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Year	Open 'A' Grade Brass	Open 'B' Grade Brass	Open 'C' Grade Brass	Open 'D' Grade Brass
2023	Siege (Jared McCunnie)	Hope (Dorothy Gates)	Viking Age (Thierry Deleruyelle)	Music for Greenwich (Edward Gregson)
2022	Not Contested	Not Contested	Not Contested	Not Contested
2021	Not Contested	Not Contested	Not Contested	Not Contested
2020	Not Contested	Not Contested	Not Contested	Not Contested
2019	Handel in the Band (Kenneth Downie)	The Legend of Pandora (Benjamin Tubb-Hearne)	A Summer Rhapsody (Kerry Thomas)	Vengeance (Jared McCunnie)
2018	Time Machine (Thomas Doss)	The Snaring of the Sun (Stephen Roberts)	The Graces of Love (Oliver Waespi)	An English Pastorale (Dean Jones)
2017	Harrison's Dream (Peter Graham)	Penlee (Simon Dobson)	Visions (Dan Price)	The Journal of Phileas Fogg (Peter Graham)
2016	Albion (Jan van der Roost)	Blazon (Peter Graham)	Chorale and Toccata (Stephen Bulla)	Anglian Dances (Alan Fernie)
2015	Gallipoli (Barry McKimm)	Honoris Causa (Michael Forsyth)	The Valiant (William Broughton)	ANZAC Variations (Phillip Rutherford)
2014	St. Magnus (Kenneth Downie)	The Forest of Dean (Derek Bourgeois)	St. Austell Suite (Kenneth Downie)	Stantonbury Festival (Ray Steadman-Allen)
2013	The Devil and the Deep Blue Sea (Derek Bourgeois)	Lyonese (Simon Dobson)	Northern Landscapes (Peter Graham)	Prelude, Song and Dance (John Golland)
2012	Cambridge Variations (Philip Sparke)	Cross Patonce (Goff Richards)	Lake of the Moon (Kevin Houben)	A Celtic Suite (Philip Sparke)
2011	Vienna Nights (Philip Wilby)	Suite Gothique (Op. 25) (Léon Boëllmann, arr. Eric Ball)	Purcell Variations (Kenneth Downie)	Music from Kantara (Kenneth Downie)
2010	Extreme Makeover (Johan de Meij)	Coventry Variations (Bramwell Tovey)	Portrait of a City (Philip Sparke)	Convergents (Franco Cesarini)
2009	Dove Descending (Philip Wilby)	The Bandsman's Challenge (Bertrand Moren)	Symphony of Marches (Gilbert Vinter)	The Call of the Righteous (Leslie Condon)
2008	Dances and Alleluias (Philip Sparke)	Main Street (Eric Ball)	The Shipbuilders (Peter Yorke)	Anglian Dances (Alan Fernie)
2007	Terra Australis (Martin Ellerby)	The King of Elfland's Daughter (Rodney Newton)	A Gallimaufry Suite (Philip Harper)	Glasgow Overture (Alan Fernie)
2006	Variations on an Enigma (Philip Sparke)	Purcell Variants (Peter Meechan)	Northern Landscapes (Peter Graham)	Voices of Youth (Edward Gregson)
2005	Tristan Encounters (Martin Ellerby)	A Vision of the Lost (Brenton Broadstock)	Dancing in the Park (Peter Graham)	Scenes from a Comedy (Michael Hopkinson)

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2004	Chivalry (Martin Ellerby)	Suite Gothique (Op. 25) (Léon Boëllmann, arr. Eric Ball)	Chorale and Toccata (Stephen Bulla)	Legend in Brass (James Curnow)
2003	Harmony Music (Philip Sparke)	The Plantagenets (Edward Gregson)	The Prizewinners (Philip Sparke)	Four Little Maids (John Carr)
2002	Winds of Change (Brenton Broadstock)	Partita for Band: Postcards from Home (Philip Wilby)	Diamond Heritage (Darrol Barry)	The Seasons (Philip Wilby)
