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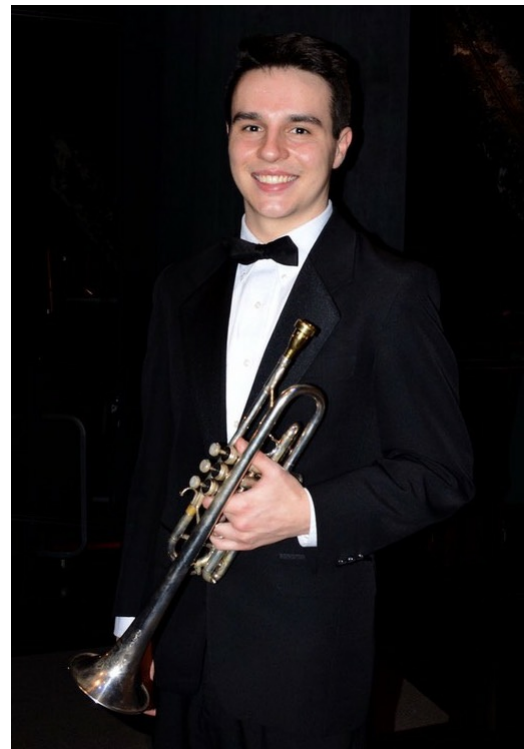
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May Graduate Michael Brotherton Joined by GWU Students and Faculty for Event

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C.—Michael Brotherton, a senior trumpet performance major at Gardner-Webb University, will present his senior recital in a Facebook live-streamed event on Saturday at 3 p.m. The concert includes three pieces that Brotherton worked on in preparation for graduate school auditions—Intrada by Arthur Honegger, Sonata for Trumpet and Piano by Halsey Stevens and Concerto in Eb by Franz Joseph Haydn.

Brotherton has been accepted into graduate school at East Carolina University (Greenville, N.C.) to pursue a master’s degree in trumpet performance. He doesn’t know what to expect from a Facebook live-streamed performance. “Hopefully, the internet connection allows for a smooth feed throughout the recital, without too many hiccups or difficulties,” he observed. “I am also hoping that the audio quality isn’t too badly affected. Probably the strangest thing is that there will be almost no live audience, besides a few professors and my parents, and the other students who are participating.”



The program also includes Concerto for Two Trumpets by Francesco Manfredini, and three jazz tunes: Nica’s Dream by Horace Silver, Reflections by Thelonious Monk and Peri’s Scope by Bill Evans. Joining him for the recital will be Garret Chitwood, who will play with him on the Concerto for Two Trumpets. For the jazz pieces, Corey Byers will play piano, Dr. Mark Cole will play bass, Mike Terry will be on the drum set, and Jacob Litton will play tenor saxophone. “I am very excited that we have been able to work it out for everybody to join me on the recital, and don’t worry, we all have kept our distance during rehearsals,” Brotherton noted.

Deja Fields, a vocal performance major who is also a work study for the music office, will

help record the recital for the University.

“Over the past four years, I have definitely learned to manage my time, figuring out how to fit three to four hours of practice in every day while still getting work done and going to classes and ensembles,” Brotherton reflected. “It has been much harder than I ever expected, but it has also been much more rewarding than I ever expected it to be. I have learned the true meaning of hard work. I’ve had so many opportunities to play fantastic music with wonderful musicians, inside and outside of Gardner-Webb. I have also formed friendships that will undoubtedly last a lifetime.”

The video was streamed from Brotherton’s own Facebook page:

Michael Brotherton’s Senior trumpet recital at Gardner-Webb University!

Posted by [Michael Brotherton](#) on Saturday, May 2, 2020



Michael Brotherton poses in front of the music annex, where he spent many hours practicing for his recital. Also, during the last three years at GWU, he spent most of his time practicing there and having lessons with Tim Hudson, associate professor of music.

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