



Drum Corps United Kingdom

Providing an exciting competitive circuit for Drum & Bugle corps.



If you run a Drum & Bugle Corps or a Corps style unit then this is your chance to expand the opportunities for, and development of, your members.



Be the best!

www.dcuks.org.uk



DRUM CORPS UNITED KINGDOM

Information

DCUK is a charitable organisation registered with The Charity Commissioners and run BY the members FOR the members. The organisation runs the summer season. DCUK elects a Board annually to run the activity. Three of these board members also stand as trustees and serve on the board of Marching & Performing Arts UK (MPA:UK).

Competitive Classes

In 2008 DCUK will organise and run four regional Drum Corps competitions plus a Drum Corps Europe Regional will be included in our schedule.

There are three competitive classes;

International Open Class (IOC) National Open Class (NOC) National Junior Class (NJC)

The IOC and NOC classes are divisional classes based primarily on performance standard with no age restrictions. A self selection process is used to determine which class corps wish to compete in.

The NJC is open to new/inexperienced units or Cadet Corps with the emphasis on performance and enjoyment rather than competition.

All styles of marching units will be warmly welcomed to perform an exhibition at any of our Regional shows.

To qualify for Finals corps only need compete at one of the four regional competitions in 2008 or the Drum Corps Europe Regional.

Corps are able to compete using any form of brass instrumentation.



Membership Requirement

Membership of DCUK is open to all British Drum and Bugle Corps (and Corps style units) as defined in the rules of the organisation. Interested potential members should initially contact the DCUK Board for an information pack and application form.

On receipt of their application, Corps will be contacted by the local member of the DCUK Board who will arrange to visit or have an informal chat, to answer any questions and to offer advice. There is no audition or "standards" qualification for membership.

None member units are actively encouraged to exhibit (and be judged if required) at any DCUK Regional contest – contact us for details.

Much more information can be found on our website
<http://www.dcuk.org.uk>

The Management of DCUK

The management team of Drum Corps United Kingdom, who were elected by their fellow Corps Directors and Corps Representatives, consists of Chris Jones, Jason Oates, Rob Swindells, Joe Fitzpatrick and the Chair of MPA:UK, Alan Thompson – in addition Douglas Caldwell acts as our Judging Liaison between DCUK and our certified partner Drum Corps Europe (DCE).

Contact the board at

board@dcuk.org.uk

or the Chairman at

chairman@mpauk.org.uk

Income Generation



DCUK generates income to support the activity. Mostly this comes from profits from the Championships and the membership/registration fee charge to member Corps but DCUK also runs a booster stall and online merchandising section.

DVDs are professionally produced for each Championships event and are sold on a not-for-profit basis.

DCUK – PROVIDING QUALITY SERVICE.....



**A member of Marching & Performing Arts UK
Registered Charity Number 328541**

Benefits of Membership of DCUK

Four Regional Competitions in 2008 plus DCE Regional

Certified Partnership with Drum Corps Europe

Quality judging and advice via our certified partnership

Spectacular "Finals" event for all classes

Professionally Produced souvenir DVD's of each "Finals"

Financial "rebate" calculated on the number of contests attended

Advice on recruitment; How to start a corps

Advice on running a corps and any problems encountered

**An informative and regularly updated website with essential
download documents for guidance on running a corps effectively**

**Free embroidered patches for all members marching finals
Medals for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place corps at finals in each class**

~ DCUK ~

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