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presents



Brass Band

Kevin Stees, *conductor*

and

Massanutten Youth Brass Band

Rhonda Stees, *conductor*

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

7:30 pm

Concert Hall



There will be one 15-minute intermission.

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Program

Prelude for an Occasion

Edward Gregson
(b. 1945)

Courageous

Kevin Norbury
(b. 1956)

A Cambrian Suite

Michael Ball
(b. 1946)

I. Gwyr Harlech

II. Suo Gan

III. Codiad Yr Hedydd

Balkan Dance

Etienne Crausaz
(b. 1981)

Massanutten Youth Brass Band

15-Minute Intermission

Mephistopheles

Shipley Douglas
(1868-1920)

Hannah Caraker, *conductor*

Festive Impressions

Oliver Waespi
(b. 1971)

Program - *continued*

Ballad from *Concertino for Flugelhorn and Brass Band*

William Himes
(b. 1949)

Steffi Tetzloff-Judson, *flugelhorn*

Molto Adagio from *Concertino*

Ben Fuller
(b. 2002)

Premiere of Brass Band version

The Year of the Dragon

Philip Sparke
(b. 1951)

- I. Toccata
- II. Interlude
- III. Finale

JMU Brass Band

JMU Brass Band Personnel

Principal Cornet	Olivia Ellsworth
Soprano Cornet	Owen Brown
Solo Cornet	Max Parrish
	Peyton Phaller
	Taylor Lowry
	Chris Atkinson
Repiano Cornet	Jocelyn Moyer
2nd Cornet	Jamie Johnson
	Charlotte Connolly
3rd Cornet	Mason Puckett
	Jordan McDougald
Flugel Horn	Steffi Tetzloff-Judson
Solo Horn	Ryan Johnson
1st Horn	Jacob Taylor
2nd Horn	Finn Marks
	Will Rapp
1st Baritone	Hannah Caraker
2nd Baritone	Daisey Kludt
1st Trombone	Jack Waters
2nd Trombone	Nikhil Argade
Bass Trombone	Gavin Torrence
Euphonium	Ben Fuller
	Jennifer Carden
Eb Bass	Logan Davis
	Henry Taylor
	Josh Holsinger
Bb Bass	Jackson Lee
	Andy Helvey
Percussion	Brian McDermott
	Olivia Miller
	Kobe Noel
	Jonathan Ramirez
	Emily Stevens

Massanutten Youth Brass Band Personnel

Principal Cornet	Micah Wingfield
Soprano Cornet	Taylor Lowry
Solo Cornet	Dalton Bowling
	Aidan Carter
	Charlotte Connolly
Repiano Cornet	Sarai Calderon
	Ashton Wiley
2nd Cornet	Gabe Bowen
	Nayeli Vasquez
3rd Cornet	Ian Priddy
	Alexander Lau
	Amulek Lagos
Flugel Horn	Jamie Johnson
Solo Horn	Chloe Starling
1st Horn	Joshua Short
2nd Horn	Kelsey Davis
	Davis Bert
1st Baritone	Alivia Hakanen
	Benji Creasy
2nd Baritone	Brandon Stees
	Oswaldo Vasquez
	Ivy Lamb
1st Trombone	CJ Brown
	Thomas Murphy
	Jack Birdsong
2nd Trombone	Bennett Craft
	Sara Dull
	Isabelle Sly
Bass Trombone	Gavin Torrence
Euphonium	Andrew Donaldson
	Zachary Kovats
	Devin Hubbard
Eb Bass	Will Swatman
	Kit Gardner
Bb Bass	Tristan Elfer
	Phineas Chappell
	Brett McIlwee
Percussion	Micah Blagg
	Molly Finch
	Noah Potter
	Anna Richardson
	Leslie Yang

About the JMU Brass Band

Currently the 2024 North American Brass Association Championship Section winning band, the JMU Brass Band stands as one of the most successful collegiate brass bands in the world. Formed by Professor Kevin Stees in the Fall of 2000, the band quickly rose to prominence, winning the North American Brass Band Association (NABBA) 1st Section Championship in 2004 and 2005. They have also been the NABBA Championship Section Runner-up in 2006, 2007, 2010, 2016, 2019, and 2022.

The JMU Brass Band maintains an active schedule, performing regularly throughout the academic year. They have been featured at numerous prestigious festivals and conferences, including the American Trombone Workshop, Virginia Music Educators Conference, Great American Brass Band Festival, U.S. Army Tuba Euphonium Workshop, and the Southeast Regional Tuba Euphonium Conference.

In the summer of 2008, the ensemble embarked on a concert tour of England, sharing the stage with many outstanding bands, including the world-famous Cory Band. In 2009, they made history as the first brass band to perform a full-length concert at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. The band's international presence continued to grow with a performance in 2012 at the International Tuba Euphonium Conference in Linz, Austria. In 2017, they became the first U.S. brass band to be featured at the Royal Northern College of Music Brass Band Festival in Manchester, England. In 2022, they proudly represented the United States in the Championship Division of the 19th World Music Contest in Kerkrade, Netherlands.

Always committed to showcasing new repertoire, the JMU Brass Band has given the North American premiere of over a dozen major works for brass band. Currently ranked among the top 100 brass bands worldwide, the JMU Brass Band continues to set high standards and achieve remarkable milestones in the world of brass music.

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