All youth brass bands must be made up of standard British brass band in terms of instrumentation. Bands may play a maximum of 50 players, including percussion.
3. There will be two separate sections in the contest, Premier and Development.
4. The Development Section will start at Sunday morning (time to be confirmed) followed by the Premier Section on completion of the Development Section.
5. Both sections will have a pre-draw for the order of performance which will be made no later than 1st March, 2020. The results of the pre-draw will then be given to the participating bands and will be published by EBBA.
6. **Competing bands should submit their programme of music, and two sets of scores of the pieces to be played, by 1st March 2020.**

The Premier Section of the European Youth Brass Band Contest

(This section is for senior youth brass bands. Players should be aged 22 years or under at 1st January 2020).

Bands entering the Premier Section of the contest will be required to:

1. Play an own choice programme **of 25 minutes a maximum** playing time, which will include a ~~short~~ set piece (approx. 10-12 minutes duration).
2. Include an item featuring a soloist from the band (there will be a prize for the best soloist in the Premier Section).

The Development Section of the European Youth Brass Band Contest

(This section is for younger youth bands. Players should be aged 18 years or under at 1st January 2020).

Bands entering the Development Section of the contest will be required to:

1. Play an own choice programme **of 20 minutes maximum** playing time, which will include a short set piece (approx. 6-8 minutes duration).
2. Include an item featuring a soloist from the band (there will be a prize for the best soloist in the Development Section).

The set pieces for each section will be announced by EBBA in due course, and no later than 1st December 2019.

Adjudication & Results for the European Youth Brass Band Contest

Adjudication

There will be by two adjudicators who will be in the open and therefore able to see the bands performances. Adjudicators will make written remarks on each performance.

The two adjudicators will take into account the following aspects of the band's performances based on the rationale

1. The musical excellence of the performance.
2. The quality and balance of the programme played.
3. The entertainment value to the audience of the performance of the music.

Results

A results ceremony will follow on after the final band's performance, and will take place in the same hall. Each band will be given a written adjudication, which will be available following the results ceremony.

Bands in each section will be placed in a merit order, and prizes awarded to the overall winner of each section, and the best soloist in each section.

The winning band in the Premier section will be entitled to call themselves the **European Champion Youth Brass Band Premier Section 2020**.

The winning band in the Development section will be entitled to be call themselves the **European Champion Youth Brass Band Development Section 2020**.

Further information

Nominated entries should be send by each EBBA member delegate to the EBBA General Secretary by **31st December 2019**.

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