

Hughina Naylor

Conductor and Woodwind Tutor – Senior Concert Band

Hughina Naylor graduated from the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama (RSAMD), now the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland) in 1979, gaining both the History of Music and Flute prizes. In 1990, Hughina won the prestigious Wingate Scholarship for Great Britain, which provided her the opportunity to study conducting at the Royal Northern College in Manchester (RNCM) and with George Hirst at Canford. During the same year she was co-author of a book with Tim Reynish on 20th Century Repertoire and also contributed significantly to a flute tutor book for Kjos Publications.



Hughina is former Faculty Head of Music, Drama and Performing Arts at St. Andrew's High School, Coatbridge. She works extensively for the Scottish Qualifications Authority and has lectured in techniques of both conducting and teaching as well as 20th Century repertoire at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland (RCS), RNCM, Salford University and Napier University. Hughina was a flute tutor in the Junior Department of RCS for ten years and is currently a part time staff member of RCS. For several years she has been involved in the audition panel for the Bachelor of Education course at RCS.

Over many years Hughina has been resident conductor of the National Wind Band of Scotland, Strathclyde Symphonic Band, West Lothian Schools Concert Band, South Lanarkshire Concert Band and North Lanarkshire Concert Band. She is frequently invited to guest conduct bands throughout Great Britain and Southern Ireland and frequently adjudicates at both National and International Festivals.

At present, Hughina is conductor of Stewarton Winds Community Band and South Lanarkshire Orchestral Society's Senior Concert Band.

Hughina was nominated for the Silver Salver by Lanarkshire Council for her voluntary work with the internationally acclaimed Motherwell Symphonic Wind Orchestra, which she founded over 30 years ago. Since inception, this exceptional ensemble has donated £170,000 to charity. Hughina has been interviewed by Yamaha Publications regarding her significant contribution to music in education and was chosen to appear on BBC Panorama to discuss life, work balance.

This session will be Hughina's third year as conductor of the South Lanarkshire Orchestral Society's Senior Concert Band.