

GOODWICK BRASS BAND

CONCERT REQUIREMENT GUIDELINES

The Band transports large items of equipment and percussion in a van, which will need to have parking arranged as close as possible to the venue.

The widest instruments used by the Band are timpani, of which the largest is one-metre-wide, therefore the doors into the venue will need sufficient clearance to allow access.

It takes a minimum of 30 minutes for the Band to setup and be ready before the audience arrive, we recommend that the venue be open to the Band at least 1 hour before the concert begins. Should there be a requirement for a rehearsal before the concert, then the venue should be opened at least 90 minutes before the concert start time - any such requirements should be discussed and agreed with the Secretary before the event.

The normal complement of players for a full Band is 25 brass players with 3 or 4 percussionists, 29 seats should be provided for the players. Please note that seats should not have armrests.

All concerts normally start at 7.30pm, any changes to the start time should be discussed and agreed with the Secretary prior to the event.

The Band will perform for a maximum of 20/25 minutes in each half.

A dressing room for the use of the Band should be provided ideally within the same building and as close to the stage as possible. This room should be large enough for all the players and Musical Director.

A full band requires a minimum floor space of 12 metres wide by 9 metres deep. Please see the associated diagram available in the Press Kit section of our website, this diagram shows the normal layout of a full Band.

The seats at the front of the Band should ideally be positioned at least 2 metres from the front edge of the stage.

There should be adequate stage lighting to allow players to read the music with comfort.

An interval of 10/15 minutes is normally taken halfway through the concert.

Space should be provided for the Band to put up a display stand to publicise future concerts and to act as a point of sale for the Band's merchandise such as CDs.

At the completion of the concert, all equipment used by the Band during their performance will be packed away and removed. This normally takes 30 minutes.

When a concert venue is outdoors, the Band should ideally be positioned on concrete or solid staging, not on grass. In the event of inclement weather, the Band will only perform if a covered staging or an

alternative venue is provided - this venue should be agreed with the Secretary in advance. If an alternative venue is not available, then the Band reserves the right to curtail its performance, either temporarily or permanently, due to poor weather conditions.

The Band can assist in promoting an event through posters and tickets providing sufficient notice has been given to the Secretary.

Should you wish to discuss the proposed programme content, then please contact the Secretary who will arrange for the Musical Director to contact you.

Any variations to these guidelines should be discussed and agreed in advance with the Secretary.

The Band reserves the right to postpone, curtail or terminate its concert due to circumstances beyond its control, which may detrimentally affect its performance.

Should a confirmed Concert be cancelled by the organisers within 4 weeks of its date, then a cancellation charge of 50% of the agreed fee will be payable.