

Paul Morgan



Paul has a Banding, Performing Arts and Colourguard career that spans some 45+ years, in which he has played a wide range of trumpet and bugle in various keys, as well as taught and written music & productions to the highest levels of achievement within the performing arts arenas. As a lead Trumpet player, Paul has enjoyed being soloist in every Band that he has ever marched or played with, and attributes his teaching and musical thinking style to the work of mentors Dave Loader & Pete and Eddie Hendle, who taught him and countless others the value and the strength of the individual making up the whole.

He has achieved Gold Medals at all levels, including World Championships in all forms of performing arts both as a marching member, Designer, instructor and latterly leader of teams and organizations.

Paul is one of the UK and Europe's most senior Judges and had adjudicated at all levels on the BYBA (www.byba.org.uk), DCUK (www.dcu.org.uk), NTC (www.ntc.org.uk) and DCE (www.drumcorpseurope.org) circuits. He has attended countless seminars, and other functions where the youth of today have benefited from his input and has been accredited to judge at Winter Guard United Kingdom (www.wguk.org.uk) events across the UK in addition to his marching band and drum corps fields.

Paul strongly believes that the relationship between Band Master, Instructor, Writer/Designer and Judge should be as open as possible to let the Art form grow, and by doing so everyone involved in it can and will also.

Paul has also been involved in the Colourguard side of the Banding world and for more than 35 years, and is the Founder and past Chairman (retired in April 2011) of the Northern Academy of Performing Arts (NAPA), WGUK (www.wguk.org.uk) Open Class Champions multiple times and based in the Sheffield. Paul also led them to the WGI (www.wgi.org) World Championships Independent Open Class Finals in 2010, where they finished 15th in the World. Despite retiring, Paul has continued to write not only for Northern Academy colourguards but a number of other units too, which has continued to this day.

Returning to Essex, Paul re-formed the Organisation Thurrock Marching Brass after a 21 year absence from the scene, a registered Music Educational Charity for young people in the Thurrock area and remains Chairman of the Board of Trustees there. This young group have already secured 4 British Championship titles at Cadet and Junior level, 5 British Championship Runners-up titles at Cadet and Junior levels, a WGUK Bronze medal at Cadet level and a Guinness World Record for the Longest Fanfare Line. Paul has guided its young members to over 143 medals at National Individual & Ensemble Competitions since the re-launch in 2010.

Paul lives in Essex and has three Daughters.

1975 - 1978 Thurrock Drum & Trumpet Corps
1978 - 1989 Thurrock Marching Brass
1989 - 1991 Jazz on G Orchestra
1989 - 1995 Thurrock Academy (Colourguard)
1990 - 1991 Southern Knights Senior Drum Corps (marched DCA in USA)
1990 - 1990 Blue Eagles Drum & Bugle Corps
1991 - 1995 DCUK Brass (Caption Head) and General Musical Effect Judge
1993 - 1994 Blue Ambassadors Drum & Bugle Corps
1992 - 1993 BYBA Field Wind, Judge
1995 - 1998 Lived in Jacksonville Florida, USA
1998 - 2010 DCUK GE Music, Overall Effect, Ensemble Music Judge
1998 - 2011 Retired BYBA General Musical Effect, Field Wind Judge
1999 - 2003 Deputy Chairman DCUK Judges Association
2003 - 2007 Chairman, DCUK Judges Association
2003 - 2011 Retired Founder and Chairman, Northern Academy of Performing Arts (NAPA based in Sheffield)
2004 - 2010 Retired DCE Music Judge
2006 - 2008 Chairman, BYBA Communications
2007 - 2009 Caption Head of Music, Drum Corps Europe (DCE)
2008 - 2009 WGUK Board Member
2008 - 2012 Chairman, BYBA Judging
2010 - 2012 Retired Vice Chairman, BYBA
2008 - Present Re-Founder and Chairman Thurrock Marching Brass (re-launched in 2010)
2014 - Inducted into the British Youth Band Association Hall of Fame and BYBA Fellowship
2016 - Present Active BYBA Music Judge
2017 - Present Judging coordinator & Board Member - IMG
2020 - Present BYBA Southern Regional Representative
2022 - Present BYBA Vice Chairman

BYBA: British Youth Band Association
DCUK: Drum Corps United Kingdom
WGUK: Winter Guard United Kingdom
NTC: Nautical Training Corps
DCE: Drum Corps Europe
DCA: Drum Corps Associates
IMG: Indoor Music Games