



LEEDS BEST OF **BRASS** 2025/26

Saturdays at 7.30pm
PUDSEY CIVIC HALL

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WELCOME TO LEEDS BEST OF BRASS 2025/26!

There's nothing quite like the sound of a championship brass band and this season we've got some of the UK's very best.

From contest champions to audience favourites, there's plenty to enjoy whether you're a seasoned fan or new to the brass band world.

While Morley Town Hall is closed for refurbishment, our Leeds Best of Brass series has found a new home at Pudsey Civic Hall – a friendly and accessible venue with great transport links, free parking and a well-stocked bar. It's a great place to enjoy a Saturday night of top quality brass music.

Get more music for your money – book four or more concerts in the same transaction to save 10%!

See you at a concert soon,
Leeds International Concert Season

**All concerts are on Saturdays
at 7.30pm**



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SAT 18 OCTOBER 2025

FODEN'S BAND

Formed in 1902, Foden's Band has maintained its position as one of the world's leading bands on and off the contest stage, and currently holds the record for the highest number of Area Contest wins with an unprecedented 27 North West Area titles. In 2023, the band became British Open Champion at Birmingham's Symphony Hall and was crowned Brass in Concert Champion. In 2024, Foden's Band completed a seven day tour of South Korea where its opening concert was broadcast on national TV.

SAT 29 NOVEMBER 2025

KNDS FAIREY BAND

The KNDS Fairey Band is one of the most successful contesting brass bands in the world. Founded in 1937 by a group of employees at the Fairey Aviation Works in Stockport, the band achieved many musical successes under the brilliant direction of Harry Mortimer, its Musical Director for over thirty years. Since those early days, the band has won every elite band event on the contest calendar, including the National Championships of Great Britain on nine occasions and the British Open an incredible sixteen times.

SAT 17 JANUARY 2026

GUS BAND

Originally known as the Munn and Felton Works Band, GUS Band has established itself as one of the leading brass bands, with a string of titles to its name and regular appearances at the National Brass Band Championships at the Royal Albert Hall. Despite the changes in the band's history over time, one thing that remains the same is the standards and ideals started by Fred Felton and his brother in 1933 when they formed the band and proclaimed: *'We are going to aim high.'*

SAT 14 FEBRUARY 2026

GRIMETHORPE COLLIERY BAND

Formed in 1917 in South Yorkshire, Grimethorpe Colliery Band is a British institution. National and British Open Champion on numerous occasions, the band received two gold discs and a BAFTA nomination for its contributions to the global hit movie *Brassed Off*. The band has long championed new music for brass and is noted for its diverse concert performances, including the FIFA World Cup, BAFTA Awards, BBC Proms, Eurovision, and London 2012 Olympic Games Opening Ceremony.



BLACK DYKE BAND



ROTHWELL TEMPERANCE BAND



HAMMONDS BAND



BRIGHOUSE & RASTRICK BAND

SAT 28 FEBRUARY 2026

BLACK DYKE BAND

With a heritage stretching back to 1855, Black Dyke Band's pedigree is unrivalled. Over 350 recordings and numerous national and European competition titles have made the name Black Dyke synonymous with musical excellence. With renowned Musical Director Nicholas Childs at the helm, the band champions new music for brass, often performing music by living composers. A popular highlight of the band's concerts is *Black Dyke at the Movies*, a cinematic celebration of iconic film scores. Most recently Black Dyke Band featured in BBC's *Radio 2 Loves Brass* concert as part of Bradford 2025 City of Culture, performing with The Punjabi Roots Drummers and Marti Pellow.

SAT 28 MARCH 2026

HAMMONDS BAND

Founded in 1855 as the Saltaire Band by Sir Titus Salt, the band had a long association with Hammonds Sauce Works. Now, with Morgan Griffiths as Musical Director, the band performs as Hammonds Band. Alongside contesting and performing throughout Europe, the band has also enjoyed working with multi-instrumentalist Shri Sriram to fuse brass band and traditional Indian music together. In 2024 the band welcomed former winner of the prestigious Craxton Memorial Trust Award, Anabel Voigt on solo horn.

SAT 18 APRIL 2026

ROTHWELL TEMPERANCE BAND

Rothwell Temperance Band is the highest ranked brass band from Leeds. With no benefactors or major sponsors, the band's success in recent times is down to the dedication and passion of its Musical Director, David Roberts, and the band's loyal players. Rothwell has remained a championship section band for over 25 years and has had a consistent presence among the top 20 brass bands in the world. The band has many talented musicians in its ranks including its latest signing Maria Beezer on Principal Cornet.

SAT 9 MAY 2026

BRIGHOUSE & RASTRICK BAND

Brighouse & Rastrick Band is regarded by many as the best and most consistent 'public subscription band' in the world. The band is most known for its 1977 hit parade success *The Floral Dance* which reached No 2 in the UK charts. High profile appearances on live-television at the BBC Folk Music Awards with The Unthanks, and at the very popular CarFest, are just some of the ways that the band has expanded its popularity. With 140 years of proud history, the band is still fiercely financially independent and continues to maintain great traditions on its continued quest for musical excellence.

VENUE INFORMATION



PUDSEY CIVIC HALL

Dawson's Corner, Pudsey, Leeds, LS28 5TA

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Pudsey Civic Hall is a popular events venue located in west Leeds.



There are excellent public transport links to Pudsey Civic Hall. The 72 bus runs every 15-20 minutes between Leeds Bus Station and Bradford Bridge Street. There are regular trains from Leeds, Bradford and beyond to New Pudsey rail station, which is a five-minute walk from Pudsey Civic Hall.

For more information visit **wymetro.com** or call Metroline on 0113 245 7676.



Pudsey Civic Hall is well connected by road, there is a large car park next to the venue which is free on weekends and includes accessible parking bays.



The venue is fully accessible with level access to the seating and bar and accessible toilet facilities.



Refreshments include tea, coffee, a fully stocked bar and hot food, including pie and peas, with vegetarian and vegan options.

LOVE TO HEAR MORE BRASS?

MON 1 DECEMBER 1.15pm

PARAMOUNT BRASS QUINTET

Virtuoso brass and seasonal music including carols for all to sing as part of the **FREE Leeds Lunchtime Organ Music** series.

Free admission, no booking required

Leeds Cathedral

Cathedral Chambers, Great George Street, Leeds, LS2 8BE

THU 18 DECEMBER 6.30pm & 8.30pm

THE 2025 LORD MAYOR'S CAROL CONCERTS

Rothwell Temperance Band and **Leeds Philharmonic Chorus** perform festive favourites and carols for all to sing in support of the Lord Mayor's Charity Appeal.

Tickets: £7.50 (discounts £4.50)

Leeds Minster

2-6 Kirkgate, Leeds, LS2 7DJ

TICKET PRICES & BOOKING INFORMATION

TICKET PRICES	Full price	Discounts
Black Dyke Brighouse & Rastrick Grimethorpe	£18	£15.50
All other concerts	£16	£13.50
Under 30s	£10 to all concerts	

DISCOUNTS

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3 Millennium Square, Leeds, LS2 3AD

Email: tickets@leeds.gov.uk

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Morley Community Hub and Library

Commercial Street, Morley, LS27 8HZ
Tel: 0113 378 1887

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