



SPEAKER - CONDUCTOR - LEADER

Dr Graham Jones MBE

Lieutenant Colonel (Retd) | Former Senior Director of Music, Household Division

First-hand stories of leadership, preparation, teamwork and the music behind moments witnessed by the world.

40

YEARS OF SERVICE

5

FOOT GUARDS BANDS

40+

RECORDINGS

30+

NEW WORKS COMMISSIONED MILITARY MUSIC

MBE

A view from behind the pageantry.

Graham combines film, music and first-hand experience with themes relevant to organisations and curious audiences.

01

When Failure Is Not an Option

Leadership, preparation, teamwork and performance when the deadline cannot move.

02

The Art of State Ceremonial Music

The preparation behind state openings, visits, remembrance, royal weddings and state funerals.

03

Music Power

How music has communicated orders, strengthened courage and sustained military morale.

04

The Music of Trooping the Colour

Music selection, rehearsals and the public performance behind the Sovereign's Birthday Parade.

05

The Music of the Caribbean

African, European, Indian and indigenous influences across the music of the Caribbean.

THEMES FOR ORGANISATIONS

Preparation

Rehearsal and confidence

Trust

Specialists working as one

Standards

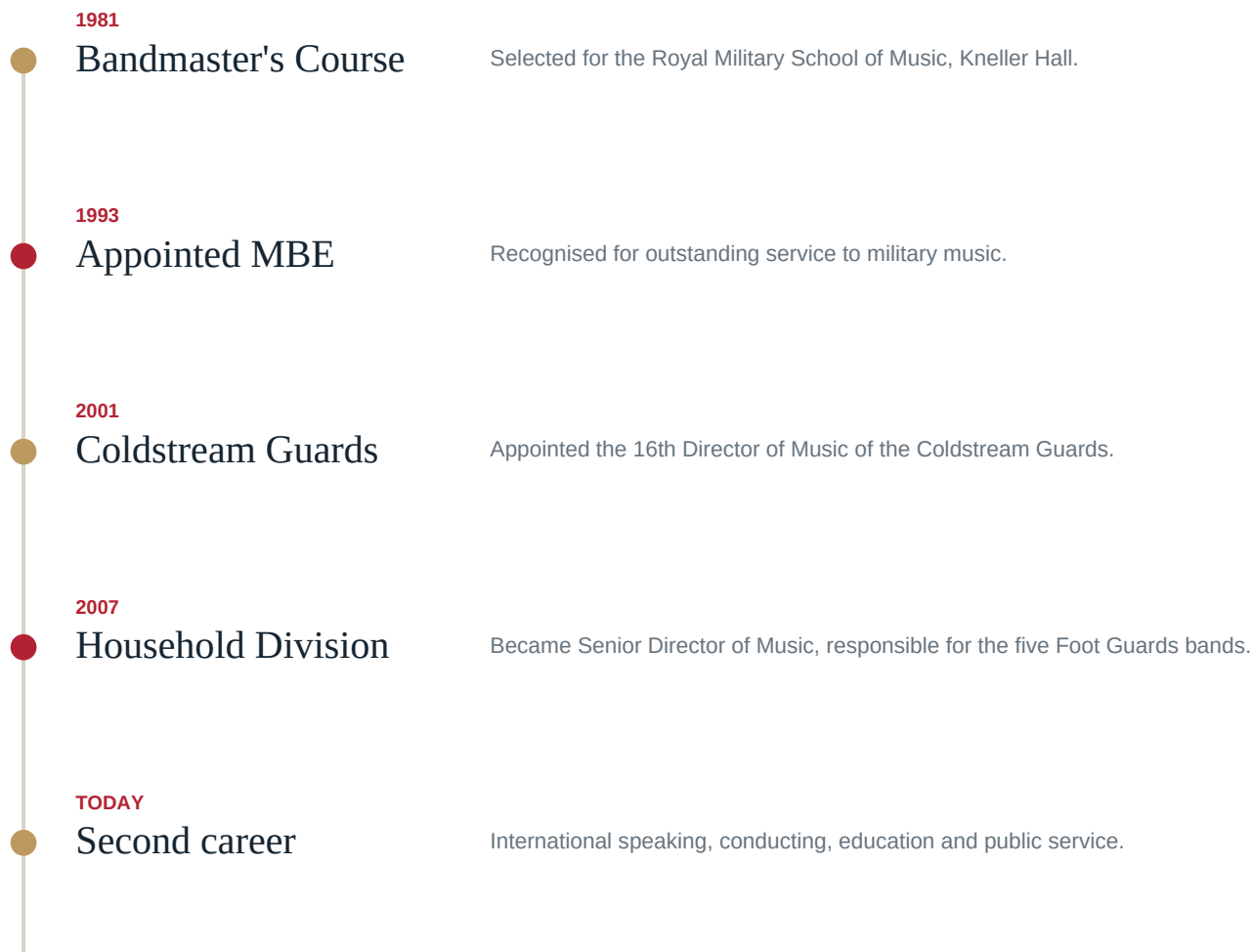
Quality that is shared and repeatable

Composure

Purpose under scrutiny and pressure

A life spent helping others perform.

Graham began his professional life as a musician in the Royal Artillery Band and progressed through the Royal Military School of Music, appointments as a bandmaster and Director of Music, and ultimately to Senior Director of Music for the Household Division. He was appointed MBE in 1993 for outstanding service to military music. Since retiring from military service, he has worked internationally as a conductor, adjudicator, lecturer, clinician, recording consultant and educator.



BEHIND THE CEREMONY

The date is fixed. The preparation has to be ready.

Graham's lecture examines music selection, rehearsals and delivery for occasions including state openings, visits, remembrance, royal weddings and state funerals.

AUDIENCE RESPONSE

