

NBCA Test Pieces: Junior Brass (1935-2025)

Year	Junior 'A' Grade Brass	Junior 'B' Grade Brass	Junior 'C' Grade Brass
2025	A Summer Rhapsody (Kerry Thomas)	A Bournemouth Suite (Benjamin Tubb-Hearne)	Haunted (Adrian Hallam)
2024	Lydian Pictures (Simon Dobson)	Partita for Brass Band (Edward Gregson)	The Castle by the Sea (Jay Helbers)
2023	A Moorside Suite (Gustav Holst)	Capriol Suite (Peter Warlock, arr. Phillip Littlemore)	Fanfare, Theme & Finale for HPs! (Mark Ford)
2022	Not Contested	Not Contested	Not Contested
2021	Not Contested	Not Contested	Not Contested
2020	Not Contested	Not Contested	Not Contested
2019	Not Contested	A Malvern Suite (Philip Sparke)	Music for Greenwich (Edward Gregson)
2018	Platform to the Heavens (Paul Lovatt-Cooper)	The Comber Suite (Darrol Barry)	Times Passed (Alan Fernie)
2017	The Saga of Haakon the Good (Philip Sparke)	Diogenes (Jacob de Haan)	Two Places (Simon Reade)
2016	Fanfares and Love Songs (Gavin Higgins)	Three Part Invention (Kenneth Downie)	Susato Variations (Jan de Haan)
2015	Behold the Narrows from the Hill (Dwayne Bloomfield)	Not Contested	Kaleidoscope (Stuart Johnson)
2014	Heroic Overture (Kerry Thomas)	A Malvern Suite (Philip Sparke)	Four Old Dances (Jan van der Roost)
2013	Not Contested	Not Contested	The Territorians (Bill McAllister)
2012	Partita for Brass Band (Edward Gregson)	Voices of Youth (Edward Gregson)	Suite for a Ceremonial Occasion (Tony Cresswell)
2011	The Dark Side of the Moon (Paul Lovatt-Cooper)	Not Contested	Little Suite for Brass Band (Op. 80) (Malcolm Arnold)
2010	Colonial Scenes (Lyll McDermott)	A Swedish Rhapsody (Gordon Jacob)	St Andrews Variations (Alan Fernie)
2009	Shine as the Light (Peter Graham)	A Disney Fantasy (arr. Goff Richards)	Not Contested
2008	Lydian Pictures (Simon Dobson)	St Andrews Variations (Alan Fernie)	Glasgow Overture (Alan Fernie)
2007	Three Places in Italy (Brenton Broadstock)	The Comber Suite (Darrol Barry)	Fata Morgana (Kees Schoonenbeek)
2006	Lyonesse (Simon Dobson)	Not Contested	The Seasons (Philip Wilby)
2005	Dreams and Aspirations (Tony Cliff)	Fantasia on 17th Century English Songs (Michael Kenyon)	The Territorians (Bill McAllister)
2004	Images for Brass (Stephen Bulla)	Island Music (Stuart Johnson)	Not Contested
2003	Entertainments (Gilbert Vinter)	Mexican Fiesta (Ronald Hanmer)	Little Suite for Brass Band (Op. 80) (Malcolm Arnold)

