

Southampton Concert Wind Band is delighted to welcome Chris Avison back onto the stage as their guest soloist in this thrilling concert. The programme is packed with a huge variety of musical styles, set to entertain all. Chris Avison will be performing Arutiunian's *Trumpet Concerto* and *Love Eternal* by Lamplough. The Concerto starts with a melody rich in Armenian folk influences moving to a romantically inspired second section and ends with a dazzling solo cadenza. SCWB will also be playing pieces ranging from the Lauridsen's *O Magnum Mysterium* right through to a medley of music made popular by Frank Sinatra! Add in some Percy Grainger and Shostakovich to name but a few, and the evening is set to be a musical night to remember.



Chris Avison originally started playing the cornet at the age of four, studying first with his mum, Susan Avison, until the age of 16 and then went on to study the trumpet with Paul Archibald, Dan Newell and Paul Beniston. After his Bachelor of Music at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama he

went on to gain a distinction in his Master of Arts degree at the Royal Academy of Music and the Diploma of the Royal Academy for outstanding performance in his final recital. In 2018, Chris was made an Associate of the Royal Welsh College of Music & Drama and was made an Associate of the Royal Academy of Music in 2019

Chris has recorded regularly with the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, the Philharmonia Orchestra and as a session musician, as well as being the featured soloist on *Dragon's Rise – A Tribute to Prof James Watson with Marylebone Brass*.

Alongside his performing schedule, Chris is passionate about supporting young musicians and aspiring performers and has delivered workshops and masterclasses to young people through Inner City Brass and the BSO Brass Quintet.

Southampton Concert Wind Band is a thriving organisation, playing an active part in the amateur musical community. They have shared the concert stage with a variety of musical partners, ranging from wind bands to brass bands; choirs to international virtuosi. As well as regular concert and bandstand appearances, SCWB has, in recent times, participated in wind band festivals, achieving seven Platinum Awards.