



## **GUIDELINES FOR COMPLETING YOUR APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2012 BRASS THE BATON RELAY**

### **Introduction**

The Brass The Baton relay is an exciting new project for 2012 designed to increase participation in the Brass Band Music art form on an unprecedented scale never attempted before from a single event. Please check out [www.mad4bb.com](http://www.mad4bb.com) for the latest information on the project.

### **How you can get involved - Brass Bands / Ensembles**

To participate as a performer in the Brass The Baton relay you need to:

#### **1. Be a Brass Band or Brass Ensemble of any playing standard, of any age**

The project is designed so that all brass bands/ensembles of any standard can take part. We particularly want to encourage young players to get involved and therefore one of the five conductor's batons will be dedicated to be passed only between bands involving children and young people up to and including the age of 24.

#### **2. Choose a date to take part in the relay next summer**

The relay race will start at the European Brass Band Championships in Rotterdam on 6th May 2012 and could run until the 9th September 2012, the final day of the London 2012 Festival. When choosing a date for taking part in the relay you should consider using the opportunity to maximize the publicity for your band by:

- Showcasing an existing event on your banding calendar
- Linking with other nationally significant events e.g.: The Queen's Diamond Jubilee weekend (2nd - 5th June) or the passage of the Olympic Torch Relay (check out the route <http://www.london2012.com/olympic-torch-relay-map>)
- Performing in unusual locations, or with other art forms, or with other bands

#### **3. Perform the Brass The Baton new music commission in public on the date chosen using the conductor's baton from the relay**

The new music commission will be available for download in January 2012 and there will be parts for everyone, of all musical ability, to play. The music will last no longer than 5 minutes and will be suitable to feature in any concert programme. We are particularly interested in the most innovative ways you can come up with to perform with the conductor's baton.

#### **4. Pass on the conductor's baton to the next band in the relay**

We will map out the 5 relay routes between participating bands and all we ask is that you undertake to get the baton to the next band on your relay route. We are particularly interested in the most innovative ways you can come up with to transfer the baton and would actively encourage partnering with other bands in your locality to make baton transfers easier (e.g. a joint or massed bands concert).

**Please email your completed form to [brassthebaton@mad4bb.com](mailto:brassthebaton@mad4bb.com)**



## AN EXAMPLE OF A COMPLETED APPLICATION

Name of Brass Band / Ensemble:

**A TOUCH OF BRASS**\_\_\_\_\_

Your Contact Details (Name / Phone / Email):

**Concert Organiser, 07777 999999, atob@atouchofbrass.org.uk**\_\_\_\_\_

Please describe below how you would like to take part in the relay

Proposed Date: **4th June 2012**

Location: **Centre Vale Park Bandstand, Todmorden, West Yorks, OL14 7DE**

Event / Performance Details (including any specific innovations you may like to include for the arrival, performance and departure of the conductor's baton):

**Brass Band Concert as part of Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations, working with local theatre group to stage a "royal arrival of the baton" to the performance arena heralded by brass band fanfare, baton to depart in similar fashion following the performance of the music commission.**

Will your performance only involve children and young people under the age of 25? **NO** (please delete as required)

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