2001	Tallis Variations (Philip Sparke)	Firestorm (Stephen Bulla)	The Loaded Dog (Graham Lloyd)	A Caledonian Journey (Alan Fernie)
2000	Endeavour: Australia 1788-1988 (Philip Sparke)	Rutherford Variations (Brenton Broadstock)	Sirius (Brian Hogg)	The Magical Scarecrow (Mark Saunders)
1999	On Alderley Edge (Peter Graham)	Symphonic Suite for Brass Band (Leyton Lucas)	Hollywood! (Goff Richards)	A Wessex Suite (Derek M. Broadbent)
1998	Isaiah 40 (Robert Redhead)	The Present Age (Leslie Condon)	Night Music (Bram Wiggins)	Metropolis (Gordon Langford)
1997	Coal River (Barry McKimm)	Sinfonietta for Brass Band (Gordon Langford)	A Barchester Suite (Derek Bourgeois)	A Malvern Suite (Philip Sparke)
1996	The Year of the Dragon (Philip Sparke)	The Belmont Variations (Arthur Bliss, arr. Frank Wright)	Divertimento for Brass (Darrol Barry)	The Journeyman (Ray Steadman-Allen)
1995	Ballet for Band (Joseph Horowitz)	Cross Patonce (Goff Richards)	A Celtic Suite (Philip Sparke)	A Saddleworth Festival Overture (Goff Richards)
1994	English Heritage (George Lloyd)	Brass Metamorphosis (James Curnow)	Legend in Brass (James Curnow)	Sounds of Brass (Roy Newsome)
1993	Festival Music (Eric Ball)	Resurgam (I Shall Rise Again) (Eric Ball)	Celebration (Eric Ball)	Petite Suite de Ballet (Eric Ball)
1992	Odin (Arthur Butterworth)	The Festive City (Eric Ball)	Little Suite for Brass Band No. 2 (Op. 93) (Malcolm Arnold)	Nott'num Town (Allan Street)
1991	Prisms (Peter Graham)	Royal Parks (George Lloyd)	Fanfare and Variations (Darrol Barry)	Contrasten (Jan de Haan)
1990	Seascapes (Ray Steadman-Allen)	A London Overture (Philip Sparke)	A Saddleworth Festival Overture (Goff Richards)	A Celtic Suite (Philip Sparke)
1989	Frontier! (Michael Ball)	Facets of Glass (Gordon Langford)	Mexican Fiesta (Ronald Hanmer)	Ballad for Band (Gordon Jacob)
1988	Ash Wednesday (Barry McKimm)	Sirius (Brian Hogg)	Dimboola (George Dreyfus)	Sirius (Frank Wright)
1987	Contest Music (Wilfred Heaton)	Main Street (Eric Ball)	Music for a Festival (Philip Sparke)	Four Little Maids (John Carr)
1986	Blitz (Op. 65) (Derek Bourgeois)	Symphonic Study (Gordon Jacob)	Symphonetta Pastorale (Henry Geehl)	Second Suite in F Major (Gustav Holst, arr. Sydney Herbert)

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1985	Ash Wednesday (Barry McKimm)	North West Passage (Roy Newsome)	Aspirations (Derek Bourgeois)	Metropolis (Gordon Langford)
1984	The Western Land 'Broome' (William Lovelock)	The Charge of Ghaza (Larry Keane)	Not Contested	Episodes for Brass (Ronald Hanmer)
1983	Variations for Brass Band (Ralph Vaughan Williams)	The Aeronauts (Goff Richards)	Tuba Mirum (The Trumpet Shall Sound) (Gareth Wood)	Rhapsody on Sea Shanties (Gordon Langford)
1982	Fantasy for Brass Band (Malcolm Arnold)	Alice in Wonderland (Ronald Hanmer)	Hungarian Fantasy (Albert H. Jakeway)	Doon Valley (Allan Street)
1981	The Plantagenets (Edward Gregson)	Introduction, Elegy and Caprice (Morley Calvert)	Morning Rhapsody (Eric Ball)	A Northumbrian Suite (Stuart Johnson)
1980	Volcano (Robert Simpson)	Concertino (Philip Lane)	Alice in Wonderland (Ronald Hanmer)	A Suite for Switzerland (Roy Newsome)
