

Kellswater Flute Band took part in the Ninetieth Northern Ireland Band's Association Championship of Ireland Contest recently, this year the venue was moved from the Ulster Hall to the Market Place Theatre Armagh, due to extensive renovation work being carried out at the Belfast venue.

Competing in the Grade 2 Section with four bands entered, Kellswater were awarded first place with 95 points by adjudicator Hughina Naylor from Scotland. The prize for the best interpretation of the set test piece - Semiramide was also awarded to their conductor Glen Houston.

Since moving up to the Grade 2 Section, Kellswater have secured two consecutive second places in the NIBA Contest in 2005 and 2006, missing out last year by just one point to Cahard Flute Band. However, as the local outfit begin a series of events to celebrate their 60th Anniversary, they delivered a winning performance to bring the silverware back to Ballymena.

This, added to their Grade 2 win at the Flute Band Association Contest in February and various trophies secured at the Scottish Amateur Flute Band Association Contest in April, makes 2007 the most successful Contest season in the Band's history.

The Band's 60th Anniversary Celebrations continue with a Dinner/Dance and History Evening to be held in The Ross Park Hotel on Friday 16th November 2007. Dancing will be to Backbeat, fronted by top vocalist Gregg Davidson.

Former members and friends of the band are welcome and the cost is £25. Price includes drinks reception, four course meal and dance, proceedings start at 7.00pm. Reservations

KELLSWATER BAND'S 60th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS OFF TO A FLYING START

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The band will also be holding an anniversary concert on Thursday 29th November 2007 in Ballee Community School. Artists include the Police Male Voice Choir, Fiddler Adam, Shillelagh and Kellswater Flute Band. Tickets are now on sale and can be purchased from The Tourist Information Centre, Church St Ballymena, Irons' Bakery, Larne St Harryville and Sporting Occasions, High St Antrim.

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