

Brass, sass for this rocking Christmas show

Group shows off technical skills, has fun with it

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It's a West Texas Christmas tradition that shows off the skills of some of the area's best musicians just in time for the holidays.

A Lone Star Brass Christmas is scheduled at 3 p.m. Dec. 18 at the Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center.

The Lone Star Brass presents concerts that display the technical skill of each performer and the expertise involved in working together as an ensemble. From New York to New Mexico, the seasoned ensemble offers programs of classical music, jazz, original works and even opera — complete with wigs and costumes. They perform to have fun, and it rubs off on their audiences at each and every concert. Don't miss the annual Lone Star Brass Christmas Concert!

THE GROUP INCLUDES

>> Michael J. Santorelli in his 32nd year with the Lone Star Brass and the Midland-Odessa Symphony. He has also been the director of Instrumental Music at Trinity School since 1999, Adjunct instructor of Trumpet at Midland College since 1984 and Adjunct Instructor of trumpet at the University of Texas Permian Basin since 2011. He is principal trumpet with the Big Spring Symphony, and has been featured as soloist with the Midland-Odessa, San Angelo, and Big Spring Symphonies. He has also appeared as soloist with the Midland and Odessa College Bands.

He also performed in Carnegie Hall, Avery Fisher Hall, and Riverside Cathedral in New York City for the American Choral Directors Convention in 2004. In 2009, Michael was invited to perform at the West Chester University's Annual International Trumpet Festival as featured soloist on numerous performances.

>> Eric Baker grew up in Fort Worth and earned his B.M. in music education from the University of Texas at Arlington. He was a member of The Cavaliers

IF YOU GO

- >> What: A Lone Star Brass Christmas.
- >> When: 3 p.m. Dec. 18.
- >> Where: Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center.
- >> Tickets: tinyurl.com/nfgxma5.

WHO'S IN THE LONE STAR BRASS?

- >> Mike Santorelli - trumpet.
- >> Eric Baker - trumpet.
- >> Scott Millichamp - horn.
- >> Nicholas Conn - trombone.
- >> Kevin Young - tuba.

Drum and Bugle Corps for three years and then earned his master's in trumpet performance from Arizona State. He moved to Odessa in 2006 to begin his tenure as co-principal trumpet with the Midland-Odessa Symphony & Choral. He also performs with the Lone Star Brass Quintet, Moonlight Serenade Big Band, JazzBird and The Jazz Café. He

was invited to be a featured soloist at the Western International Band Clinic in Seattle. In 2010, he was a semi-finalist for the National Young Artists Competition, and in 2011 he performed as soloist with the Midland-Odessa Symphony. He was appointed to the position of director of bands at Odessa College in 2009 where he conducts the Concert, Jazz and Athletic bands, and serves as chair of the Department of Music and Drama.

>> Scott Millichamp is co-principal horn of the MOSC, hornist with the MOSC's Lone Star Brass quintet, Fourth Horn with Abilene Philharmonic, Second Horn with the summertime Missouri Symphony Orchestra, Instructor of Music Theory and Aural Skills at University of Texas of the Permian Basin, and Co-Music Director at the Unitarian-Universalist Church of Midland.

A native of Detroit, he graduated from Interlochen Arts Academy with a Fine Arts Award in Horn and received his Bachelor and Master degrees in Horn Performance from Indiana University. Following his time at IU, he served con-



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currently as a Graduate Teaching Assistant in Composition at the University of Hawaii in Manoa, a substitute hornist with the Honolulu Symphony Orchestra, pianist for Honolulu Waldorf School eurythmics classes, and Choir Accompanist for First Unitarian-Universalist Church of Honolulu. Prior to his MOSC appointment in 2009, he served as Fourth Horn of the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra; he has also performed with Arkansas's Opera in the Ozarks festival and the Lyrique-en-Mer opera festival in Belle-Ile, France.

>> Kevin Young is a native of Baton Rouge who enlisted into the United States Army. He spent nearly nine years serving his country at four separate duty stations. He has performed extensively throughout the East Coast from Orlando, Florida to Halifax, Nova Scotia. He has also performed as a free-lance musician outside of his military assignments with many chamber ensembles. Now out of

the military, he is now completing his D.M.A. at Texas Tech University. He is the principal tubist of the MOSC and the Lone Star Brass quintet and is on the Adjunct Faculty for UTPB, Wayland Baptist University, and Lubbock Christian University. He is also on faculty with the Chen International Cultural Arts Festival in Eureka Springs, Ark. He has performed with the Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra, Rapides Symphony Orchestra, San Angelo Symphony, Dominion Brass Band, and the Salt River Brass.

>> Nicholas Conn is a graduate of the Eastman School of Music where he received his bachelor of music degree. He also earned a master's from the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester, UK where he graduated with Distinction. He is in his first season as principal trombonist with the MOSC and Lone Star Brass. He has previously appeared with the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra (UK) and Opera North (UK). He was invited to play as a featured soloist with a 10 piece brass ensemble playing an arrangement of Londonderry Air. He was selected as a finalist in the Johnny Raducanu International Jazz Competition in Romania in 2015. He is a member of the adjunct faculty of University of Texas at the Permian Basin as trombone instructor.



>> Lone Star Brass:
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