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Feb 1st Concert Also Features GWU Brass Choir; Feb. 2nd Service Includes Dr. Tracy Jessup



Carolina Brass

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C.—A free concert at Gardner-Webb University in February offers an opportunity to hear some of the best brass musicians in the country along with a talented group of young artists. Hosted by the GWU Distinguished Artists Series and School of Performing and Visual Arts, the event features Summit Recording Artists, Carolina Brass, with the Salvation Army Carolinas Divisional Youth Band and GWU Brass Choir.

The program will be Feb. 1 at 7:30 p.m. in Dover Theatre, located in the Lutz-Yelton Convocation Center. In addition, an opportunity to worship with the Divisional Youth Band will be offered on Feb. 2 at 10:30 a.m. in GWU's Dover Chapel. Tracy Jessup, GWU vice president for Christian Life and Service and senior minister to the University, will help lead the service.

The visit to Gardner-Webb developed from a collaborative partnership between the Youth Band and GWU, said Dr. Patricia Sparti, chair of the Distinguished Artists Committee and professor of music. "Three of our very best music students have come to GWU from the

Divisional Youth Band,” Sparti added. “Many of our students teach at the Salvation Army’s summer conservatory. Because the Army’s mission aligns with GWU, we are working closely with Nathan Cole, director for the Salvation Army Carolinas Divisional Music and Arts Department, and Sam Mhasvi, assistant director. This is our second collaborative event. Last summer, the division’s music groups and Gardner-Webb presented a concert in uptown Shelby.”

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Cole became the division’s music director a year ago. He wanted to form a partnership with Gardner-Webb, because of the Salvation Army alumni enrolled at the University. “The Salvation Army has a rich heritage in the arts and in performing Christian music,” Cole reflected. “In the Carolinas, we provide a comprehensive program for young people and adults, where talents are nurtured for the glory of God. Dr. Sparti shares our vision in making music to a high standard for the glory of God.”



He said the concert will give his young musicians a chance to learn from the members of Carolina Brass, who tour extensively. Three members of Carolina Brass are also on the GWU faculty: Professor of trumpet, Tim Hudson, and adjunct instructors, Dave Wulfeck (trombone) and Bob Campbell (horn). In addition to the performance, the professional musicians will also lead a workshop for the Salvation Army band.

“One of my aims is to bridge the gap between current expectations and understanding what is really possible,” Cole asserted. “This project will help raise the bar in what young people can achieve and set a benchmark for future artistic outcomes. I know our young people will gain so much from the experience.”

The concert includes hymns, classical, jazz, spiritual, and Broadway tunes. Tim Hudson will perform two solos with the Salvation Army Youth Band, and the GWU Brass Choir will perform Sousa’s El Capitan March with Carolina Brass.

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Auxiliary aids will be made available to persons with disabilities upon request 48 hours prior to the event. Please call 704-406-2155 or email disabilityservices@gardner-webb.edu with your request.

The Salvation Army’s Carolinas Divisional Music and Arts Department exists to support, develop and empower the Division with music and creative arts in ministry and mission. For more information, call 704-972-3493 or email Jennifer.goude@uss.salvationarmy.org.

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