1979	Introduction and Allegro (Gareth Wood)	Caprice (Paul Huber)	Isle of Avalon (Philip B. Catelinet)	The Seasons (John Can)
1978	Down Under (Ronald Hanmer)	Scena Sinfonica (Henry Geehl)	Rhapsody on British Sea Shanties (Donald Osgood)	Little Suite for Brass Band (Kenneth Platts)
1977	Journey Into Freedom (Eric Ball)	Blackfriars (Edric Cundell, arr. Frank Wright)	The Pacemakers (Edward Gregson)	Shakespearean Rhapsody: Prospero and Miranda (Reginald Heath)
1976	The Plantagenets (Edward Gregson)	Sinfonietta (Thomas Wilson)	Cornish Festival Overture (Eric Ball)	Episodes for Brass (Ronald Hanmer)
1975	Suite for Brass (Allan Street)	Essay for Brass Band (Edward Gregson)	Avalon (Norman Richardson)	Promenade (Frank Bryce)
1974	A Kensington Concerto (Eric Ball)	Orion (Granville Bantock)	Song and Dances (Allan Street)	American Sketches (Eric Ball)
1973	The Judges of the Secret Court (Les Francs Juges) (Hector Berlioz, arr. Frank Wright)	Music for Brass (Denis Wright)	Capriol Suite (Peter Warlock, arr. Geoffrey Brand)	Youth Salutes a Master (Eric Ball)
1972	Academic Festival Overture (Johannes Brahms)	Prometheus Unbound (Granville Bantock)	Mexican Fiesta (Ronald Hanmer)	Shakespearean Rhapsody: Prospero and Miranda (Reginald Heath)
1971	Blackfriars (Edric Cundell, arr. Frank Wright)	St. Michael's Mount (Eric Ball)	Homeward (Eric Ball)	English Suite (William Lovelock)
1970	Salute to Youth (Gilbert Vinter)	Les Preludes (Franz Liszt, arr. William Rimmer)	Snowdon Fantasy (Thomas James Powell)	American Sketches (Eric Ball)
1969	Life Divine (Cyril Jenkins)	Quo Vadis? (Whither Goest Thou?) (Drake Rimmer)	Fowey River Suite (Eric Ball)	Purcellian Suite (Henry Purcell, arr. Frank Wright)
1968	Journey Into Freedom (Eric Ball)	Music for a Brass Band (Martin Dalby)	The Rivals (Alfred Ashpole)	Passing Moods (Thomas James Powell)

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1967	Triumphant Rhapsody (Gilbert Vinter)	Glastonbury (Denis Wright)	Old Palace Yard (Francis Cameron, arr. Frank Wright)	Mexican Fiesta (Ronald Hanmer)
1966	The Belmont Variations (Arthur Bliss, arr. Frank Wright)	The Great City (William Lovelock)	Four Preludes (Eric Ball)	A Rural Suite (Charles Woodhouse, arr. Eric Ball)
1965	Test Piece Unknown	No. 1: Spring Song / No. 2: Island Heritage	Test Piece Unknown	Test Piece Unknown
1964	Symphony of Marches (Gilbert Vinter)	Everybody's Child (Eric Ball)	Life's Treasures (Thomas James Powell)	The Ancient Mariner (Michael Laurent)
1963	Diadem of Gold (George Bailey, arr. Frank Wright)	Test Piece Unknown	Test Piece Unknown	Not Contested
1962	Les Preludes (Franz Liszt, arr. William Rimmer)	Scheherazade (Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov, arr. Drake Rimmer)	Spirit of Progress (Drake Rimmer)	Homage to Pharaoh (Drake Rimmer)
1961	Blackfriars (Edric Cundell, arr. Frank Wright)	Second Rhapsody on Negro Spirituals (Eric Ball)	Crown Cavalcade (P. Beechfield Carver)	Glastonbury (Denis Wright)
1960	Variations for Brass Band (Ralph Vaughan Williams)	Sunset Rhapsody (Eric Ball)	The Undaunted (Eric Ball)	In Tudor Days (Henry Geehl)
1959	Test Piece Unknown	Test Piece Unknown	Test Piece Unknown	Test Piece Unknown
