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13 JULY



7.30pm

Women in Brass
Gala Theatre

SATURDAY
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1.30pm

The Stockton and Darlington Railway –
Train 'Suite Gig', Shildon

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7pm

BRASS goes to Hollywood,
Gala Theatre

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6pm

Big BRASS Bash,
Shotton Hall, Peterlee



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The James Morrison
Quartet,
Gala Theatre

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6pm

BRASS Big Brass Bash,
Glenhome Park, Crook



6pm

BRASS Street Ceilidh,
Lanchester



7.30pm

Pictures at an Exhibition,
Bowes Museum

WEDNESDAY
18 JULY



6pm

BRASS Street
Ceilidh,
Chester-le-Street



6pm

Big BRASS Bash,
Hackworth Park,
Shildon



7.30pm

Northern Soul at
Easington, Easington
Social Welfare Centre



7.30pm

Brass for Sir Bobby,
Durham Miners Hall

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THURSDAY
19 JULY



6pm

Big BRASS Bash, Jubilee Park, Spennymoor



7:30pm

BRASS Loops, Durham Town Hall

FRIDAY
20 JULY



6pm

Big BRASS Bash, Town Park, Town Hall,
Newton Aycliffe



7:30pm

Bach and BRASS, Durham Cathedral

SATURDAY
21 JULY



11am

Streets of BRASS,
Durham City



6pm

Big BRASS Bash finale,
Wharton Park, Durham



7:30pm

Liza Pulman Sings Streisand
with the Brighthouse Rastrick
Band, Gala Theatre

SUNDAY
22 JULY



10am

British Trombone
Society – Trombone
Day



11am

Streets of BRASS,
Durham City



3pm

Carlton Main Frickley
Colliery Band,
Gala Theatre



6pm

Carmina Burana,
Wharton Park

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Design Your Own Trombone

We have teamed up with instrument manufacturer pBone to give young people in County Durham the chance to get their hands on their own personally designed trombone. Create your own designs on paper stencils that can be downloaded from the BRASS Festival website www.brassfestival.co.uk and get creative – the more eye-catching the better.

One winner from each of the two age groups – 5 to 11 and 12 to 18 years – will then have their design printed onto a plastic trombone made by pBone. **The closing date for entries is Sunday 22 July and the winners will be announced on Monday 27 July.**



Women and Brass

The 2018 Festival will celebrate the substantial and ever-expanding contribution of women to all forms of brass music making. We have

an all-female big band led by an original member of the pioneering Ivy Benson Big Band. Shake Em Up Jazz Band features many of the finest female musicians working in New Orleans today and in Break Out Brass Band we have an exciting new UK street band with an all-female line up. Gunhild Carling is one of the most energetic and individual talents in the brass world and the programme also features a series of inspiring masterclasses presented by leading female musicians.

Women and Brass

Friday 13 July, 7.30pm, Gala Theatre
£18 (£16 Concessions)

Opening our women and brass celebration we salute legendary band leader Ivy Benson. Her all-female band overcame scepticism and prejudice to become one of the most popular dance bands during the war years and beyond. Original Ivy Benson band member, Chrissy Lee, brings her dynamic all-female big band featuring many of the UK's leading female jazz artists to honour Ivy's pioneering spirit. Our celebration also includes internet sensation and Swedish Jazz trumpet star Gunhild Carling. Her high energy performances and remarkable multi-instrument videos have been viewed millions of times on YouTube.



BRASS Goes to Hollywood

Sunday 15 July, 7pm, Gala Theatre

£18 (£16 Concessions)

Join the Scottish Swing Orchestra and the BRASS Hollywood Chorus for swing versions of great Hollywood tunes. They will be joined by local lad and West End star Mathew Gent. Featured movies include The Sound of Music, Chicago, Singin' in the Rain, Hairspray and La La Land. We will also be celebrating the centenary of Leonard Bernstein's birth with songs from his hit movie musicals West Side Story and On The Town.



