

NABBA RECORDING OF THE YEAR CONTEST

At its meeting in August 2006, the North American Brass Band Association's Board of Directors voted to initiate a new NABBA contest for the "NABBA Recording of the Year."

PURPOSE

The "NABBA Recording of the Year" contest is designed to promote quality sound recordings of NABBA member bands.

This contest will be held annually and the winning entry will be awarded the title, "NABBA (YEAR) Recording of the Year." 2007 was the inaugural year for the contest which was won by the New England Brass Band for their recording, "Be Glad Then America."

QUALIFYING DATE

The recording must be released for the first time (not a re-release) between December 16, 2007 and December 15, 2008. Entries must be received by December 31, 2008. The result of the contest will be announced before the 2009 North American Brass Band Championships and the presentation of the award will be made at that event.

CONTEST RULES

Eligibility. Bands entering must be a paid up member band of NABBA in both the year of recording and the year of the announcement of the winner. All guest soloists (non-roster players) must clearly be identified.

Media. Compact disc only. No more than one recording per band per year may be entered in the contest.

The recording cannot be a solo feature CD. Discs that predominately feature soloists will not be considered.

CDs must be a minimum of 60 minutes in duration.

To be eligible, CDs must be commercially manufactured releases (not home-made discs) with all appropriate copyright and mechanical rights secured. Issue 98 of *The Brass Band Bridge* featured an article, *Recording a CD With Your Band*, by Douglas Yeo. In it, there was a lengthy discussion of the process of securing, executing and paying for mechanical licenses. You can download Issue 98 with Douglas Yeo's article from *The Brass Band Bridge* website at <http://www.nabbabridge.org> **It is imperative that mechanical licenses be secured for any disc that is submitted for this contest.** The winning band will be required to submit copies of their mechanical licenses before the award will be made.

Adjudication

A judge who does not have any official affiliation with NABBA or any NABBA band will be selected by the contest coordinator to adjudicate the contest. The judging will be weighted according to the following criteria:

- 50 points: Musical performance
- 20 points: Musical content/ Entertainment value/ Salability
- 15 points: Presentation/ Artwork
- 15 points: Quality of Recording

Entry Fee

Along with the contest entry form and two (2) copies of the compact disc, a \$25.00 entry fee (payable to NABBA) should be sent to the contest coordinator. The entry form appears on the following page.

Prize

The winning band shall receive a banner and a cash award of \$200.

NABBA 2008 RECORDING OF THE YEAR ENTRY FORM

NAME OF BAND _____

NAME OF RECORDING _____

CD RELEASE DATE _____

BAND CONTACT NAME AND ADDRESS _____

BAND CONTACT PHONE AND EMAIL ADDRESS _____

By entering this contest, I certify that the band featured on this entry is a NABBA member band in the year of the compact disc's release (2007 or 2008) and will be a NABBA member band in the year of the announcement of the winner (2009) and this release conforms to all rules for the contest.

I further certify that this compact disc is a publicly available commercially manufactured release (not a home-made disc) and that all necessary permissions and mechanical licenses from copyright holders have been secured for all tracks.

(signed by Band Contact) _____

Entries for recordings released between December 16, 2007 and December 15, 2008 must be received by December 31, 2008. CD entries remain the property of NABBA and will not be returned.

Send this form, two (2) copies of the compact disc and a \$25.00 entry fee (check payable to NABBA) to:

Douglas Yeo, Vice President
NABBA Recording of the Year
9 Freemont Street
Lexington, MA 02421 USA

Address any questions and inquiries to the contest coordinator, Douglas Yeo at: *nabba@yeodoug.com*

This application and contest rules can be downloaded as a pdf file at www.nabbabridge.org/roty.pdf