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## *Summit Recording Artist Performs on Feb. 22*

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. – Gardner-Webb University’s School of Performing and Visual Arts music department presents Summit Recording artists Carolina Brass, in concert Saturday, Feb. 22 at 7 p.m. in the Kathleen Dover Theatre, located in the Lutz-Yelton Convocation Center (LYCC). The special opening act will be Ol’ 74, an 18-member jazz ensemble, from Rutherford County, N.C.

Carolina Brass offers a wide variety of programs, including classical and contemporary works, medieval and renaissance music, and pop programs encompassing Broadway hits, jazz, Dixieland, big band, and other popular genres. This six-man ensemble aims to provide audiences with an opportunity to hear and experience quality chamber music in both formal and informal settings.

“Carolina Brass is a group of dedicated professionals with a commitment to excellence in performance and music education,” said Dr. Patricia Sparti, chair of the GWU Music Department. “Carolina Brass programs are fun and embrace the audience with music and conversation.”

The members of Carolina Brass include John Beck on percussion, Matt Ransom on tuba, David Wulfeck on trombone, Robert Campbell on horn, and both Dennis de Jong and Tim Hudson on trumpet. Hudson, who trained at the New England Conservatory of Music and Indiana University, is an assistant professor of music at Gardner-Webb.

Originally established in 1997, Carolina Brass combines virtuosity and good humor, delighting audiences wherever they go. In addition to their recitals, they also perform extensively in educational settings. These educational and entertaining programs provide students with performances, demonstrations, and master classes in an informal and interactive environment. Their mission is to promote the understanding of music and to improve the performance level of musicians of all ages through performances, residences, master classes and recordings.

Admission is free for Gardner-Webb students, faculty and staff. General admission is \$5. Tickets will be available at the door and are available through the box office at 704-406-4656. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and tickets are available for pickup starting at 6 p.m.

More information about the School of Performing and Visual Arts music division is available at 704-406-4453.

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