The James Morrison Quartet

Monday 16 July, 7.30pm, Gala Theatre

£23 (£19 Concessions)

Australian trumpeter, James Morrison, is one of the world's most in demand jazz musicians. He is a true virtuoso, besides the trumpet he excels on piano, double bass, saxophone and all brass instruments. Last summer James starred at the BBC Proms' tribute to Ella Fitzgerald and Dizzy Gillespie. James has worked with the world's top performers - Ray Brown called him "The Genius" and Dizzy Gillespie called him "One of The Best" but Wynton Marsalis simply said "Man, James Morrison can play!"

Pictures at an Exhibition

Tuesday 17 July, 7:30pm,
Bowes Museum
£18 (£16 Concessions)

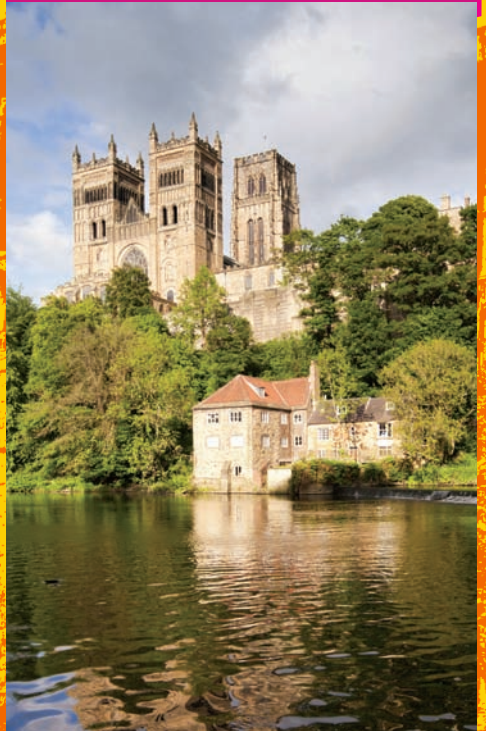
The brilliant Fine Arts Brass Ensemble perform Mussorgsky's Pictures at an Exhibition in the beautiful and appropriate setting of the Bowes Museum. Their summer exhibition, The BFG in Pictures featuring original Quentin Blake illustrations, prepared for Roald Dahl's classic story will be the inspiration for a new suite commissioned by the Durham BRASS Festival.



Bach and Brass

Friday 20 July, 7.30pm,
Durham Cathedral
£12 (£10 Concessions)

Durham Cathedral Choir are joined by leading period instrument orchestra St. James' Baroque, for an evening of Bach in the stunning acoustic of Durham Cathedral. The programme includes two masterpieces that showcase Bach's brilliant and virtuosic use of brass instruments, the Brandenburg Concerto No. 2 and the wonderful Magnificat.



Liza Pulman Sings Streisand with the Brighthouse Rastrick Band

Saturday 21 July, 7:30pm,

Gala Theatre

£21 (£18 Concessions)

A unique collaboration between one of the finest voices and one of the finest brass bands in the country, celebrating the songs of the great Barbara Streisand. The Brighthouse and Rastrick Band are the reigning National Brass Band Champions and achieved worldwide recognition with their Gold Disc winning recording of 'The Floral Dance'. Liza Pulman's credits include, performing with Glyndebourne Opera, starring in Chitty Chitty Bang Bang at the London Palladium as well as being part of the internationally renowned comedy trio Fascinating Aida.

LIZA PULMAN
SINGS
STREISAND



Carlton Main Frickley Colliery Band

Sunday 22 July, 3pm,

Gala Theatre

£18 (£16 Concessions)

Carlton Main Frickley Colliery Band have established themselves as one of the top ranked Brass Bands in the world. They have been European Champions, National Champions, British Open Champions, BBC Best of Brass Champions, and last year represented England at the World Championships in Holland. They became the feature band of the Gary Clarke Company's ground-breaking dance production and National Theatre Award Winning COAL and enjoyed performances with the world renowned Rambert Dance Company.



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Northern Soul at Easington

Wednesday 18 July, 7:30pm,
Easington Social Welfare Centre
£10

We are taking one of the highlights from the 2017 Festival to Easington which has a great tradition as a Northern Soul hotspot. Leading Northern Soul band Keep The Faith team up with the fabulous NASUWT Riverside Brass Band to present big, bold and brassy renditions of classic tracks to fill the dance floor.



