

**Friday 16th February 2024 at 12pm**

**Brentwood School Brass Band**

*Programme to be announced throughout*

Brentwood School Big Band was founded in 1983 and has been steadily establishing its reputation at home and abroad giving regular Concerts in England and also across Europe. Following the very successful trip to Slovenia where they enjoyed four excellent concerts as well as featuring on a culture program for a local television channel, the Band enjoyed a trip last summer to Barcelona. In addition trips to Siena to take part in the Summer Music Festival along with visits to places such as Salzburg and Nuremburg over a number of years, have given our pupils many and varied opportunities to perform. Alongside the concert schedule, the Band has released a number of CDs showcasing the talent of students.

Recently the Big Band has taken a new direction with its music, concentrating on recreating the iconic sound worlds of arrangers like Sammy Nestico and Dave Wolpe, the bands of Count Basie and Duke Ellington whilst also accompanying vocalists in the style of Sinatra and Fitzgerald. Pupils have enjoyed developing their ensemble and listening skills in learning new repertoire, feeling the 'groove' and then using this to inform the way we 'swing'! Another key focus of the Big Band is that all should be encouraged to improvise and that this expressive language, central to the jazz idiom, is something to be enjoyed.

Thank you for your support and we hope you enjoy the Concert.

**Welcome to Chelmsford Cathedral** for this lunchtime concert.

Admission is free but we invite your contributions  
to cover the costs of these concerts.

Tea and coffee are available before concerts and you are most welcome to  
bring your  
own lunch: we ask that you take all packaging and leftover items home with  
you.

The use of mobile phones, cameras and recording equipment is not permitted;  
please ensure that all devices are switched to silent mode.

### **Forthcoming concerts:**

#### **February**

23rd Juanjo Blázquez *piano*

#### **March**

1st Thomas Corns *organ*

8th NE Fellowship Band Salvation Army *brass band*

15th St Cedd's School

22nd Men2sing *choir*

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