



DURHAM BRASS FESTIVAL BIG BAND SUMMER SCHOOL 14 – 16 JULY 2017



Led by Jiggs Whigham and members of the BBC Big Band, this intensive 3 day summer school will feature separate bands for young, intermediate and advanced musicians. As part of the wider festival The BBC Big Band are performing a concert dedicated to Dizzy Gillespie and the great brass big band leaders such as Glenn Miller, Tommy Dorsey, Quincy Jones, Thad Jones and Maynard Ferguson. The Summer School will provide emerging and semi-professional musicians the opportunity to work with Director and trombonist Jiggs Whigham, lead trumpet Martin Shaw plus the rhythm section of Robin Aspland (piano), Jeremy Brown (bass) and Tom Gordon (drums).

In addition to the big band workshops, there will be an opportunity to join this fabulous rhythm section, other course members and visiting musicians in two Big BRASS Jams as part of the Festival Fringe. More information about the Festival programme can be found at www.brassfestival.co.uk

Who Can Apply

Applications are welcome from any musicians who play Trumpet, Trombone, Alto, Tenor or Baritone Sax, Piano, Bass, Guitar or Drums. You should play to a standard of Grade 6 or above. For the Youth band you will need to be between the ages of 17 – 22.

What Will I Learn

You will be working with some of the UK's foremost big band musicians on a number of exciting and challenging charts. You will have the chance to meet and work alongside others who share your passion for big band music and take part in a final concert as well as a chance to join the BBC Big Band musicians in an exciting Jam Session.

Where Can I Stay

We have residential and non-residential options for the Summer School. We have reserved rooms at Chapel Heights, some of the newest and most attractive student accommodation in Durham <http://www.chapelheights.co.uk>. All studios have 100MB Internet, Dishwashers, Wall Mounted TV and En-Suite Bathroom.

What Will It Cost?

Youth Band Participants (non-residential)	£150
Intermediate and Advanced Band (residential)	£385
Includes Accommodation, Breakfast, Coffee/Tea breaks, Lunch and Evening Meals,	
Intermediate and Advance Band (non-residential)	£250
Includes Lunch and Coffee/Tea breaks	

Extra night and BBC Big Band Concert

£90

If you would like a ticket to attend the BBC Big Band Concert on Thursday 13 July and stay an extra night

How Do I Apply

If you would like to join the course please complete the form below and return it to:

Durham BRASS Festival (FAO Kate James)
Gala Theatre, Millennium Place
Durham DH1 1WA

Or email it to: brassfestival@durham.gov.uk

Once we have received your form we will contact you with further details and arrange payment.

Your Details:

First Name: _____ Surname: _____

Address: _____

Post Code: _____ Mobile/Home Phone: _____

Instrument: _____ Grade/Equivalent: _____

Which Band would you like to be considered for?

Youth Band (14 – 21)

Intermediate Band

Advanced Band

Your Experience:

Please tell us a little about your musical experience, education, bands you have played with etc:

Do you have any particular dietary or access requirements?

If you require any additional information contact us at: brassfestival@durham.gov.uk