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**PALACE  
THEATRE**  
MANCHESTER

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**PALACE CHAMPION  
OF CHAMPION  
BRASS BANDS**

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**Saturday, December 4th, 1982  
at 5pm**



## Besses O' Th' Barn Band



Besses O' Th' Barn Band was formed in 1818, and its first contest success was in 1821, but it was 1868 before it started competing regularly. After the arrival in 1884 of Alexander Owen the band rapidly improved with probably its peak year in 1892 when it became the proud holder of every major Challenge Cup competed for in Great Britain.

Contesting became less important in the early years of this century, but they still had notable wins, such as the National Championship in 1903, and wins at Belle Vue in 1920, 1931, 1937 and 1959. The main policy of the band being concerts and concert tours, a policy it still maintains today; regularly touring at home and abroad, appearing on television and radio, as well as having several LP's currently available.

Under its present Musical Director, Roy Newsome and Associate Conductor, Alec Evans, the band continues to make its mark. They were B.B.C. Band of the Year and runners-up in the National Championship in 1978; North West Area Champions in 1979 and 1981, and this year they are the British Open Champions.

## The Cory Band



The Cory Band was formed in 1884, and for many years were associated with the mining industry, the earlier years being with the Cory Brothers. They are regarded as the premier band of Wales, but successes in major British contests has brought wider recognition. Over the years they have been European Champions, B.B.C. Band of the Year, Radio Wales Band of the Year, Mineworkers' National Champions, Granada Band of the Year, and many times Champion Band of Wales.

The Cory Band toured the United States in 1976 as part of Great Britain's contribution to the Bicentennial Celebrations, and in 1978 toured in Northern Italy.

They have appeared regularly on television and radio and recorded many albums for most major record companies.

This year the Band has again made an impact in competitions, with pride of place being the winning of the title Champion Band of Great Britain at the Royal Albert Hall in October.



# Desford Colliery Dowty Band

The Desford Dowty Band was first formed in 1898 under the name of Ibstock United Band, but it was 1913 before the band boasted a full set of instruments, bought on instalments and because of the First World War it was 1919 before they were paid for.

The band flourished until 1939, when again most of its members were called to serve in the armed forces. Peacetime found the old instruments too dilapidated to use and replacing them would have cost too much — until 1956 when an opportunity arose to get a grant from the Coal Industries Social Welfare Organisation. As most of the bandsmen were miners, this offer was

regarded as the answer to the band's money problems — and thus its name was changed to what it is today.

The band achieved championship status in 1969, and under the baton of Albert Chappell the band became Midland champions in 1976 and 1977 and National Coal Board champion band in 1977.

The present Musical Director, Howard Snell, joined the band in 1978 and under his direction the band has moved from strength to strength and are currently Midlands Champions in both the National Brass Band Championships and The National Coal Board Champions, Granada Television Band of the Year, B.B.C. Best of Brass Champions and this month became Rothmans Champions.



# Grimethorpe Colliery Band

Grimethorpe Colliery Band was formed in 1917 and have been Mineworkers' National Champions on nine occasions in the twenty one years the contest has been held.

They have been Granada Television Band of the Year five times out of the eight they have entered since it was first held in 1971, and Rothmans Brass in Concert Champions four times out of the six years it has been held.

They were Open Champions in 1967 and 1969 and National Champions in 1970.

Since 1976 the band has toured extensively to the United States, Yugoslavia, France, Italy, Austria, Germany and Australia.

In September of this year their twenty-second LP was released entitled Firebird on the Polyphonic label. They have also recorded two LP's with Peter Skellern, one of which brought the band a Silver Disc.

Elgar Howarth has been their Musical Adviser since 1972, and Ray Farr is their current Musical Director.





# PALACE CHAMPION OF CHAMPION BRASS BANDS

The contest has been designed by the bands involved, and takes into account the test-piece element and the programme.

The judges will sit and work separately. Their awards in Round 1 will be sealed and delivered before Round 2 begins.

*The judges* — James Scott and John Pryce-Jones

*The compère* — Pete Reeves

*Adviser* — Bram Gay

The maximum marks are as follows:

<u>Round 1:</u>	March	25	<i>Test-piece</i>	100
<u>Round 2:</u>	Performance	100	<i>Entertainment value</i>	25

'Entertainment value' is to mean 'appropriate entertainment for this audience at the Palace tonight'.

Since there will be only one prize this evening the marks awarded will not be announced. The marks above are given here as an indication of the basis of adjudication.

The result will be announced after the second interval at approximately 9.45pm.

Round 1 commences at 5pm

Round 2 is expected to commence at 7pm

The presentation of the Trophy will be made by Mr. Raymond Slater Chairman of the Manchester Palace Theatre Trust.

		ORDER OF PLAY	
		Round 1	Round 2
<i>THE BRITISH OPEN CHAMPIONS 1982</i>	<b>BESSES O' TH' BARN BAND</b> Conductor: Roy Newsome	4	1
<i>THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONS 1982</i>	<b>THE CORY BAND</b> Conductor: Major Arthur Kenney	1	2
<i>THE GRANADA CHAMPIONS 1982</i> <i>THE ROTHMANS CHAMPIONS 1982</i>	<b>THE DESFORD COLLIERY DOWTY BAND</b> Conductor: Howard Snell	2	4
<i>THE ROTHMANS CHAMPIONS 1981</i>	<b>THE GRIMETHORPE COLLIERY BAND</b> Conductors: Major Peter Parkes Ray Farr	3	3

## FIRST PRIZE

£1,500 plus 4 cornets from DEG Music Product Inc.

There will be two intervals, one at the end of each Round. The first interval will be approximately 25 minutes. The second interval will be approximately 15 minutes.