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## Paradis school brass band (PSK)

Paradis School Brass Band was founded in 1964 and celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> jubileum in 2014. Music bands in schools around Norway are experiencing a new boon in



popularity, so we are experiencing an exciting period of growth! PSK has evolved from participating in Hordablæst, a local band competition, for the first time in 2012 with 12 members to participating in National competition in Stavanger for the first time in 2015 with 25 members. Our band has musicians ranging in age from eight to eighteen. We accept members from 3rd grade and upwards. The band has several members that are half-Norwegian and thus English speaking, including the band director and her family as well as members from ISB. We welcome international students!

**What can we offer?** Members of the band can choose from the following instruments: **cornet, tenor horn, baritone, euphonium, trombone, tuba or drums** which are provided by PSK. Our band director, Gry Viola Impelluso, has her BA in music and education from Griegakademiet. She has played with several of Norway's best brass bands and is a specialist in brass instruments. She is also the mother to two band members. Her enthusiasm and engagement is contagious to both the children and their parents. In recent years we introduced a new concept that resulted in 16 new recruits in 2015. These members receive basic musical training, and they play with the school band as soon as they are ready. The concept, which we have developed ourselves, we call *Buddy seminar*. One Saturday we invite our band members to take along a buddy. After a day with talented instructors, lots of playing, pizza and social activities we hold a small concert for parents and family members.



### We welcome new members!

Membership in the band costs 800 kr per semester (there is a sibling rebate for families). Band practice is held on **Tuesdays from 6-7:30 pm** at Paradis school's music room. The school is a half km walk from the Paradis bybane station. In addition you can arrange to have private music instruction by applying to the Kulturskolen in Bergen or directly through PSK (at Paradis School). The standard class is 20 mins. per week but lessons arranged through PSK can be more flexible. Please contact us at [paradis.skolekorps@gmail.com](mailto:paradis.skolekorps@gmail.com) to join us or get more information.

