

Craig Roberts – Musical Director

Craig is one of the most well known and widely respected brass band conductors in Wales. He has worked with and conducted the majority of the top bands in the principality, including the famous Cory Band who Craig guest conducted for the Golden Jubilee procession through London of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in 2002.

Craig has been successful in competition at the highest level, winning the Welsh League Championship on two occasions (2006 with Parc & Dare and 2009 with Burry Port), the North Wales Championships (with Northop Silver, 2001 and 2002) and has now won every contest in the Welsh League Championships series: the SWBBA Championships in 2006 with Parc & Dare, the WWBBA Championships in 2007 with Burry Port, and the SEWBBA Championships in 2011 with Abergavenny Borough. In 2004 he was named Conductor of the Year by the SEWBBA and WWBBA for his achievements.

Craig studied music at the University of Salford, gaining first his B.A. (Hons) and M.A. Masters degree there, studying with Dr Roy Newsome and Prof David King. Whilst at the university, in his final year Craig was awarded the Roy Newsome Conducting Prize as the outstanding undergraduate conductor of the academic year 2000.

Within the UK he has performed in most of the country's finest concert halls and abroad has toured to America, Canada, Estonia, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, the Netherlands, Libya and Russia. Both at home and abroad he has worked on a wide variety of large scale and innovative concert projects with numerous leading ensembles and artists, further details on all of which can be found at his website www.croberts100.com

Craig often works abroad, and particularly in Canada. For a number of years Craig was Director of Music of the Woods Mfg Co Brass Band based in Stittsville, Ontario, and he directed the band at several of the world's largest military shows in a variety of different countries. Today he is Assistant Director of the [Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo](#), the world's largest annual indoor show, which boasts a cast of 2000 and annual audience of c.68 000 people. Craig has also worked as a production consultant on other large scale shows including the annual Canadian Beating Retreat (Fortissimo - Parliament Hill, Ottawa 2007-2010) and also in Russia (Kremlin Zoria – Red Square, Moscow 2007), Libya (World Military Music Festival - Green Square, Tripoli 2009) and Greece (Mediterranean International Festival of Arts – Freedom Square, Heraklion 2010).

Formerly Executive Officer of the National School Band Association (NSBA) and Artistic Director of the [Welsh Brass Arts Festival](#), Craig is now Wales Development Manager to [Making Music](#), the national support body for UK voluntary music. In addition to all of the above Craig also still supplies brass tuition to numerous schools and young musicians in his home county of Rhondda Cynon Taf, and is a serving member of the Executive Council of Music Centre Wales, Ty Cerdd.

In addition to working with Abergavenny Borough Craig also works regularly with Rhondda's [Treherbert & District Band](#), Wales' leading touring brass ensemble [Symphonic Brass Wales](#) and is a frequent guest conductor with a number of other ensembles including the Stadtorchester Ravensburg and Stadtkapelle Nurtigen of Germany.

Craig's full biography can be found [here](#) while further information on his activities past and present can be found at his website www.croberts100.com