

Barnes Concert Band Showcases Talent of Local Young Musicians

Barnes Concert Band is holding its second *Young Soloists Concert* featuring two local musicians who competed for the chance to perform a solo with the Band.

The winners of this year's competition are Tom Bithell, a flute player, aged 14, from Richmond and Nina Pryce, aged 16, who plays the trumpet and is from Hounslow.

David Smith, Musical Director of Barnes Concert Band, said:

"I am delighted that we have continued our young soloists initiative for a second year, supporting local young musicians. We were impressed with the quality of all applicants, and I know that Nina and Tom will give wonderful performances of their chosen pieces. I hope they enjoy every minute of the concert and use these performances as stepping stones in their musical progression."

Tom started playing the flute seven years ago at Queen's Primary School in Kew and now attends Hampton School. With a grade 8 with distinction already he has begun work on a diploma programme. Tom's teacher is Ben Watson who leads the woodwind team at Richmond Music Trust. Tom's favourite composer is flautist Ian Clarke and he enjoys exploring multiphonic techniques.

Nina Pryce is an accomplished young musician having passed her grade 8 in trumpet and now working towards the same level in piano and voice. She attends Hounslow Music Service Specialist Music School where she studies trumpet with Alan Goodall. Nina aspires to attend music college and to obtain a degree in music after which she plans to become a music therapist.

The *Young Soloists Concert* takes place on Saturday 2 March at 7.30pm at Richmond Park Academy. Tickets are available at the door £7/£5 (under 16s free).

Background

Barnes Concert Band was formed in the 1970s and under the direction of David Smith www.davidsmithconductor.com is a regular feature in the local area playing at Barnes Fair, the Royal Parks and many other community events, as well as private functions.

The Band introduced The Young Soloists Competition in 2012. The competition is open to woodwind, brass and percussion players aged 18 or under living in Richmond, Hounslow or Kingston.

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