

SABA Awards

Preamble

The South Australian Band Association (SABA) acknowledges the contribution of those who work for the advancement of banding, and the intrinsic qualities of community music, through the annual presentation of the SABA Awards.

Objectives

The SABA Awards are given to:

- recognise outstanding achievement by bands and individuals in promoting banding in South Australia
- encourage the creative promotion and presentation of banding to the community
- raise awareness of the work of bands and individuals in the wider community
- enhance the profile of the SABA as the peak body of banding in South Australia

Categories of Awards

There are two broad categories of SABA Awards, as follows:

Annual Awards

SABA Band of the Year: for a band that has made an outstanding effort to contribute to advancement of banding in South Australia over the past year.

SABA Band Person of the Year: for an individual who has made an outstanding contribution in all aspects of banding,

SABA Youth Band Person of the Year: for a player 19 year and under who has made an outstanding contribution in all aspects of banding

Special Awards

SABA Award of Merit: for outstanding service to an individual band, or the band movement. Generally, only one Award of Merit nomination is permitted from SABA-affiliated bands each year. The SABA Executive may also award the Award of Merit to an individual who, in its opinion, has rendered outstanding service to banding in South Australia.

NBCA 25 Year Service Award: for any persons having completed 25 years service in banding and currently a member of a SABA-affiliated band.

SABA Life Membership: awarded in recognition of outstanding services to banding in South Australia (not an individual band)

SABA Fellowship: for an individual who has made an outstanding and sustained contribution of high quality to banding in South Australia

Eligibility for Awards

The annual SABA Awards will be awarded in recognition of work done in the calendar year prior to the year in which the Award is made.

Individual Annual Awards: Nominees must be nominated for their work in South Australian banding

Band Annual Awards: Nominees must be SABA affiliated community bands, youth bands, or school bands, nominated for their work in South Australia and/or nationally/ internationally

Special Awards: Nominees must be permanent Australian residents nominated for outstanding service to banding in South Australia.

NBCA 25 Year Service Award: Nominations should include a resume of the nominee demonstrating at least 25 years of service to banding, accompanied by a payment of \$25.

Nominations for Awards

Nominations for the SABA Awards may be made by:

- Individuals who are registered members of a SABA affiliated band at the date of lodgment of the nomination form
- An elected committee representing the interests of a SABA affiliated band
- A member of the SABA Executive Committee

Each nomination for a SABA Award must:

- Be in the form prescribed from time to time by the SABA Executive Committee
- Relate to one nomination for one category of the SABA Awards
- Clearly establish the nominee's case for the relevant award

Nominations which do not comply with the conditions outlined above will not be considered. Completed nomination forms and copies of supporting material which are lodged with SABA will become the property of SABA, and will not be returned.

Assessment of Awards

Nominations will be assessed on the basis of submitted material, and the extent to which such materials demonstrate the extent of the contribution for which the

nominated individual or group has made to banding in South Australia. While it is acknowledged that a nominee may have made a wide-ranging contribution to banding, nominations should emphasise contributions specific to the SABA Award category that is the subject of the nomination.

The assessing of nominations received by SABA will be carried out by the SABA Awards panel appointed by the SABA Executive. The panel membership will comprise:

- the President of the SABA (or his/her nominee)
- at least one other member of the SABA Executive
- at least one representative familiar with brass bands
- at least one representative familiar with concert bands

All members of the SABA Awards panel will have specialist knowledge of banding and, in particular, banding trends and developments in South Australia. Each will be widely regarded as knowledgeable and creditable specialists in the banding field. Panel members need not necessarily be associated with a SABA affiliated band.

The SABA Executive may, at any time, remove a panel member, and appoint another individual to fill any panel vacancy.

In the event that an individual who is a member of the SABA Awards panel, or an organisation to which a panel member has an active association, is nominated for a SABA Award, that panel member must declare their interest and will be excluded from all discussions and panel deliberations in respect to that nomination category.

Decisions relating to the SABA Awards made by the Awards panel will be final and there will be no further discussion or correspondence concerning any decision.

The SABA Awards panel will be under no obligation to make an award in any category of the SABA Awards.

Presentation of Awards

The annual SABA Awards will be presented at the annual SABA State Championships or, at another SABA public function deemed suitable by the SABA Executive. Special SABA Awards will be presented at an appropriate function as negotiated with the SABA Secretary.