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2002	Glasshouse Sketches (Barrie Gott)	A Slaidburn Festival Overture (Beverley Ann Stoll)	Kaleidoscope (Stuart Johnson)
2001	Pacific Dreams (Jacob de Haan)	The Journeyman (Ray Steadman-Allen)	A Circus Suite (Stuart Johnson)
2000	The Loaded Dog (Graham Lloyd)	Sirius (Frank Wright)	Purcellian Suite (Henry Purcell, arr. Frank Wright)
1999	Music from Kantara (Kenneth Downie)	Key West (Darrol Barry)	The Flintknappers Suite (Stuart Johnson)
1998	Hollywood! (Goff Richards)	Fantasy on a Swiss Folk Song (Urs Heri)	Erasmus' Tales (Jan Hadermann)
1997	A Leadsman, a Lady and a Lord (David Stanhope)	Key West (Darrol Barry)	Kaleidoscope (Stuart Johnson)
1996	Music for a Festival (Philip Sparke)	Voices of Youth (Edward Gregson)	Episodes for Brass (Ronald Hanmer)
1995	Suite for Brass (Mike Davis)	A Northumbrian Suite (Stuart Johnson)	No Set Test Piece
1994	Confluence (William Himes)	Three Times a Tune (Jan Hadermann)	No Set Test Piece
1993	Second Rhapsody on Negro Spirituals (Eric Ball)	Devon Fantasy (Eric Ball)	Not Contested
1992	Sinfonietta (Joseph Horowitz)	Partita for Brass Band (Edward Gregson)	Episodes for Brass (Ronald Hanmer)
1991	This Happy Land (Gareth Wood)	A Northumbrian Suite (Stuart Johnson)	Not Contested
1990	Music for a Festival (Philip Sparke)	A Tameside Suite (Philip Sparke)	Not Contested
1989	Overture to Youth (Eric Hughes)	Voices of Youth (Edward Gregson)	Not Contested
1988	Concertino for Brass Band (Eric Gross)	Burke and Wills Suite (Peter Sculthorpe)	Old Westminster (Brass Triptych) (Frank Wright)
1987	Music for Greenwich (Edward Gregson)	Kaleidoscope (Stuart Johnson)	Not Contested
1986	Little Suite for Brass Band (Op. 80) (Malcolm Arnold)	The Rising Generation (Edrich Siebert)	Not Contested
1985	Caprice (Paul Huber)	Indian Summer (Eric Ball)	Not Contested
1984	Carnival (Helen Perkins)	Not Contested	Not Contested
1983	Egmont Overture (Ludwig van Beethoven, arr. Eric Ball)	Not Contested	Not Contested
1982	Youth Salutes a Master (Eric Ball)	Not Contested	Not Contested
1981	Provence (Bryan Kelly)	Not Contested	Not Contested
1980	Three Sketches for Brass Band (Philip B. Catelinet)	Not Contested	Not Contested

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1979	A Northumbrian Suite (Stuart Johnson)	Not Contested	Not Contested
1978	Coliseum (Gareth Wood)	Not Contested	Not Contested
1977	Homeward (Eric Ball)	Not Contested	Not Contested
1976	Caesar and Cleopatra (Gerard Boedijn, arr. Albert H. Jakeway)	Not Contested	Not Contested
1975	Sinfonietta (Joseph Horowitz)	Not Contested	Not Contested
1974	A Czech Fantasy (Albert H. Jakeway)	Not Contested	Not Contested
1973	Test Piece Unknown	Not Contested	Not Contested
1972	Sinfonie Concertante (Gerard Boedijn)	Not Contested	Not Contested
1971	No Set Test Piece	Not Contested	Not Contested
1970	American Sketches (Eric Ball)	A Schumann Suite (arr. Howard Stephens)	The Old Rugged Cross (George Bennard, arr. Edrich Siebert)
1969	Not Contested	Not Contested	Not Contested
1968	Not Contested	Not Contested	Not Contested
1967	Hinrichsen Brass Band Journal No. 210 (1st, 2nd & 3rd Movements)	Not Contested	Not Contested
1966	No Set Test Piece	Not Contested	Not Contested
1965	Test Piece Unknown	Not Contested	Not Contested
1964	Not Contested	Not Contested	Not Contested
1963	Not Contested	Not Contested	Not Contested
1962	Not Contested	Not Contested	Not Contested
1961	The Princess and the Poet (Eric Ball)	Not Contested	Not Contested
1960	Not Contested	Not Contested	Not Contested
1959	Not Contested	Not Contested	Not Contested
1958	Not Contested	Not Contested	Not Contested

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1955	Scotia's Sweetest Melodies (William Smith)	Not Contested	Not Contested
1954	Not Contested	Not Contested	Not Contested
1953	In Old Tibet	Not Contested	Not Contested
1952	Not Contested	Not Contested	Not Contested
1951	Not Contested	Not Contested	Not Contested
1950	Not Contested	Not Contested	Not Contested
1949	Not Contested	Not Contested	Not Contested
1948	No Set Test Piece	Not Contested	Not Contested
1947	Not Contested	Not Contested	Not Contested
1946	Not Contested	Not Contested	Not Contested
1945	The Spirit of Youth (J.A. Greenwood)	Not Contested	Not Contested
1944	Not Contested	Not Contested	Not Contested
1943	Not Contested	Not Contested	Not Contested
1942	Not Contested	Not Contested	Not Contested
1941	Not Contested	Not Contested	Not Contested
1940	Not Contested	Not Contested	Not Contested
1939	A Souvenir of the Opera (William Rimmer)	Not Contested	Not Contested
1938	Autumn Echoes (J.A. Greenwood)	Not Contested	Not Contested
1937	Not Contested	Not Contested	Not Contested
1936	Not Contested	Not Contested	Not Contested
1935	Not Contested	Not Contested	Not Contested