BRASS Loops

Thursday 19 July, 7:30pm,
Durham Town Hall
£10

Live looping is the recording and playback of a piece of music in real-time for a live audience. It has become extremely popular in recent years as it allows a solo musician to create amazing multi-part performances. Many leading artists such as Ed Sheeran, KT Tunstall and Billy Joel are adding looping into their live performances. This unique evening will explore the innovative use of live looping by brass musicians. What is more extraordinary is the way in which live looping apps for mobile phones have made looping technology accessible and inexpensive. We challenged brass musicians throughout the UK to show us what they can do with these amazing apps and four winning submissions will be presented at this event.



Big BRASS Bash

**FREE
EVENTS**

The popular Big BRASS Bash brings International street brass bands to locations across County Durham. Prepare to be entertained at a Big BRASS Bash near you, featuring emerging female musicians Breakout Brass, Mr Wilson's Second Liners, Back Chat Brass and 'Jazz Royalty' Shake Em Up Jazz Band.

Don't forget to join in the Big BRASS Bash finale in the fabulous setting of Wharton Park, on Saturday 21 July.

Monday 16 July **6pm – 9pm**
Shotton Hall, Peterlee

Tuesday 17 July **6pm – 9pm**
Glenholme Park, Crook

Wednesday 18 July **6pm – 9pm**
Hackworth Park, Shildon

Thursday 19 July **6pm – 9pm**
Jubilee Park, Spennymoor

Friday 20 July **6pm – 9pm**
Town Park, Newton Aycliffe

Big BRASS Bash Finale
Saturday 21 July **6pm – 9pm**
Wharton Park, Durham

BRASS Street Ceilidh

Tuesday 17 - Wednesday 18 July
FREE EVENT

Scottish street band Reel Brass will be bringing a whole new dimension to the traditional ceilidh by taking it to the street. Expect vibrant and brassy versions of Strip the Willow, the Dashing White Sergeant and the Gay Gordons. They will be joined by the fabulous Shake Em Up Jazz Band bringing New Orleans to County Durham.

Tuesday 17 July **6pm – 8.30pm**
Community Centre, Lanchester

Wednesday 18 July **6pm – 8.30pm**
Town Centre and Civic Heart,
Chester-le-Street

Streets of BRASS

Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 July,

11am - 5pm

Durham City Centre

FREE EVENT

The ever-popular Streets of BRASS brings a celebration of all things Brass to Durham City.

Prepare to be entertained with high energy performances from street bands across the globe. Featuring Breakout Brass, a new women's collective from across the UK, Mr Wilson's Second Liners, Back Chat Brass and the popular Shake Em Up Jazz Band to name a few.

Expect big crowds and fantastic sounds across the city centre for the two day Streets of BRASS festival.

Don't miss the chance to design your own pBone in our 'design your own trombone competition'.



Meet the Stars

Breakout Brass

Breakout Brass is a collective of both established and emerging female musicians from across the UK. As one of our key themes for this year's festival is 'Women and Brass' we are delighted to have been involved in the establishment of this all female street band. Expect to hear familiar tunes with the influence of New Orleans style. Breakout is about creating opportunities for female musicians to play great music together challenging perceptions of what jazz and brass look like and inspiring more women to give it a go.



Back Chat Brass

Back Chat Brass have quickly established themselves as one of the UK's leading street bands with their own take on popular songs combined with a few of their own compositions. In 2017 they led many of our p-Bone workshops, inspiring large groups of children to perform with them and develop an interest in music and brass.



Artistas del Gremio

Crowd pleasers from the 2017 Festival, we are delighted to welcome back Artistas del Gremio or 'Artists of the Guild'. A band of tremendous energy, skill and personality, they interact brilliantly with their audience. Great tunes, amazing musicianship and dancing in their trademark skirts!



The Brass Funkeys

The Brass Funkeys are an eight-piece London-based Brass Band who draw on the traditions of New Orleans. Formed in 2011, they have played at major festivals including Glastonbury, Wilderness and the North Sea Jazz Festival as well as London venues including The O2, Brooklyn Bowl, Koko Camden, and Ronnie Scott's. The Brass Funkeys bring together some of the most talented musicians in London in an eclectic live show bursting at the seams with ideas and infectious energy.



