

Lochaber Community Wind Band.



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Lochaber Community Wind band is an amateur wind band based in Fort William.

L.C.W.B was founded in 1996 at the initiative of John G. Whyte, who has been the Band's Director Of Music and prime motivator ever since.

Our objective is to provide an outlet for the musical talents of amateur players throughout Lochaber, and to contribute to the cultural diversity of the area by performing at a large variety of community venues - indoors and outdoors, large and small.

Our members come from all over Lochaber and represent a wide variety of age groups, musical backgrounds, preferences and levels of experience. What we all have in common is the joy of playing a musical instrument, which we increase many times over by playing together.

After a long period we re-introduced our Spring Fling event in May 2017 to celebrate our 21st year of operation. Due to its success and another grant for educational purposes being awarded to the band, we have decided to hold a similar event on the 24th & 25th March 2018.

So please accept this invitation and join us at the "Spring Forward Weekend 2018". It would be a great idea to bring your friends and family along with you as there is plenty to do in and around Fort William. They could be exploring old Inverlochy castle, going up the gondola mountain car at Aonach Mor or taking part in some unique indoor or outdoor activities. More details and ideas are available at www.visitfortwilliam.co.uk/ or www.visitscotland.com/
Your family and friends are most welcome to come along to the social evening we have planned for the Saturday and it would be wonderful to meet them.

Please feel free to invite fellow players from your band, ensemble or any other players you know who may be interested in coming along to this event.

You will notice on the invitation / reply form that the players we are inviting should be at grade 5 or above. I am sure you will understand, that for you to get the maximum enjoyment and benefit from the weekend you should be playing or be able to play at this level.

We are delighted to welcome Alan Fernie back to the Highlands as our director for the weekend. Alan gave freely of his time and talents over several years as a guest director and educator working with Lochaber Schools & Highland Schools wind bands, you can read a little more about him on the invitation / reply form and he is a really nice guy. This article from "the mouthpiece" is certainly worth a read. <http://www.themouthpiece.com/forum/threads/interview-with-alan-fernie-composer-of-the-2006-regional-4th-section-test-piece.19848/>

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We are now offering the facility to pay by funds transfer as well as the option of paying by cheque.

To Pay By Funds Transfer: Please make your payment to “Lochaber Community Wind Band” our account is held at the Bank Of Scotland Fort William, Account No. 00468010, Sort Code 80-06-84. Print out or fill in your invitation and email it back to us at lcwb2018@aol.co.uk

To Pay By Cheque: Please fill in the reply slip on the invitation and post it with your cheque made payable to “Lochaber Community Wind Band” to the enclosed address.

The repertoire we are playing over the weekend will be picked by Alan Fernie and John Whyte in consideration of the numbers and make-up of the participants forming the band. Please be assured that we will not be playing “computer generated American rubbish.”

The sheet music for the weekend will be distributed electronically via email, this will help to keep our costs down and allow us more time to concentrate on other arrangements for the event. If you cannot access facilities to print off the sheet music yourself, we will happily print and post it to you.

If you have any disabilities or additional needs please contact me via email and you can be assured that we will do our best to help you.

If you require any help with transport around the Lochaber area please, don't hesitate to ask, our band has people living all over, so you won't be stuck.

We look forward to meeting as many of you as possible in March for what we hope will be a weekend to remember.

In the meantime if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me and we will do our best to assist you in any way we can.

Kindest Regards.

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