

P R E S S R E L E A S E

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LBBA 2014 Spring Festival – Solo Contest

The Leicestershire Brass Band Association's very own Spring Festival has taken place. Their Solo, Duet and Quartet Competition is open to all bands and was held once again at Groby Community College in Leicestershire on Sunday 6th April. Competitors this year were performing to judges Dave Lea, Brian Clarke and Mark Smith across 15 sections. Leading the way in both open sections was Thoresby Colliery's Principal Euphonium Ian McCormick, winning both Open Slow Melody and Air Varie sections. Meanwhile brother and sister Richard and Siobhan Bates from Gresley Colliery also picked up a clutch of silverware between them, each winning their respective slow melody age group, and together picking up first prize in the under 18 duet section. The highest place in the youngest section of the day, 10 years and under, went to Baritone player Edward Culpin from Leicestershire Co-Operative, which adjudicator Brian Clarke described as a 'super' performance

The prize winners in each section were as follows:

Section A: Junior Slow Melody 10 and under

- 1st – Edward Culpin, Leicestershire Co-op
- 2nd – Emily Capstack, Leicestershire Co-op
- 3rd – Eve Wan, Wigston Enterprise

Section B: Junior Slow Melody 11 & 12 years

- 1st – Luke Newborough, Shirland WT
- 2nd – Josh Watson, Kibworth
- 3rd – Freddie Buchanan, Hathern Youth

Section C: Junior Slow Melody 13, 14 & 15 years

- 1st – Siobhan Bates, Gresley Colliery
- 2nd – Jack Newborough – Shirland WT
- 3rd – Will Thirkell, Shirland WT

Section D: Junior Slow Melody 16, 17 & 18 years

- 1st – Richard Bates, Gresley Colliery
- 2nd – Alex Barker, City of Coventry

Section E: Junior Air Varie 14 years and under

- 1st – Harry Lear, Leicester Co-op
- 2nd – Bethan Brown, Foresters Brass 2000
- 3rd – Jack Newborough, Shirland WT

Section F: Junior Air Varie 15, 16, 17 & 18 years

- 1st – Alex Barker, City of Coventry
- 2nd – Will Thirkell, Shirland WT
- 3rd – Richard Bates, Gresley Colliery

Section G: Junior Duets 18 years and under

- 1st – Richard Bates & Siobhan Bates, Gresley Colliery
- 2nd – Luke Newborough & Gabrielle Moakes, Shirland WT
- 3rd – Jack Newborough & Heather Moakes, Shirland WT

Section H: Junior Quartet 18 years and under

- 1st – Shirland Welfare Training ‘A’
- 2nd – Shirland Welfare Training ‘B’
- 3rd – Hathern Youth

Section I: Junior Quartet Hymn Tune 14 years and under

- 1st – Shirland Welfare Training ‘A’
- 2nd – Shirland Welfare Training ‘B’
- 3rd – Leicestershire Co-op Training

Section J: Open Slow Melody

- 1st – Ian McCormick, Thoresby Colliery
- 2nd – Patricia Woodings, Newhall
- 3rd – Chris Lock, Derwent

Section K: Open Air Varie

- 1st – Ian McCormick, Thoresby Colliery
- 2nd – Nick Lear, Leicester Co-op
- 3rd – Rhona Baker, City of Coventry

Section L: Open Duets

- 1st – Patricia Woodings & Sheila Dixon, Newhall & Melton
- 2nd – Alex Baker and Rhona Baker, City of Coventry
- 3rd – Siobhan Bates & Richard Bates, Gresley Colliery

Section M: Open Quartets

- 1st – Leicestershire Co-op ‘A’
- 2nd – City of Coventry
- 3rd – Leicestershire Co-op ‘B’

Section N: Open Percussion

- 1st – Julia Bromiley, Ecclestone Brass
- 2nd – Edward Hefferman, Hathern Youth

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