

## **NABBC CONDUCTOR OF THE YEAR COMPETITION 2008 IN ASSOCIATION WITH VIRTUOSI**



Following the success of previous events, the National Association of Brass Band Conductors is planning another conductors' competition. As in previous years, it will take the form of a series of heats and a final, the winner of which will receive a prize of £1000, along with the title 'NABBC Conductor of 2008'. There will be three qualifying heats held during the March and April 2008; the final will be held during June 2008.

### **Rules:**

1. Applicants must be 21 or over on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2007.
2. Application forms must be received by 4<sup>th</sup> January 2008.
3. Three regional heats will be held: North of England, Midlands, S.W. England. These heats will be completed by 30<sup>th</sup> April 2008.
4. A maximum of six candidates will be accepted for each regional heat.
5. The entry fee for these preliminaries will be £25 for members of the NABBC and £30 for non-members. The number of applicants will be limited, and the NABBC reserves the right to select candidates in the event of over-subscription. Cheques for applicants that are not selected will not be cashed. Payment must be included with application.
6. A personal profile must be included with the application. In the event of over-subscription, the contest management will use the profiles to shortlist candidates.
7. Applicants may indicate their 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> choice of heat with their application form. Overflow candidates may be offered an alternative heat.
8. In the preliminary heats, each candidate will rehearse a band of at least 1<sup>st</sup> section standard for 25 minutes. Four weeks before the heat, they will be informed of three chosen pieces to be prepared. On the day of the competition, the choice for each candidate will be decided by ballot.
9. The winner and runner up from each regional heat will go forward to the national final on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2008. The final will be held in the Midlands.
10. Prizes of £100 will be awarded to the winner and £50 to the runner up of each regional heat. The winner of the final will receive a prize of £1000, the runner up will receive a prize of £500, the third prize will be £200. In the event of a tie, the prize monies will be divided evenly between the winners.
11. Before their session, candidates will not be permitted to enter the hall.

12. The assessment criteria for the competition will include the following:
  - Score preparation
  - Conducting skills
  - Rehearsal techniques
  - Interpretive skills
  - The ability to motivate players.
13. Immediate family members and current students of the adjudicators and contest management are not eligible to compete.
14. The decision of the adjudicators is final, and no discussion or any correspondence will be allowed.
15. Professional conductors and those who hold, or have held, conducting appointments with nationally graded championship section bands, will not normally be allowed to enter to the competition. The selection of eligibility to compete will be the sole decision of the contest management.

*Application forms may be obtained from the Secretary, Ted Howard, 30 Havant Road, Horndean, Waterlooville, Hants PO8 0DT, (023) 9259 8162, thoward34@aol.com*

*Completed application forms and cheques should be sent to The Membership Secretary, Nigel Horne, 28 Wharfedale Road, Pogmoor, Barnsley, S75 2LJ, (01226 241048), nigel.horne@nabbc.org.uk, to whom any enquiries may be made*