Funky Style Brass

Funky Style Brass started back in 2005 with a group of friends from the Conservatoire de Toulouse. The past thirteen years has seen them tour the world delighting audiences with their musicianship, showmanship and energy. They describe their sound as a mix of brass with electro, funk, rock, ragga and a big dose of madness.



Street Bands

Mr Wilson's Second Liners

Mr Wilson's Second Liners made their first appearance at the Festival in 2016 where they walked away with our audience award, the Golden Trumpet. Their infectious renditions of Hacienda and 'Madchester' classics ensures they continue to be hugely popular and one of the UK's most in demand street bands.



Northern Monkey Brass Band

Northern Monkey Brass Band (formerly known as Horn Dogs) are a deeply funky collective of some of the finest drum and brass players in the North East of England. The band have rapidly earned a reputation for lively, energetic shows featuring original music written specifically for the band, classics of the New Orleans brass band genre and well known covers in a way you've never heard them.



Reel Brass

Reel Brass is taking ceilidh music to the streets with an exciting mix of traditional ceilidh tunes with pumping n'orleans brass arrangements. With a sousaphone bassline, guitar, accordion, pipes and some upfront horns – expect to get up close and personal as you fly round the dance floor. They will teach you the moves and provide the grooves with all ceilidh dances fully called, and all tunes seriously funky.



Shake em Up Jazz Band

As part of our Women and Brass strand we are delighted to have some 'Jazz Royalty' in Shake Em Up Jazz Band joining us for the first few days of the festival. They formed in 2016 comprising an all-female cast of outstanding traditional jazz musicians from New Orleans. They have been delighting audiences in the US and overseas ever since. This is an outstanding opportunity to hear a unique band direct from the home of jazz.





Carmina Burana

Sunday 22 July, 6pm,
Wharton Park
FREE EVENT

The Durham BRASS Festival Chorus are joined by the Reg Vardy Band for a rousing rendition of Carl Orf's brilliant Carmina Burana. One of the most widely heard pieces of classical music, it has featured in movies such as the Omen, on aftershave adverts, as the tension builder for X Factor, and even as the entrance music for Newcastle United.

Brass for Sir Bobby

Wednesday 18 July, 7:30pm,
Redhills, Durham Miners Hall
£10



Sir Bobby Robson was a great lover of swing music, his Desert Island Discs appearances featured the likes of Frank Sinatra, Louis Armstrong and Peggy Lee. Durham Gala Big Band pay tribute to Sir Bobby with an evening of swing in a magnificent and appropriate venue for the footballing hero from a mining family – the Durham Miners Hall at Redhills.

The Stockton and Darlington Railway - Train 'Suite Gig'

Saturday 14 July, 1:30pm,
Locomotion, Shildon
FREE EVENT

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Durham Alumni Big Band present a world premiere of 'The Train Suite' from the interesting setting of Locomotion. The performance will feature children from various schools in the Shildon and Darlington area, who took part in the Durham Music Workshops, to help celebrate the anniversary of the Stockton and Darlington Railway in the run up to its 200th anniversary.

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Young Brass

Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 July
FREE EVENTS

Over the weekend of 21 and 22 July we have a series of events and masterclasses for young musicians with leading female brass musicians. Masterclasses will be led by Katy Jones (Principal Trombone Halle Orchestra), Kirsty Abbott (Principal Cornet Carlton Main Frickery Brass Band) and Kathleen Gaspoz (Principal Cornet Brighouse and Rastrick Band) and a special performance by Jambone with Jazz trumpet star Laura Jurd.



British Trombone Society - Trombone Day

Sunday 22 July, 10am - 5pm
Durham Town Hall

£10 in advance, £15 on the day

A day of workshops, recitals and the coming together of a massed trombone choir conducted by Katy Jones, Principal Trombone of the Hallé Orchestra. The day is open to members of the British Trombone Society and non-members. Tickets for non-members can be purchased from the BRASS Festival website.



The Big BRASS Bus

Look out for The Big BRASS Bus! The bus will be touring County Durham with streetbands bringing colour and noise to a school and town near you.



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