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## 2009 KBB Music Festival - 26 Years of Music Making

18-21 August, *KBB Music Festival Performances*, Aotea Centre, THE EDGE®

31 August, *KBB Music Festival Gala Concerts*, Aotea Centre, THE EDGE®

This year marks the 26<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the KBB Music Festival, formerly known as the Auckland Secondary Schools Band and Orchestra Festival. Established in 1983 to encourage music in schools, the festival has grown into the largest regional youth music event in New Zealand.

In 2009 the KBB Music Festival will feature performances by 117 music groups from over forty Auckland secondary schools between 18<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of August at the Aotea Centre, THE EDGE®.

A highly-anticipated annual event, the KBB Music Festival features adjudicated performances by secondary school Concert Bands, Jazz Bands, Symphony Orchestras and Chamber Orchestras throughout the greater Auckland region. More than 3,000 students will perform this year.

Part of the Festival's success is its adjudicators who provide vital feedback for each group. This year's adjudicators are **Vaughn Roberts** (Jazz Bands), **Dr Don McLaurin** (Concert Bands), **Bridget Douglas** (Symphony Orchestras) and **Robert Ibell** (Chamber Orchestras).

From its humble beginnings playing in schools halls, the four day event is now held in the professional acoustics of THE EDGE®. "Not only was it more convenient with multiple performing venues," says Peter Goddard, a founding member and organiser. "It also made the festival more prestigious."

In more recent years the festival was renamed the KBB Music Festival. The decision was made by the independent committee to honour **KBB Music's** long-time support of the Festival.

"I believe the biggest value of festival like this is to show pupils and teachers alike what heights it is possible to aspire to," says Alan Kemp, KBB Music Managing Director. "I'm proud that KBB Music has been involved for the last twenty years of those 25."

In 2006 the **KBB Music Fringe Festival** was introduced, giving novice groups an opportunity to perform and receive an onstage workshop from an experienced clinician. With the aim to provide encouragement and constructive feedback for better music-making, a record fourteen groups will be performing in the Fringe Festival on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> of August.

The success of the KBB Music Festival is undeniably a testament to the festival committee and main sponsors. "I would like to pay homage to the KBB Music Festival committee, both past and present," says David Squire. "Especially sponsors **KBB Music** and **THE EDGE® Public Programmes** for their vision and passion in helping to make these festivals happen."

The KBB Music Festival will conclude with two **Gala Concerts** featuring the best groups selected by the adjudicators on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> of August at the ASB Auditorium, Aotea Centre, THE EDGE®.

The public are welcome to attend all performances during the week at the Aotea Centre, which are **free admission**, and may purchase tickets to the stirring Gala Concerts from THE EDGE® [www.buytickets.co.nz](http://www.buytickets.co.nz) or phone 09 357 3355 (\$15 general admission for each concert, or \$25 for both concerts).

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### 2009 KBB Music Festival Dates

Tuesday 18 August	Concert Band & Jazz Band performances ( <i>Free admission</i> )
Wednesday 19 August	Concert Band & Jazz Band performances ( <i>Free admission</i> )
Thursday 20 August	Symphony & Chamber Orchestra performances ( <i>Free admission</i> )
Friday 21 August	<b>KBBMF Fringe Festival</b> ( <i>Free admission</i> )
Sunday 23 August	<b>KBB Music Festival Gala Concerts</b> 2pm – Chamber Orchestras & Concert Bands 6.30pm - Symphony Orchestras & Jazz Bands ( <i>Tickets \$15 for one concert, or \$25 for both concerts.</i> <i>Book at THE EDGE® <a href="http://www.buytickets.co.nz">www.buytickets.co.nz</a> or phone 09 357 3355</i> )

### Adjudicators of the 2009 KBB Music Festival

- **Vaughn Roberts** – Composition and arranging lecturer at the NZ School of Music in Wellington. Experienced big band director and one of the country's top jazz trumpeters.
- **Dr Don McLaurin** – Music director at Freyberg High School and adjudicator for the NZ Concert Bands Association. Possesses extensive symphonic wind band conducting experience in the USA, as well as playing trumpet for numerous pop, jazz and rock artists.
- **Bridget Douglas** – Principal Flute of the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra. Winner of several international flute competitions and is involved in several contemporary music ensembles, notably Stroma.
- **Robert Ibell** – Cellist of the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra. Member of the Aroha Quartet, Amazon Trio and New Zealand contemporary music ensemble Stroma.

### Schools involved in the 2009 KBB Music Festival

ACG Parnell College	King's College	Rosmini College
Alfriston College	Kristin School	Sacred Heart College
Aorere College	Long Bay College	Sancta Maria School
Auckland Grammar School	Lynfield College	Selwyn College
Avondale College	Macleans College	St Cuthbert's College
Baradene College	Manurewa High School	St Kentigern College
Birkenhead College	Marist College	St Mary's College
Carmel College	Mt Roskill Grammar School	St Peter's College
Diocesan School for Girls	Northcote College	Takapuna Grammar School
Edgewater College	Orewa College	Westlake Boys High School
Epsom Girls Grammar School	Pakuranga College	Westlake Girls High School
Glendowie College	Pinehurst School	Whangaparaoa College
Glenfield College	Pukekohe High School	
Howick College	Rangitoto College	
Kelston Boys High School	Rosehill College	

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