Warmth, authority and stories that stay.

"A lively and engaging talk."

THE ARTS SOCIETY GRAYSHOTT

Published review, December 2025

"We would love him to come again next year."

GRENADIER GUARDS ASSOCIATION, SHROPSHIRE BRANCH

Published branch report

SELECTED CREDENTIALS

- Former Senior Director of Music, Household Division
- Former Director of Music, Coldstream Guards
- MBE for outstanding service to military music, 1993
- More than 40 recordings and more than 30 commissioned wind-band works
- President, London Band Week
- ArtsNational lecturer

BOOKING

Invite Graham to speak

Booking enquiries are currently handled by London Speaker Bureau.

<https://londonspeakerbureau.com/speaker-profile/graham-jones/>

Sources: London Band Week; ArtsNational; London Speaker Bureau; Official Charts; Haslemere Herald; Grenadier Gazette.

What audiences say

Selected positive feedback from recent lectures.

CHELTENHAM | The Art of State Ceremonial Music | 14 Nov 2023 | EXCELLENT

"A really superb lecture and a great, entertaining speaker with a breadth of knowledge. Most members rated it Excellent, with a few Outstanding."

SPEYSIDE | Music Power | 13 Sep 2023 | EXCELLENT

"Very informative, with excellent sound and visual effects. Graham's passion and knowledge were stimulating; many members asked for a return visit."

TYNESIDE | The Art of State Ceremonial Music | 13 Mar 2023 | EXCELLENT

"Wonderful video to introduce the subject."

What audiences say - continued

Selected positive feedback from recent lectures.

WREKIN | A Very Festive Christmas | 04 Dec 2023 | EXCELLENT

"Interesting and entertaining, well illustrated with pictures, audio and video, and an insight into the musical life of the Army at Christmas."

HORSLEY | Music of the Cenotaph | 08 Nov 2023 | OUTSTANDING

"Absolutely brilliant. Riveting. Thoroughly professional speaker. A wonderful insight into the musical preparations for Remembrance Day at The Cenotaph."

THANET | A Very Ceremonial Christmas | 07 Dec 2023 | OUTSTANDING

"An excellent talk with splendid slides, video clips and music. Graham established a great rapport before the talk and remained happy to chat afterwards."