

# SHARK AWARDS

## 'BRASS NECK' - 2023 SCRIPTWRITING COMPETITION

The following brief is based on **nothing** in reality and has been put together for one simple reason - in the hope that it stimulates those who choose to tackle it to come up with scripts/stories that are creative, engaging and imaginative. Our only 'tip' would be don't get too involved or bogged down with the detail of the brief, simply find the very best story (solution?) you can.

### **BRIEF**

The Bessingbarn Brass Band from Lancashire are the second oldest brass band in the world.

Since they were formed (1818), they have played thousands of concerts including at the Albert Hall, the Hamburg Opera House and The Liverpool Philharmonic Hall.

They play traditional brass band tunes but can turn their hand (trumpets, whatever) to just about any genre of music.

You won't become part of this band unless you are a gifted musician.

The band are a happy band of brothers and sisters.

Well...mostly.

In their ranks is cornet player 'Mo' and she has an itch that **REALLY** needs scratching.

That itch is Bessingbarn's rivals, The Stalypont Brass band, who just happen to be the world's **oldest** brass band in the world (formed in 1812).

Being in the **SECOND** oldest brass band in the world just doesn't sit well with Mo, who spends far too many idle moments praying for the demise of Stalypont and daydreaming about ways of getting rid of them, so Bessingbarn can take the title of *'the oldest brass band in the world'*.

And then one day, Mo believes she has come up with a **perfect** plan that'll get rid of Stalypont.

And...that's where you come in.

We're looking for a script (nb: no more than 5 mins), that describes how she goes about trying to get her way.

Her plan has to be something clever (ie: **not** simply blowing up her rivals or mass shootings etc).

Something that theoretically **could** lead to a (rival) band ceasing to be.

Could she set them up to be scandalised in some way?

We will leave it to you, but maybe worth remembering we live in a time when saying and/or doing the 'wrong' thing can end careers (as can things revealed about our behaviour in the past)

Be imaginative, be creative, be on brief and have your scripts with us for judging by the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at the latest.

The winner will receive £1000 and one of our sensational and beautifully designed iconic black Sharks head trophies.