



## Erik Janssen

Erik Janssen (1966) studied music at the conservatory of Amsterdam, specialising in performance and conducting. During his time at the conservatory, he studied the trumpet under the guidance of Peter Maseurs, principal trumpet player of the Royal Concertgebouw orchestra and conducting with Danny Oosterman.

His career started as a freelance trumpet player, and Erik has since played with many of the leading European orchestras and ensembles, including the Dutch Philharmonic Symphony orchestra, the Royal Ballet Orchestra, the Amsterdam Wind Orchestra and the National Youth Orchestra.

### **Conducting**

Erik is also a leading figure in the conducting world having conducted a range of wind bands, fanfare bands, big bands, musicals and symphony orchestras. He has also taught at several music schools and been invited to give conducting masterclasses at the Conservatory of Amsterdam and Groningen.

Erik is currently the Professional Conductor of the Carlton Main Frickley Colliery Band, Brassband "de Spijkerpakkenband", Koninklijke Harmoniekapel Delft, "Het Noord Nederland Jeugd Orkest" (North Netherlands Youth Wind Orchestra), and his local town Fanfare Band OG Krommenie. For the last ten years, Erik has also conducted the professional military band of the Koninklijke Marechaussee.

Erik's first association with the Carlton Main Frickley Colliery band led to victory in the Grand Shield Contest in Blackpool 2016. He was the first European conductor to win both this trophy and the conductor award in the 96-year history of the contest.

### **Unique series of 8 wins**

Prior to this, between 2008 and 2015, Erik had a highly successful period with Brassband Schoonhoven winning all contests in Holland and Belgium from 2010 to 2013, a unique series of 8 wins in 8 competitions.

**Military Fanfare Band**

Erik was the professional conductor of the Military Fanfare Band of the Royal Marechaussee (Trompetterkorps der Koninklijke Marechaussee) in the period 2006-2016.

**De Spijkerpakkenband**

During 2013 to 2016 while working with the first division band "de Spijkerpakkenband", Erik and the band had unprecedented success on the contest stage. They won the Dutch First Division Brass Band Championships in 2014 and 2016, and finished runner up in the same contest in 2013 and 2015. The band also won the First Division Brass Band Section of the World Music Contest in Kerkrade in 2013, the Survento Brass Festival in 2015, and the Flemish Open First Division in 2016.

**Adjudicating**

Erik is an experienced adjudicator. He has adjudicated the French Open, the Norwegian Nationals, the Swiss Nationals, Swedish National Brassband Championships, Siddis Brass in Stavanger, The European Brassband Championships, the German Brassband Championships, Windband contests such as the Eidgenössischen Musikfest in Montreux 2017 and various festivals and solo competitions.

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