

Scottish Concert Band Festival

2019 NATIONAL FINALS

PERTH CONCERT HALL

Sunday 17th. March 2019

COMMUNITY BAND CLASS

DUNBARTONSHIRE CONCERT BAND

Conductor - Robert Baxter

Adjudicators – Stewart Forbes, John Grant & Josef Pacewicz

Title of Work # 1 : NEW YORK - Mvt. 3 from East Coast Pictures by Nigel Hess - SCBF Repertoire List

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Summary and Additional comments :

Great tempo which was maintained very well (difficult to do!)

A lively energetic performance with much to commend.

Great ~~clarity~~ clarity ^{between} in the different ~~parts~~ sections w/w / Br / per
Great balance.

Tight percussion section.

Good ending with plenty of energy and attention to detail.

AWARD # 1

Platinum

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Title of Work # 2 : MOUNTAIN THYME by Samuel Hazo - SCBF Repertoire List

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G flutes in music. Well done.

A good "orchestrated" blend in the brass section at [16]

A good 'flow' to this quite simple music.

Some occasional intonation issues - not enough to distract from the music making though.

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P	G+

Signed :



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Good tempo set. At times there were slight interactive issues that this time did distract from the flow/line of the music.

A well balanced sound. The whole band was playing. Tight percussion accents evident. In general the faster music/sections were ~~all~~ all well delivered.

AWARD #1	AWARD #2	AWARD #3	FINAL AWARD
P	G+	G+	G+

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