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YOUTH BAND SALUTE TO THE QUEEN

Horseguards Parade will stage one of its greatest displays ever when, by gracious consent of Her Majesty, 5,000 young bandsmen and women and Majorettes will parade and march to Buckingham Palace in a "Youth Band Salute to the Queen" on Sunday, 25th September, 1977.

His Royal Highness, the Duke of Gloucester, will arrive on the Parade at 2 p.m. to review the bands. Half an hour later they will move off up the Mall for the March Past at the Palace. It will take over two hours for them to pass the Saluting Base at the Victoria Memorial.

100 Bands and 56 Girl Majorette Groups will be taking part. Most are members of the British Youth Band Association and British Majorettes Association, which includes more than thirteen voluntary youth organisations and over 50 independent Drum Corps. There will be, in addition, two guest bands from Holland.

Organisations to be represented in the parade are the:-

Air Cadet Force	Girls' Brigade	Nautical Training Corps
Army Cadet Force	Girl Guide Association	Royal British Legion Cadets
Boys' Brigade	Girls' Venture Corps	St John's Ambulance Brigade
Church Lads' Brigade	Jewish Lads & Girls Brigade	Scout Association
		Sea Cadet Corps

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The Duke will be accompanied by Her Royal Highness, the Duchess of Gloucester. Amongst many notable guests will be the Earl of Ulster; Lord Elworthy, Lord Lieutenant of Greater London; The Earl of Drogheda, Chairman of the London Celebrations Committee; His Worship, The Lord Mayor of Westminster and senior representatives of all the youth organisations involved.

The British Youth Band Association was formed nearly two years ago. Its aim is to promote the growth of top class bands as a youth activity. Already similar organisations in the United States and Canada are attracting a vast following.

Mr Dave Loader, one of the founder members of B.Y.B.A. and Bandmaster to the Thurrock Drum and Trumpet Corps, Essex, is the Parade Organiser.

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Attachment: List of Bands

The Scout Association has agreed to co-ordinate information services on behalf of the British Youth Band Association, and enquiries should be referred to The Association at the address given.