

# PRESS RELEASE

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**Title:** *New Awards at Butlins from The Association of Band Traders*  
**Subject:** *The Association of Band Traders is sponsoring two new awards at the Butlins Mineworkers Brass Band Festival 2008*  
**Summary:** The Association of Band Traders is sponsoring two new awards - the "Youngest Player on the Day Award" and "Bandperson of the Year - Achievement Award" to offer encouragement to youth in music and recognition to those who have made a significant contribution to the movement.  
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It is with great pleasure to announce that The Association of Band Traders is sponsoring two new awards at the Butlins Mineworkers Brass Band Festival which takes place in January 2008 in Skegness. "The Youngest Player of the Day Award" and "Bandperson of the Year – Achievement Award" are both new additions to the collection of awards available at this ever popular contest weekend.

### **Youngest Player of the Day Award**

In line with the Association's charitable focus, "The Youngest Player of the Day" award is designed to recognise, encourage and congratulate the youth element that is present in brass bands and which offers the future lifeblood of brass bands. The award will include a special presentation banner donated by TOR Banners, a music voucher worth £50.00 donated by The Music Company and a commemorative certificate. Any young contenders for this award should make their name, date of birth and band name known to the contest controllers at the time of registration and the award will be presented at the contest's Saturday evening Awards Ceremony.

### **Bandsperson of the Year – Achievement Award**

The "Bandsperson of the Year – Achievement Award" aims to give recognition to any bandsperson playing in the contest who has offered a significant contribution to the banding movement. There is no real restriction on the nature of the achievement, but it is hoped that nominations will be made for bandspeople who have helped develop and support the world of brass bands either through a personal achievement or their dedication to the movement. This award will be selected from nominations submitted in writing using the official nomination form available from the Association website ([www.associationofbandtraders.co.uk](http://www.associationofbandtraders.co.uk)) or by request from Clair Tomalin (Tel: 08700 111 556). The nominations need to be received by the Association by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2007, so don't delay your praise and make your nomination as soon as possible.

This is an ideal opportunity for all competing bands to offer their own support to a band member who they feel has made a significant difference. So, if there is a player who deserves recognition for going the extra mile or who has succeeded in the face of adversity, the Association of Band Traders wants to hear about them!

### **Encouraging Recognition**

Clair Tomalin, Secretary remarked: *"Both these awards serve to offer credit where credit is due. As an Association we are always looking to support and encourage others who succeed in making a difference to the banding movement. Our interest in encouraging youth in music with the "Youngest Player of the*

*Day Award” is very close to our hearts as we are very mindful of protecting the future of brass banding. In the same way, there are many players who go beyond the call of duty with their involvement with brass bands and so we felt it was important that the “Bandperson of the Year Achievement Award” should be introduced to give tribute to these normally unsung heroes.”*

### **Nominations**

Nomination forms can be downloaded from the Association website at [www.AssociationOfBandTraders.co.uk](http://www.AssociationOfBandTraders.co.uk) and emailed to [secretary@AssociationOfBandTraders.co.uk](mailto:secretary@AssociationOfBandTraders.co.uk) or sent in writing to Clair Tomalin, Secretary, c/o Just Brass, PO Box 5684, Dunmow, Essex, CM6 3TR. Nominations need to be received no later than 31<sup>st</sup> December to ensure there is plenty of time to fully assess the submissions before making the final selection. The most deserving candidate will then be presented with a trophy and a commemorative certificate at the contest’s Awards Ceremony on Saturday evening.

The Association of Band Traders looks forward to receiving the nominations for “Bandperson of the Year Achievement Award” and gaining even more insight to the hard work, dedication and sometimes personal sacrifices that take place in the background, all of which ensure the brass band movement continues to have a prosperous future.

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### **Notes to Editors**

#### **Association of Band Traders**

An organisation with the aim of developing an association of experienced and reputable companies serving all aspects of the music industry. Established over 30 years ago, the Association has regularly supported music related charities and projects and continues to seek out new opportunities to offer its involvement. Regular appearances of many of its members take place at the trade shows organised at many of the major brass band contests throughout the country.

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