

KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MUSIC

MIRARI BRASS QUINTET



Friday, September 29, 2017 at 8 pm

Dr. Bobbie Bailey & Family Performance Center, Morgan Hall

Seventeenth Concert of the 2017-18 Concert Season

program



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"Renewed, Reused, Recycled"

ANTHONY DILORENZO

Firedance

JOHN WILBYE / THOMAS VAUTOR / WILLIAM BYRD

trans. Stephanie Frye

Four English Madrigals

III. Come Woeful Orpheus

IV. Flora Gave Me Fairest Flowers

ALEX NOPPE

Elegy

JOHN CHEETHAM

A Brass Menagerie

I. Allegro Molto ed energico

II. Lento

III. Scherzando ben ritmico

IV. Alla Marcia

V. Brillante

INTERMISSION

ENRIQUE CRESPO
Ragtime
from *Suite Americana*

DAVID SISCO
Visages

- I. Two sides / One Coin
- II. Defined/Defied
- III. Foxley Wood
- IV. Sincerest Form
- V. Part of the Whole

JOHN STEVENS
Waltz
from *Hodesanna*

CHICK COREA
arr. Noppe
Spain

THAD JONES
arr. Noppe
A Child is Born

CHARLES MINGUS
arr. Noppe
Haitian Fight Song

MIRARI BRASS QUINTET
Alex Noppe, *trumpet*
Matt Vangjel, *trumpet*
Jessie Thoman, *horn*
Sarah Paradis, *trombone*
Stephanie Frye, *tuba*



about Mirari Brass

Engaging and eclectic, the **Mirari Brass Quintet** brings a spirit of joyful collaboration and innovation to music spanning many centuries and genres. Commissioners of multiple new works for brass, the group performs a spectacular tight-rope act, balancing intensity with levity and refined virtuosity with pure fun.

Now in its seventh season, Mirari has performed extensively across the United States, forging connections with audiences through lively and polished performances. The group has performed on concert series for the Fredericksburg Music Club (TX), the Manteca Kindred Arts Concert Association (CA), and Music in Corrales (NM), and held concert residencies at numerous universities, including University of Missouri-Kansas City, Truman State University, Pacific Lutheran University, Cornell University, SUNY Potsdam's Crane School of Music, the University of Louisiana, San Francisco State University, Brigham Young University-Idaho, and many more. In 2014, Mirari was a featured artist at the International Tuba & Euphonium Conference in Bloomington, Indiana, as well as the International

Trumpet Guild Conference in 2015 in Columbus, Ohio. One of the group's favorite performances was a benefit concert for Canine Companions for Independence, in which the dogs in attendance performed alongside the group!

Throughout their existence, Mirari Brass has been dedicated to commissioning and arranging new works to expand the brass quintet genre. In one of their most popular projects, the group commissioned Rome Prize winner and Guggenheim Fellow Eric Nathan to write *Spires*, a major work based on a set of overlaid architectural drawings by Julie Mehretu. This piece later became the title track of their debut album, *Spires* (2012), which explores a wide variety of periods and genres. In addition to its contemporary centerpiece, the album includes works from the Renaissance and Baroque periods, and jazz standards re-imagined and transformed. Reflecting the multi-faceted interests and diverse talents of its members, Mirari leans heavily towards commissioning composers who have backgrounds apart from the brass idiom, such as choral (Austin Jaquith), theater (David Sisco), and jazz (Louis Romanos). Group members have also contributed a number of arrangements and original compositions. Since 2009, Mirari Brass has added nearly two dozen works to the brass quintet repertoire, many of which are now being performed by other groups around the country.

The Mirari Brass Quintet showcases its passion for music education through master classes, clinics, and performances with students of all ages. All collegiate music professors, the quintet members relish extended time to interact and form lasting relationships with young musicians. Presenting clinics on topics such as *Fearless Performance*, *Yoga for Musicians*, and *Creative Improvisation*, the Mirari Brass Quintet examines all aspects of life as an artist and helps to foster the development of complete musicians. They regularly perform concerts alongside students, promoting musical collaboration and challenging aspiring musicians to reach new levels of artistry.

Mirari was created as a grassroots effort of several friends, sharing a spirit of exploration that allows them to branch out and experiment with a variety of genres of music not originally intended for brass alone. The group has traveled to over twenty-seven states educating and performing for people of all ages.

Mirari Brass is Alex Noppe and Matthew Vangjel (trumpets), Jessie Thoman (horn), Sarah Paradis (trombone), and Stephanie Frye (tuba).

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Voice

Jessica Jones Valerie Walters
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Piano

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Summit Piano Trio
KSU Community and Alumni Choir

about the school of music



Welcome to the Bailey Performance Center!

The School of Music at Kennesaw State University is an exciting place! We have a wonderful slate of performances planned for this year's *Signature Series*, and if you have not yet purchased your season tickets, I encourage you to do so as soon as possible. The Atlanta Symphony returns again this year as well as a wonderful slate of other performances.

The Dr. Bobbie Bailey & Family Performance Center is celebrating its 10th Anniversary Season this year. When this building opened in October of 2007, it was transformational for the School of Music and for KSU! It continues to be a jewel in our crown and musicians from around the world love to perform here because of the wonderful acoustic properties of Morgan Hall.


We would love to have you join us the weekend of October 7th-8th. We will have an alumni recital on the 7th and a grand celebration Sunday afternoon October 8th, with full choir and orchestra to celebrate all this Center has meant to us these past 10 years! In honor of the Bailey 10th Anniversary, we will officially launch our *Name a Seat Campaign* during our celebration in October. What a wonderful way to honor a loved one or to provide for future programming for Morgan Hall.


I look forward to a long and rewarding relationship with you. With your continued support of music and the arts, I look forward to all that we will accomplish together!


A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen W. Plate".


Stephen W. Plate, DMA
Director, KSU School of Music

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