



THE CENTRAL BAND

OF THE

ROYAL AIR FORCE

DIAMOND JUBILEE

CONCERT

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The Central Band of the Royal Air Force was established in 1920. Like many RAF units the bands history dates from the days of the Royal Flying Corps. The Central Band, founded by Sir George Dyson, was the first band to broadcast from Marconi House in 1923 and throughout the intervening years has broadcast more often than any other military band. Like all service units the band adapts itself to the requirements of the day, catering now for the musical tastes of a wide cross-section of the public.

Travel is a feature of life with the band which has appeared wherever Royal Air Force units are based. The Central Band last visited Malta on 3rd May 1954 to perform at Floriana on the occasion of the unveiling of the Commonwealth Air Forces Memorial by Her Majesty the Queen.

A young musician of the band at that time, returns with the band to Malta now as its Director of Music, Squadron Leader Eric Banks. Four years later he became a student bandmaster and in 1962 took up his first appointment as a Director of Music in the Royal Air Force. Since that time he has conducted RAF bands for audiences in many parts of the world such as Hong Kong, New Zealand, Australia, Malaya, Borneo, Singapore, Nepal and in many parts of Western Europe. He is now the only remaining member of the Central Band that made that visit to Malta 24 years ago.

The present Organising Director of Music for the Music Services of the RAF is Wing Commander J W Martindale, LRAM, ARCM, RAF. Wing Commander Martindale joined the Royal Air Force in 1946 and has since been associated with Royal Air Force bands in England, Germany and Far East. While Director of Music, Western Band of the Royal Air Force, he visited Malta on many occasions during the 60's. He joined the Central Band as Director of Music in 1974 and took up his present appointment in April 1977.

PROGRAMME OF MUSIC

Conductor

Squadron Leader Eric Banks, MBE, FLCM, LRAM, ARCM, LGSM,
Director of Music, Royal Air Force

National Anthems

Concert March	Dambusters	Coates
Misc	Festival Prelude	Reed
Film Music	Lawrence of Arabia	Jarre
Selection	Slaughter on 10th Avenue	Rodgers
Trumpet Feature	Four Caballeros	Banks
Suite	L'Arlesienne	Bizet
Concert March	Aces High	Goodwin
	Interval	
Concert March	633 Squadron	Goodwin
Overture	Plymouth Hoe	Ansell
Latin	Cha Cha for Band	Osser
Latin	Tea for Two	Youmann
Ballet Suite	Pineapple Poll	arr Mackerras
Traditional	Post Horn Galop	Koenig
Misc	That's a Happy Day	Jungert
Rhapsody	Slavonic Rhapsody No 2	Friedemann
March	RAF March Past	Walford Davies

