



# Hertfordshire Showband

Potters Bar, Hertfordshire,  
England, UK  
Established 1972

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One of the UK's most successful Marching Showbands  
*Music to Entertain!*

## Overview:

Originally established in 1972 as the Little Heath & Potters Bar Scout & Guide Band, over the years, the band has grown and become a core part of Potters Bar's and Hertfordshire's music community. In the late 1980s, the band transitioned into The Marching Blues and in 2006 the band a more significant change, establishing the foundations for today's band.

Based in Potters Bar, Hertfordshire, the Hertfordshire Showband is one of the UK's most successful marching bands, catering for young people and adults within the local and surrounding communities.

Administered by the Hertfordshire Band Academy (Registered Charity No.: 1079924), the Hertfordshire Showband offers young and old (from 9 years old to 60+) with mixed abilities in the community, the opportunity to learn, perform and compete.

The band has over 65 performers playing a range of brass, woodwind and percussion instruments. With many talented individuals, the band has grown in strength over its 50+ successful years!

One of the bands strongest assets is its versatile ability to perform in different styles: large and small; local, national and international; from competitions (eg. World Music Contest) and parades (eg. Lord Mayor's Show) to TV performances (eg. BBC: Blue Peter, ZingZillas, ITV: Britains Got Talent, Channel 4: 2011 Christmas Special and Netflix: The Perfect Couple) and even major

international events including the opening of the London 2012 Olympic Stadium.

Annual events include performances at St George's Day celebrations, local carnival parades and arena performances, and Christmas concerts / gigs / parades.

The band's music catalogue has an impressive 120+ tune, spanning many genres including: stage & screen, traditional march, pop, rock. Easy listening, blues, seasonal, national tunes & more.

With a very strong culture of friendship, support and cooperation between members of all ages, a solid history of achievements through hard work and fun performances remains at the heart of the band unique set up and ambitious longer-term future. The band is always extremely proud and privileged to perform and represent the local community as well as the United Kingdom on the international 'stage'.



## Achievements:

The Hertfordshire Showband has won many awards domestically and internationally over the years. Most recently, the band is currently extremely proud to be divisional double World Champions and double GOLD medal winners from the World Music Contest (WMC), held

in the Netherlands, in July 2022.

Over the past years, the band has competed in the last 8 WMCs since 1993, the Youth Marching Band Championships, World Showband Contest and the European Marching &

Showband Championships winning a selection of Gold, Silver and Bronze standard awards. The Showband's highlight events



and venues include Windsor Castle, the Royal Albert Hall, the Royal Tournament, NFL & Saracens at Wembley Stadium, Brands Hatch & Silverstone race circuits, The Lord Mayor's Show London, the Birmingham Tattoo, St Patrick's Day Parade & Christmas Parade London, Disneyland Paris and in many other prestigious events and parades in the UK & Europe. Success for the Showband is not just all about awards.

Audience engagement and enjoyment are critical to our performances, reflected in the style and variety of performance and music; often these can be greater rewards, seeing and hearing audience reaction, participation and feedback!

## Performance Programme:

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Following the band's successes at WMC over the last eight appearances, in 2014 the band changed its strategic direction, focusing on marching parade performances, mixing traditional parades with fun music and moves to emphasise the music mood and feel.

As the concept has evolved, the band continue to elaborate on new moves and music to entertain. As committed to WMC, the band brought this style of marching contest into the UK contest scene.

The band's continued enthusiasm to drive forward and bring new concepts to marching

and playing will continue to evolve at events through to WMC 2026 and beyond.



## Key Achievement List:

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- ♪ Performed in the **Lord Mayor's Show**, London for many years, (most recent 2024)
- ♪ Featured in the **Netflix** series, The Perfect Couple starring Nicole Kidman (2023)
- ♪ **London Band Week** honours list band; performing at London ExCel and Hampton Court Palace (2023/24)
- ♪ **Two Gold Medals** and Divisional **Double World Champions**; World Music Contest, Kerkrade, Netherlands (2022) adding to our previous 12 medals (1993, 1997, 2001, 2005, 2009, 2013 and 2017)
- ♪ Performed in **Disneyland Paris** pre the Main Street Parade for the 7<sup>th</sup> time (July 2022)
- ♪ Performed in the opening sequence of ITV's **Britain's Got Talent** (2017)
- ♪ South England **Parade Band Contest Champions** (2016)
- ♪ Three-time performers at the **Silverstone 24hr BritCar Race** (most recent 2015)
- ♪ Performed at the opening of the **London 2012 Olympic Stadium** (2012)
- ♪ Ranked **13<sup>th</sup> in the World** at the **World Association of Marching Show Bands (WAMSB)** (2009)
- ♪ Lead the Mardi Gras parade & half time entertainment at **Wembley Stadium** for the UK's only NFL game (2008)
- ♪ Performed on the start grid at the 8<sup>th</sup> DTM racing day at **Brands Hatch** in the presence of Lewis Hamilton (2008)
- ♪ Performed in the **London St Patrick's Day Parade** (2007)
- ♪ **Gold Medals** at the **European Open Concert Championships** and **European Senior Parade Band Championships** (2006)

- ♪ The Fanfare team performed the the **House of Lords** Dinner (2006)
- ♪ **Winners** of the **Youth Marching Band Championships** at the prestigious **Royal Albert Hall** (1993)

## Key Personnel:

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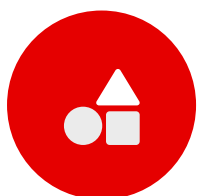
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## Core Values:

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### ADAPTABILITY

We embrace variety and change across our music and performances and rise to every challenge, always evolving to be the best version of ourselves.



### COMMUNITY

We are a band family, supporting each other and creating connections that go beyond the music and marching.



### COMMITMENT

We give our all, showing up with passion and dedication in every practice, performance and event.



### MUSICIANSHIP

We strive for excellence, continually honing our skills to create powerful, inspiring and crowd engaging performances.



### FUN

We play with passion, making every moment on and off the performance stage, a celebration of joy, music and friendship.

