



LEEDS BEST OF BRASS 2026/27

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WELCOME TO LEEDS BEST OF BRASS 2026/27

There's nothing quite like the power and precision of a championship brass band. As the Leeds Best of Brass series returns for 2026/27, we're delighted to present another outstanding line up of bands.

From iconic names with a global reputation to brilliant Yorkshire favourites, the Leeds Best of Brass series brings together some of the very best brass players in the country for eight unforgettable Saturday night concerts. Whether you're a lifelong brass lover or new to the brass band world, there's no better way to hear a brass band live at this level.

Pudsey Civic Hall provides a welcoming home for the series. With excellent transport links, free parking, and a well-stocked bar, it's the perfect setting to enjoy world-class brass music.

Get more music for your money – book four or more Leeds Best of Brass 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 17 OCTOBER 2026

YORKSHIRE IMPERIAL BAND

Known affectionately as 'The Imps', the Yorkshire Imperial Band was founded in 1936 in Stourton, Leeds. The band has built a strong reputation through contesting success and regular concert performances across the region. In 2025, the band achieved its highest result in a decade, at the Yorkshire Area Contest, further cementing its place in the Championship Section by achieving the same result in 2026. As the band marks its 90th year, it is proud to return to the Leeds Best of Brass series with Musical Director Ian McElligott and looks forward to sharing an exciting programme with audiences in Pudsey.

SAT 28 NOVEMBER 2026

HEPWORTH BAND

One of the oldest brass bands in the country, Hepworth Band was formed in 1882 in the village of Hepworth, near Holmfirth. With a proud contesting tradition since its founding, Hepworth Band has won a string of prestigious prizes in recent years. It runs its own concert series every year and supports local charities and events, including the famous Hepworth Feast. Hepworth Band was crowned 2026 Yorkshire Champion and is thrilled to be representing Yorkshire at the finals of the National Brass Band Championships of Great Britain at the Royal Albert Hall for the second year in a row in 2026.

SAT 19 DECEMBER 2026

CARLTON MAIN FRICKLEY COLLIERY BAND

The history of Carlton Main Frickley Colliery Band can be traced back to humble beginnings in 1884 as the South Elmsall Village Brass Band. In 1905, the band was adopted by the local Frickley Colliery, which became owned by the Carlton Main Coal Company and by 1923 the band was known by its present name. Celebrating its 140th anniversary in 2024, the band has a long and successful history, ending that year in the Top 10 of British Bands and in the Top 11 in the world. The band has built a reputation as a fine concert band through a combination of innovative programmes partnered with quality of performance.

SAT 16 JANUARY 2027

FLOWERS BAND

Based in Gloucester, the Flowers Band was formed in 1968 following the disbandment of the Royal Gloucestershire Hussars (Territorial Army) Brass Band. Bandmaster Eric Hopkins and his players negotiated with the Ministry of Defence to purchase the instruments and form the City of Gloucester Band. The band became known as Flowers Band because of the Flowers Brewery sponsorship from 1986–2005, and following a three-year period as the Polysteel Band, reverted to Flowers in 2008. In April 2026, Flowers Band, conducted by Paul Holland, won the European Brass Band Championships, marking the band's first ever European title.



SAT 13 FEBRUARY 2027

BLACK DYKE BAND

Black Dyke Band is the most recorded brass band in the world. In 2020, the band's recording of music by John Rutter became the first by a brass band to reach No 1 in the classical music chart. It is also the most successful contesting brass band in the world, having won the European Championships thirteen times, the British Open 30 times and the National Championships of Great Britain 24 times. The band created history at the Yorkshire Regional Championships in 2025, being the first band ever to win the championship for five consecutive years.

SAT 13 MARCH 2027

GRIMETHORPE COLLIERY BAND

Grimethorpe Colliery Band, founded over a century ago in a Yorkshire mining village, achieved its worldwide reputation from the hit film *Brassed Off* and is regarded as one of Britain's finest brass bands. It has won numerous band championships and is noted for its diverse concert performances, including at the FIFA World Cup, BBC Proms, *Eurovision*, and the 2012 Olympic Games Opening Ceremony. In 2024, the band played alongside Coldplay as part of the British rock band's headline set at Glastonbury Festival.



BLACK DYKE BAND

SAT 10 APRIL 2027

ROTHWELL TEMPERANCE BAND

The highest ranked brass band from Leeds, with no benefactors or major sponsors, Rothwell Temperance Band's success in recent times is down to the dedication and passion of its Musical Director, David Roberts. Under his guidance, the band has ascended through the ranks to compete in the championship section, earning numerous prestigious accolades along the way. Rothwell Temperance Band has remained a Championship Section band for over 25 years, has had a consistent presence among the top 20 brass bands in the world, and is the current French Open champion.

SAT 8 MAY 2027

BRIGHOUSE & RASTRICK BAND

Brighouse & Rastrick 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 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. In 2025, Brighouse & Rastrick Band won the British Open Championship, its eighth British Open title, solidifying its reputation as a world-class 'public subscription band'.



ROTHWELL TEMPERANCE BAND



GRIMETHORPE COLLIERY BAND



BRIGHOUSE & RASTRICK BAND

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.

If you're travelling by car please allow extra time as there are major roadworks at Dawson's Corner scheduled until early 2027. Plan your route using the Connecting Leeds website: dawsonscorner.commonplace.is.



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 7 DECEMBER 1.15pm

LEEDS CATHEDRAL

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

PARAMOUNT BRASS

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

WED 16 DECEMBER 6.30pm & 8.30pm

LEEDS MINSTER

2–6 Kirkgate, Leeds, LS2 7DJ

THE 2026 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: £8.50 (concessions £5)

TICKET PRICES & BOOKING INFORMATION

TICKET PRICES	Full price	Discounts
Black Dyke Brighouse & Rastrick Grimethorpe	£19	£16
All other concerts	£17	£14
Under 30s	£10 to all concerts	

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Email: tickets@leeds.gov.uk

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Tickets can also be obtained from our local ticket agent:

Morley Community Hub and Library

Commercial Street, Morley, LS27 8HZ

Tel: 0113 378 1887

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