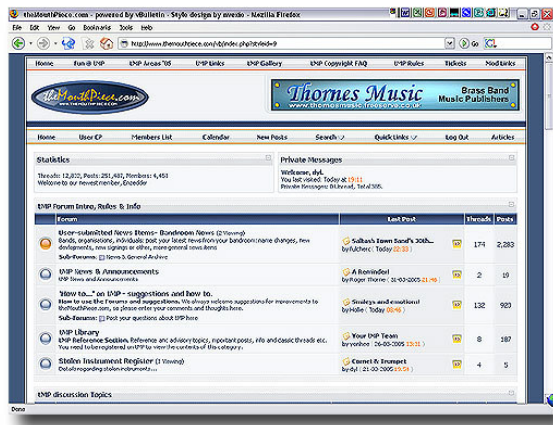




THE place to discuss the issues
affecting your banding
experience.....



Formed in late 2002, theMouthPiece.com is the brainchild of John Burns from Newport in South Wales. Noticing a niche in the market for an online meeting place for brass players from all walks of life – regardless of age, ambition or playing experience – John was determined to provide the platform for everyone to air their views.

Since its origin, tMP is now widely recognised as providing the voice of the true brass bander – with regular discussions taking place on a variety of subjects – contest results, test-piece choices, concert and CD reviews, to name a few, it even contains an off-topic area to discuss nearly any topic you can think of!

Amongst its regular contributors are members of the world's most successful bands, non-contesting bands, Salvation Army bandspeople, as well as some of the movement's favourite and most respected composers and arrangers. In short – anyone connected with Brass Playing or Brass Banding – irrespective of ability, experience or location – is more than welcome at tMP.

tMP also has its own 'scratch-band' created solely of volunteers from the registered members at theMouthPiece.com. In the past, the band has competed at the Whit Friday Marches, guested at the Easingwold March Contest, and in November 2003 a band was formed to raise over £1,000 for the BBC Children In Need Appeal. Perhaps the most successful appearance by the tMP Band was at the 2004 Pontins Brass Band Championships weekend where the band gave two extremely well-received concerts to fellow bandsmen as well as other holidaymakers.

tMP is run in a family-friendly manner and provides a variety of services – **most of them free of charge**, to help promote all of your banding activities. The main thrust of the site is, of course, a lively discussion forum, but other free services provided include a photo gallery, a www links directory, a 'bandroom news' section and a full calendar of events.

The following are premium services offered by tMP – all available at an extremely competitive price:

- **tMP Web Hosting** - a full range of web hosting plans available.
- **tMP Application Hosting** - individual applications such as Forums, eShops, Content Management based www sites,
- **tMP Managed Hosting** - same as above but managed by tMP
- **tMP Private Forums** - a private area for you or your band/organisation on tMP
- **tMP e-Mail Addresses** - such as tMPUsername@themouthpiece.com or name.surname@themouthpiece.com
- **tMP Subscription based services** - help support your favourite brass forum tMP by subscribing for additional features such as more PM's, bigger avatars, contributor titles etc
- **tMP March** - 'The Mouthpiece' – composed by Darrol Barry – premiered at Hadleigh, 9th April 2005

In short, tMP contains everything you need to fulfil your online banding needs.