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Concert unites MSU Wind Symphony with the Boston Brass Quintet

Guest group brings unique blend of style and energy to Wharton Center stage

EAST LANSING, Mich. – The MSU College of Music's band concert series kicks off with an exhilarating performance by the Wind Symphony on <u>Thursday, September 26</u>, at 7:30 p.m. in Cobb Great Hall at Wharton Center. This special concert features the internationally celebrated brass quintet, <u>Boston Brass</u>, known for their energetic presence and multi-genre performance style.

Boston Brass is renowned for their seamless blend of classical, jazz, and popular music, captivating audiences worldwide. For this concert with the MSU Wind Symphony, they'll showcase their artistry in a carefully curated program, highlighting their versatility and dynamic collaboration. In addition to their vibrant stage presence, Boston Brass is deeply committed to music education. While on tour, they conduct workshops and masterclasses to inspire the next generation of musicians. Their passion for audience engagement and performance versatility has made them one of the leading brass ensembles today.

For this concert, the ensemble will perform alongside the MSU Wind Symphony, showcasing a varied program that includes Overture from *Dancer in the Dark* (arr. Henry Dorn) by Björk Guðmundsdóttir, *Downey Overture* by Óscar Navarro, *L.A.tudes* by Jules Pegram, *Perplexing Times* by Gordon Goodwin, *Summertime* (arr. Chris Castellanos) by George Gershwin, and *Malagueña* (arr. Chris Castellanos) by Ernesto Lecuona. The concert will be conducted by Kevin L. Sedatole, Director of Bands at MSU.

During their visit, Boston Brass will also lead masterclasses in horn and tuba, offering students at the MSU College of Music a unique opportunity to gain professional insights from these acclaimed musicians.

"This concert promises to be an unforgettable event for both students and audience members," said Sedatole. "It will highlight the artistry and energy of Boston Brass alongside the dynamic range of our Wind Symphony. Our students are thrilled to work with these musicians and we believe our patrons will be delighted with this concert."

Fans of MSU band ensembles can look forward to more upcoming concerts featuring a variety of colorful styles of music featuring guest soloists and composers.

- Monday, Sept. 23 at 7:30 p.m. new music ensemble Musique 21 at Fairchild Theatre
- Tuesday, Sept 24 at 7:30 p.m. Symphony Band at Wharton Center
- Wednesday, Oct at 7:30 p.m. Concert Band and Campus Band at Wharton Center

For a full season of details about concerts with MSU Bands, and information about more ensemble concerts featuring orchestras, choirs and jazz, please visit: <u>music.msu.edu/band-events</u>.

General admission seating for this and other large ensemble performances is \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors (age 60 and older), and free for students and those under 18 with valid ID, and can be purchased online (<u>music.msu.edu</u>), by calling (517) 353-5340, or at the door. More information on these and other events in the 2023-2024 MSU Music Season can be found at <u>music.msu.edu/events.</u>