

BOARSHURST BAND PRESENT TRADITIONAL AUTUMN CONCERT AT OLDHAM COLISEUM

Boarshurst Silver Band present their traditional Autumn concert at Oldham Coliseum Theatre on Friday 20 September, combining Albert Hall classics and original brass band pieces including *Jerusalem*, *Pomp and Circumstance No 1*, *Fantasia* and *Rule Britannia*..

The 27 strong **Boarshurst Silver Band** are one of the top bands in the North West today – a tribute to their long and distinguished history. Celebrating their 170th year, the band are past winners of the prestigious North West Area Championships, National Brass Band of Great Britain, are current 1st Section Butlin's Champions.

Boarshurst Silver Band was founded in 1849 at Boarshurst School in Greenfield. Rehearsals took place in a loft above the stale at Casey Mill and during the summer months under the railway arch at Arthurs Lane. In 1979 new headquarters were established with the purchase of the Boarshurst Band Club, which was close to the original home of the band on Greenbridge Lane acquired some 80 years earlier. In 2000 the band commissioned Peter Graham to create the song *Northern Landscapes*, which was used as both National Third Section Area Test Piece and the Third Section Test Piece for the National Pontins Brass Band Championships. In 2016 the band featured in a special advert on ITV during the Queen's 90th Birthday celebrations, performing on a stage on the *Coronation Street* cobbles with opera singer Katherine Jenkins.

At this year's famous Saddleworth Whit Friday Brass Band contests they won prizes at Uppermill, Scouthead and Austerlands, Lees and Springhead, Greenfield and Dobcross.

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Notes to Editor:

Boarshurst Band play at Oldham Coliseum Theatre on Friday 20 September at 7.30pm.
Tickets are £15.

Tickets can be bought in person at Oldham Coliseum Theatre, by phone on 0161 624 2829 or online at www.coliseum.org.uk

Link to event on website: <http://www.coliseum.org.uk/plays/boarshurst-silver-band/>

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Oldham Coliseum Theatre

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The Coliseum has a rich history in Greater Manchester dating back to 1885. It provides a wide variety of distinctive theatre performances and participatory activities for people from all communities in Oldham, Greater Manchester and beyond. It creates original productions each year which are presented at the Coliseum and on tour. Intrinsic to the town's on-going regeneration, the theatre works with its local communities and young people to develop creative programmes to facilitate learning, engagement and community cohesion.

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