

Jeff Snowdon

Hornplayer ♦ Conductor ♦ Teacher



“Jeff Snowdon is recognised as a leading tutor of brass, working with young players from first notes, to conservatoire entry level and beyond.”

In a career spanning over 40 years in the music profession Jeff Snowdon started out as a horn player working with many of the country's leading symphony and chamber orchestras, including the BBC Philharmonic and Halle as well as theatrical productions, including West End shows, opera and ballet.

In recent years he has dedicated much of his time to working with young musicians, developing a national reputation as a conductor, coaching youth ensembles including the Royal Birmingham Junior Conservatoire Wind Orchestra.

The core of his teaching philosophy is empowerment; helping young musicians to discover and nurture the natural musician within themselves, and to develop the technical and musical skills for successful playing.

He is currently Head of Brass at the Royal Birmingham Junior Conservatoire and Principal Musical Director of the Dark Peak Music Foundation, an organisation he founded nearly 25 years ago and which now has approaching 250 members.

Learning to play an instrument is a challenging and rewarding activity, requiring support from parents and a high level of commitment from the pupil. For many children it becomes a life-long hobby, playing in bands and orchestras.

It is recognized that it can play an important part in a child's growing up, developing their social skills, self-discipline, teamwork, confidence and even helping to develop academic abilities.

Lessons aim to be inspiring, motivational and challenging but above all fun.

Sessions include exploring all aspects of musical development:

- Developing technique
- Repertoire
- Reading music
- Improvising
- Aural training
- Listening
- Playing in groups



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