

FORBES CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY®

School of Music

presents the doctoral recital of

Blake Downs, *trombone*

Amy Robertson, *piano*

with

Julien Euvrard, *piano*

Kiki Protopsaltis, *bass*

Kaleb Ellett, *drums*

Sunday, March 29, 2026

7 pm

Recital Hall



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Program

Allegro Maestoso

Jan Koetsier
(1911-2006)

Sonata for Bass Trombone

David Gillingham
(b. 1947)

Allegro

Lento misterioso

Alla fugue

10-Minute Intermission

New Orleans

Eugene Bozza
(1905-1991)

Stereogram Suite

David William Brubeck
(1920-2012)
Arr. Blake Downs

1. Stereogram No. 4 (Dedicated to Bart Varsalona)
2. Stereogram No. 3 (Dedicated to George Roberts)
3. Stereogram No. 10 (Dedicated to Gustav Holst)
4. Blues for Jim (Dedicated James Donald Brown Jr.)

*This recital is presented in partial fulfillment of the requirements
for the degree Doctor of Musical Arts.*

Blake Downs is from the studio of Dr. Andrew Lankford.

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