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Biography of James Gourlay

English: James Gourlay was born in Scotland and began to play in his local brass band at an early age. He took part in numerous solo competitions at that time and soon became Scottish Champion at junior and open levels. After studying at the Royal College of Music James Gourlay became principal tuba of the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra where he remained for four years. There followed posts in the BBC Symphony Orchestra and the Orchester der Oper in Zürich where James worked with most of the world's top conductors.

As a soloist, James Gourlay has won international acclaim. He has toured Japan playing the Vaughan Williams Tuba Concerto accompanied by the BBC SO and has appeared with the BBC Concert Orchestra at the Proms.

James Gourlay has always had a strong commitment to new music. He has given premières of works by Lachenmann, Gregson, Horovitz, Sparke, Penderecki and Newton to name but a few. As a chamber musician, James Gourlay has been a member of the Philip Jones Brass Ensemble and the English Brass Ensemble with which he has toured the world.

Not content with simply playing the tuba, James Gourlay has made a reputation as a conductor. He has been Music Director of the Brass Band Berner Oberland and the Williams Fairey Band (with whom he won the British Open Championships and the All England Masters), has conducted all of England's top brass bands and has worked with the National Youth Wind Orchestra and the National Youth Brass Band of Great Britain. He has also recorded a number of CD recordings with the RNCM Wind Orchestra.

Currently, James Gourlay continues his lifelong dedication to music education, at the Royal Northern College of Music, where he is head of Wind and Percussion. James Gourlay plays Besson Tubas.

Français: James Gourlay est né en Ecosse, et commence très tôt à jouer dans le brass band de son village natal. Il participe à de nombreux concours instrumentaux et devient bientôt champion d'Ecosse à tous les niveaux. Après ses études au Royal College of Music il reçoit le poste de tuba solo à l'Orchestre symphonique de Birmingham, où il reste quatre ans. Ensuite il travaille sous la direction de nombreux chefs d'orchestre de renommée mondiale dans l'Orchestre symphonique de la BBC et à l'Opéra de Zurich.

James Gourlay jouit d'une réputation internationale en tant que soliste. Il a entrepris une tournée du Japon, jouant le concerto pour tuba de Vaughan Williams avec l'Orchestre Symphonique de la BBC. Il a aussi été soliste aux concerts "Proms" à Londres avec le BBC Concert Orchestra.

Toujours disposé à promouvoir la nouvelle musique, James Gourlay a créé des oeuvres de Lachenmann, Gregson, Horovitz, Sparke, Penderecki et Newton entre autres. Il a été membre de l'Ensemble de Cuivres Philip Jones et de l'English Brass Ensemble, avec lequel il a joué dans le monde entier.

En plus de ses activités comme tubiste, James Gourlay est aussi un chef d'orchestre bien apprécié. Il a été directeur du brass band Berner Oberland et du Williams Fairey Band, avec lequel il a gagné les concours *British Open Championship* et *All England Masters*. Il a dirigé tous les meilleurs brass bands d'Angleterre ainsi que le National Youth Wind Orchestra et le National Youth Brass Band. Il a enregistré plusieurs CDs avec le RNCM Wind Orchestra.

Dévoué depuis toujours à l'éducation musicale, il enseigne actuellement au Royal Northern College of Music, où il est directeur de la faculté de vents et percussions.

James Gourlay joue sur des tubas Besson.

Deutsch: James Gourlay wurde in Schottland geboren und spielte schon sehr früh mit der örtlichen Brass-Band. Er wurde bald schottischer Meister an den Jugend- und freien Solowettbewerben. Nach seinem Studium am Royal College of Music wurde er Solotuba der Stadt von Birmingham-Symphonieorchesters, wo er während vier Jahren blieb. Danach spielte er unter der Leitung vieler weltberühmten Dirigenten im BBC Symphonieorchester und im Zürcher Opernorchester.

James Gourlay genießt einen internationalen Ruf als Solist. Auf Tournee in Japan spielte er das Tubakonzert von Vaughan Williams mit dem BBC Symphonieorchester, und war auch Solist an den "Proms" in London mit dem BBC Concert Orchestra.

James Gourlay befördert gerne neue Musik, und hat Werke von Lachenmann, Gregson, Horovitz, Sparke, Penderecki, Newton und anderen uraufgeführt. Er war Mitglied des Philip Jones Brass Ensembles und auch des English Brass Ensembles, mit welchem er eine Welttournee unternahm.

Ausser seiner Tätigkeiten als Tubist, ist James Gourlay als Dirigent bekannt. Er war Leiter der Brass-Band Berner Oberland und der Williams Fairey Band, mit dem er die Wettbewerbe *British Open Championship* und *All England Masters* gewonnen hat. Er hat alle die besten englischen Brass-Bands dirigiert, sowie das National Youth Wind Orchestra und die National Youth Brass Band of Great Britain. Er hat mit dem RNCM Wind Orchestra mehrere CDs eingespielt.

James Gourlay hat sich immer auch der musikalischen Erziehung gewidmet, und ist zur Zeit Leiter der Blasinstrument- und Schlagzeugabteilung am Royal Northern College of Music. Er spielt auf Tuba der Marke Besson.



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B $\flat$ BASS

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7 **A**

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Piano

p *mf* *f* *dim.*

6 **A** *mf* *mp*

10 *sonore*

14

19

Musical score for measures 19-24. The system consists of a single melodic line and a piano accompaniment. The melodic line features a series of eighth and sixteenth notes, with a crescendo leading to a forte (*f*) dynamic at measure 21, followed by a decrescendo to mezzo-forte (*mf*) at measure 24. The piano accompaniment provides a harmonic foundation with chords and moving lines in both hands, also marked with a crescendo to *f* at measure 21.

25

B

Musical score for measures 25-29, marked with a section symbol **B**. The melodic line begins with a *poco f* (poco forte) dynamic. The piano accompaniment features a dense texture of chords in the right hand and a more active bass line. Dynamics include *mf* and *poco f* in the piano part.

30

Musical score for measures 30-34. The melodic line shows a crescendo leading to a forte (*f*) dynamic at measure 32. The piano accompaniment continues with a similar harmonic texture, also marked with a forte (*f*) dynamic at measure 32.

35

Musical score for measures 35-39. The melodic line concludes with a decrescendo marked *dim.* The piano accompaniment also features a decrescendo marked *dim.* in the right hand, while the bass line remains active.

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