

Besson Slow Melody Contest

Held in conjunction with the Queensland State Band Championships
Somerville House, South Brisbane, 22-24 September 2023

Format of Contest: The contest will be run on **FRIDAY 22 September** at 7:00pm at the Chapel, Somerville House, South Brisbane. This will be a **PUBLIC CONCERT**.

The First, Second and Third placed solo performances will be invited to **perform at the Gala Concert** on SATURDAY 23 September at 7:30pm.

The Adjudicator will then announce the winner of the Slow Melody Contest and present the **\$500 prize to the band the performer is registered with AND \$500 prize to the winning soloist**. The adjudicator's decision is final and no discussion will be entered into. A \$250 prize will be awarded to both 2nd and 3rd place soloists.

Entry Requirements: Non-refundable entry fee **\$25.00** paid direct to:

Account Name: **Queensland Band Association**

BSB: **124 021** Account: **1000 6159**

Reference: **Slow Melody**

Soloists need to be **registered with a Brass Band** at least 42 days prior to the contest. The Slow Melody Contest is open to any QBA affiliated Brass Band in Queensland. Entries will be accepted from bands that are not competing in the State Contest.

Contestants must wear their **band uniform to perform**.

ONLY ONE SOLOIST PER ASSOCIATION.

ENTRIES CLOSE Thursday 31 August, 2023

Send entry forms to: qbandsecretary@gmail.com

Music requirements: Finalists **MUST** perform the **SAME piece** for the Gala Concert as played in the Slow Melody Contest.

A "Slow Melody" piece may not necessarily be a song, but it must be what it says: "a Slow Melody". It cannot contain 'Cadenzas', 'Variations' or 'Prolonged Fast-Moving Passages'. It must not be a 'Florid Solo' i.e.: over-elaborate; showy, ornate air varie type. The tempo should be **approximately crotchet = 80**.

The time limit for music played in the Slow Melody Contest is **five (5) minutes**.

Piano accompaniment is required.

A **COPY** of the music will be handed in at the Chapel, Somerville House no later than 30 minutes prior to performance start time. **NO ORIGINALS. Copies will be destroyed after the adjudication.** If a piece is subject to copyright, the same APRA form used by bands at the contest must be attached to any photocopied piece of music. Forms provided with confirmation of entry.

Further information: qbandsecretary@gmail.com / www.qba.org.au