1958	Festival Music (Eric Ball)	Test Piece Unknown	Test Piece Unknown	Test Piece Unknown
1957	Festival Music (Eric Ball)	Ajanta: The Forgotten Temple (Hans Uljée, arr. Drake Rimmer)	James Hook (Henry Geehl)	The Vicar of Bray (Frank Stokes)
1956	Diadem of Gold (George Bailey, arr. Frank Wright)	Test Piece Unknown	Test Piece Unknown	Test Piece Unknown
1955	Themes from Symphony No. 5 (Peter Ilich Tchaikovsky, arr. Eric Ball)	The Crusaders (Thomas Keighley)	O'er Hill and Dale (E. Le Duc)	Homage to Pharaoh (Drake Rimmer)
1954	Not Contested	Not Contested	Not Contested	Not Contested
1953	Scena Sinfonica (Henry Geehl)	A Northern Rhapsody (Thomas Keighley)	The Crusaders (Thomas Keighley)	In Old Tibet
1952	Jupiter Symphony (Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, arr. J.A. Greenwood)	Moses in Egypt (arr. J.A. Greenwood)	Aroldo (Giuseppe Verdi)	The New Age (J.A. Greenwood)
1951	Robin Hood (Henry Geehl)	The Royal Water Music (George Frideric Handel, arr. Hamilton Harty)	Themes from Greig Piano Concerto (Edvard Grieg, arr. Kenneth Cook)	Romantique (Robert Schumann)

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1950	Symphony No. 7 (Ludwig van Beethoven)	Sirius (Frank Wright)	Three Brass Band Studies (Philip B. Catelinet)	Rhapsody on Negro Spirituals (Eric Ball)
1949	Themes from Symphony No. 5 (Peter Ilich Tchaikovsky, arr. Eric Ball)	Not Contested	Not Contested	Not Contested
1948	A Downland Suite (John Ireland)	Not Contested	Not Contested	Not Contested
1947	Themes from Beethoven's 8th Symphony (Ludwig van Beethoven, arr.	Themes from Beethoven's 8th Symphony (Ludwig van Beethoven, arr.	La Regina di Golconda (Gaetano Donizetti)	Autumn Echoes (J.A. Greenwood)
1946	The Royal Water Music (George Frideric Handel, arr. Hamilton Harty)	Test Piece Unknown	Test Piece Unknown	Fantasia (Ludwig van Beethoven)
1945	The Crusaders (Thomas Keighley)	The White Rider (Denis Wright)	Beethoven (Ludwig van Beethoven, arr. Harry Round)	The Spirit of Youth (J.A. Greenwood)
1944	Not Contested	Not Contested	Not Contested	Not Contested
1943	Not Contested	Not Contested	Not Contested	Not Contested
1942	Not Contested	Not Contested	Not Contested	Not Contested
1941	Not Contested	Not Contested	Not Contested	Not Contested
1940	Not Contested	Not Contested	Not Contested	Not Contested
1939	No. 1: Eroica Symphony / No. 2: Royal Water Music	The Royal Water Music (George Frideric Handel, arr. Hamilton Harty)	Titus (Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart)	Recollections of Balfe (Michael William Balfe, arr. William Rimmer)
1938	Robin Hood (Henry Geehl)	Princess Nada (Denis Wright)	Gilbert and Sullivan Selection: Iolanthe (Arthur Sullivan)	The Call of Youth (J.A. Greenwood)
1937	Bizet (Georges Bizet)	Not Contested	Not Contested	Not Contested
1936	Pride of Race (Kenneth A. Wright)	Prometheus Unbound (Granville Bantock)	Die Feen (The Fairies) (Richard Wagner, arr. Frank Wright)	Songs of Homeland (arr. Frank Wright)
1935	Prometheus Unbound (Granville Bantock)	Carmen (Georges Bizet)	The Mock Doctor (Charles Gounod)	Martha (Friedrich von Flotow)