

## **BRASS WANGANUI IN A SUPERB “LAST NIGHT OF THE PROMS CONCERT”**

Saturday 1 August saw Brass Wanganui (New Zealand’s Champion B Grade Band) performing their regular bi-annual “Last Night of the Proms” concert to a sold-out full house in the Royal Wanganui Opera House. This concert was a tremendous success, with Musical Director Bruce Jellyman leading the band under the direction of Producer supremo, Tony Cowan, while Judy Barrett had trained the Combined Choir to sing with dedication and musicality. The packed hall was treated to an evening of musical treats that left the audience calling for more.

Performers in the programme included:

A Combined Choir from Wanganui and surrounding districts (reaching as far as Taumaranui!) of around 90 singers, pipers from the Wanganui Pipe Band, beautiful dancers from the Sharon Underwood School of Dancing, soprano Jenny Little, “Tres Belles” (three wonderful young operatic singers lead by Jenny Little), cornet soloist David Maas, (who then totally triumphed by playing a stunning rendition of “Bring Him Home” on the saw and was accompanied in this by Rachel Wright on harp). Gary Vinnell was an extremely funny comedian in his various spots, having the audience in stitches with his comments and various antics.



Tony and Bruce celebrating after the wonderful concert.

This was one of those, “If you weren’t there, you should have been” moments. Congratulations to everyone involved. We look forward to the 2011 concert.