



# 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.**



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[www.dcuuk.org.uk](http://www.dcuuk.org.uk)



# DRUM CORPS UNITED KINGDOM

## Information

Drum Corps United Kingdom (DCUK) is a charitable organisation registered with The Charity Commissioners and run BY the members FOR the members. The organisation runs events during the summer and early autumn months. DCUK elects a Board annually to run the activity. Three of these board members also stand as trustees and serve on the board of our governing charity - Marching & Performing Arts UK (MPA:UK).

### Competitive Classes

In 2009 DCUK will organise and run three regional Drum Corps competitions plus the 30<sup>th</sup> British Drum Corps Championships.

There are three competitive classes;

- Open Class
- A Class \*
- Junior Class

\* only at the British Championships

The Open & A Classes are divisional classes based primarily on performance standard with no age restrictions. All Corps will compete in the Open Class at Regional contests throughout the season plus the British Championships Prelims and then will be split, using a predetermined criteria, into Open & A Class for the British Championships Finals.

The Junior Class 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.

There are no qualifying criteria for the DCUK Championships – however Corps do need to compete at at least one DCUK event to be eligible for the Drum Corps Europe Championships.

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 we have a Judging Liaison Officer who liases between DCUK and our certified partner Drum Corps Europe (DCE) on all judging matters.

**Contact the board at**

[board@dcuk.org.uk](mailto:board@dcuk.org.uk)

**or the Chairman at**

[chairman@mpauk.org.uk](mailto: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 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  
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## **Benefits of Membership of DCUK**

**Three Regional Competitions in 2009**

**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"**

**Pay as you Play – you only pay for the shows you enter**

**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**

**~ DCUK ~**

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THE HOME OF BRITISH DRUM CORPS**



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