



Matt Maines (Solo Horn)



Profile

Born into a musical family, I started my early playing days on Eb Tenor Horn with the Post Office Engineering Union Band, latterly to be known as the British Telecom Band, working my way up the ranks from 2nd horn up to solo horn with my father John at the helm. Taught primarily by my father, I was also fortunate to be taught by two brass band legends Norman Ashcroft and Alan Lawton of Fairey Aviation fame.

I was soon invited to join the Leyland-Daf Band by Richard Evans, playing alongside such players as Philip McCann, Alan Wycherley and Russell Grey to name but a few. At the time I became Solo Horn of the National Youth Brass Band of Great Britain performing at the Royal Festival Hall, The Barbican Centre and my personal highlight a Royal Albert Hall 'Proms' concert under the direction of the late, great Sir Charles Groves.

After a couple of years studying at the Salford College of Music under the tutorage of Dr. Roy Newsome, Prof. David King and Sandy Smith, I joined The Wingates Band under the conductors Derek Broadbent and David James and then finally a move to my hometown band Fairey Engineering Band with Major Peter Parkes enjoying many great contest and concert performances.

I then decided on a career in the Armed Forces joining the Band of the Corps of Royal Engineers on French Horn with a dual role as a medic. Many highlights followed with performances at Buckingham Palace, meeting Princess Diana and serving in many places such as Northern Ireland, Hong Kong, Germany, Gibraltar, Bosnia and Uzbekistan. After my Army adventure I inevitably ended up returning to the brass band scene in Scotland becoming Solo Horn with Scottish Co-op Band (CWS Glasgow) where I became Scottish Horn Champion two years running at the Scottish Championships, also enjoying victory at the All England International Masters in Kettering with my favourite piece 'Epic Symphony'.

A move to Spain in 2011 with my family has now heralded a new era of music playing with the J B Band, making new friends, meeting some great players, but overall having a good time..... and still enjoying my music!

