

FORBES CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS  
**JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY®**

*presents*

**Cory Band**

Philip Harper, *musical director*

Friday, November 1, 2019  
Concert Hall

There will be one 15-minute intermission.

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# Program

A Short Ride in a Brass Machine	Andrew Baker
Light Calvary Overture	Franz von Suppe arr. Ord Hume
The Paragon Tom Hutchinson, <i>cornet</i>	E. Sutton
The Water of Tyne	traditional, arr. Philip Harper
Trombone solo Chris Thomas, <i>trombone</i>	
Titan's Progress	Hermann Pallhuber

## 15-Minute Intermission

March of the Pacemakers	Gordon Langford
O Verona	Craig Armstrong arr. Philip Harper
Caribe	Michel Camilo arr. Philip Harper
Love Theme from <i>Romeo and Juliet</i> Helen Williams, <i>flugel</i> , and Glyn Williams, <i>euphonium</i>	Tchaikovsky arr. Philip Harper
Clans Collide	Philip Harper
Lament and Liebestod	various, arr. Philip Harper
Somewhere from <i>West Side Story</i> Chris Thomas, <i>trombone</i>	Leonard Bernstein arr. Philip Harper
Enter the Galaxies with the JMU Brass Band	Paul Lovatt-Cooper

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# Cory Band

Cory Band is the most consistently successful contesting brass band in contesting history. It is the current Grand Slam Champion, having won the European, British Open, and National Championships of Great Britain in 2019 for the second time in three years.

The world's No. 1-ranked band for 13 consecutive years, Cory made history in 2016 by winning an elusive Grand Slam and becoming the first band in history to be quadruple champions - simultaneously holding the National, Open, European, and Brass in Concert titles. This accomplishment cemented a remarkable 10 consecutive years at the top of the world rankings. However, the band has a long and illustrious history. Formed in 1884, it originally bore the name "Ton Temperance." In 1895, Sir Clifford Cory, the local colliery owner, heard the band and offered to provide financial assistance, resulting in the band's change of name to Cory.

In 1980, the band became European Champions for the first time. In 1984, its centenary year, Cory won the third in a hat trick of National titles at the Royal Albert Hall, London, conducted by the charismatic Major Arthur Kenney. In 2000, the band achieved an historic double by winning both the Nationals and—for the first time in its history—the British Open, conducted by Dr. Robert Childs. In 2008-2010, the band achieved a hat trick of European Brass Band Champion titles.

Since 2012, the band has been conducted by Philip Harper and has won another three European titles (2019, 2016, 2013), three Nationals (2016, 2015 and 2013), five Brass in Concert titles (2018, 2016, 2015, 2013, 2012), and two British Open titles (2018, 2016). In 2014, it became the inaugural winner of TV channel S4C's Band Cymru program and repeated this achievement in 2018. It toured Australia in 2013 and the U.S. in February 2016, 40 years after its last visit.

The Cory Band has also developed musically outside of the contest field. In 2000, it was appointed as resident ensemble to the Royal Welsh College of Music & Drama together with the BBC National Orchestra of Wales; in the same year, it appointed Dr. John Pickard as composer-in-residence. John Pickard's tenure with the band ended in July 2005 when the band made history by giving the premiere performance of Pickard's Gaia Symphony at the prestigious Cheltenham International Festival. Broadcast live on Radio 3, the Symphony lasted over an hour and is currently the largest scale original work in the repertoire.

The band is dedicated to new music, raising the profile of the brass band genre and keeping music alive in Wales. It has an active commissioning policy, and has performed works by many of Britain's leading composers: John McCabe, Judith Bingham, Elgar Howarth, Edward Gregson, Alun Hoddinott, Karl Jenkins, Gareth Wood, David Bedford, to name but a few. The band's current composer-in-residence is Christopher Bond.

The Cory Band is recognized as one of the Principality's finest and most innovative music ensembles. Its numerous CD recordings and live concert performances have received worldwide acclaim.

# Cory Band Personnel

Philip Harper, *musical director*

## Principal Cornet

Tom Hutchinson

## Soprano Cornet

Ian Roberts

## Solo Cornet

David Hale

Gareth Johnson

Owain Llestyn

## Repiano Cornet

Hannah Plumridge

## 2nd Cornet

Harvey Rees

Neil Blockley

## 3rd Cornet

Phillip Harris

Dan Sharpe

## Flugel Horn

Helen Williams

## Solo Horn

Ailsa Russell

## 1st Horn

Bobby Corkish

## 2nd Horn

Karen Fletcher

## Principal Euphonium

Glyn Williams

## Euphonium

Sion Jones

## Principal Baritone

Steve Kane

## Baritone

Chris Straker

## Principal Trombone

Chris Thomas

## Trombone

Kyle Blake

## Bass Trombone

Andrew Williams

## Principal Eb Bass

Simon Howell

## Eb Bass

Kate James

## Bb Bass

Tim Evans

Matt Wade

## Percussion

James Andrews

Steve Jones

Ali Woodman

Emily Quick

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