

Presentation of Aabenraa Skoleorkester

Aabenraa Skoleorkester (Aabenraa School Orchestra) is a Danish school band. The members of the band all live in and near by the Danish city called Aabenraa. The city is situated in the south of Denmark near the German border.

The band has existed since 1951 and is still going strong. It is a marching and concert band. In the municipal of Aabenraa the participation in the orchestra is a free offer for all children in the city. No musical qualifications are required to start in the band. The orchestra has its own preschool where the children learn to play on their instrument. The orchestra even has its own instrument bank so that the pupils can borrow an instrument.

Most of the members are school children from the city's public schools and some adults who have kept on playing in the band for many years.

The repertoire of the band consists of both marching and concert pieces. In concert the band plays a mixture of swing, pop, and rock numbers.

The crew of the band is divided in to three different instrumental groups: a brass section, a woodwind section and a percussion section.

Every second year the band goes on a concert trip somewhere in Europe.

The motto of the band is music, joy, friendship and great experiences.

The orchestra is conducted by Michael Jeberg Kjær