



# Dallas Brass To Open New G-E-T Performing Arts Center

Trumpets sound, trombones slide, tubas blow and drums beat. These are the usual sounds from a high school band room, but not this fall. On October 12, 2009 at 7:00 pm, the internationally acclaimed Dallas Brass will be performing at the Gale-Etrick-Trempealeau High School Performing Arts Center. Tickets may be purchased from any G-E-T Band student, or at the following locations: All G-E-T School Offices.

Since its founding in 1983 by Michael Levine, the Dallas Brass has become one of America's foremost musical ensembles. The Dallas Brass show, *American Musical Journey*, incorporates a full complement of brass and percussion for a musical travelogue through American history, from the time of George Washington to the present day. The program's music has been selected from the masters – Copland, Bernstein, Gershwin, Berlin, Sousa; from bands like the Tijuana Brass and Chicago; and styles from Dixieland, swing, Broadway, folk, patriotic, pop, and even hip-hop! There is definitely “something for everybody.”

According to Mr. Levine, “A Dallas Brass concert is intended for the entire family. Our ideal audience has an age range from 5 to 95. Our goal is to entertain and enrich by playing great music, while showing our audience how much we enjoy what we do.” The ensemble includes: Michael Levine (director, trombone), Brian Neal and D.J. Barraclough (trumpet), Chris Castellanos (horn), Nat McIntosh (tuba) and Jeff Handel (drums/percussion).

In addition to their solo engagements, the Dallas Brass appears with symphony orchestras nationwide. Symphonic credits include the Cincinnati Pops conducted by Erich Kunzel, New York Pops conducted by Skitch Henderson, and the Philly Pops conducted by Peter Nero. The Dallas Brass has performed at Carnegie Hall, the John F. Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., and has toured overseas to Europe and the Far East. They have shared the stage with the late Bob Hope, have performed for Presidents Gerald Ford and George H. W. Bush, have appeared on the CBS “Early Show,” and their music has been used numerous times on the television show, “The Young & The Restless.” The ensemble has released six recordings: Debut, Dallas Brass II, A Merry Christmas with Brass, Windborne, Nutcracker and American Musical Journey.

The Dallas Brass' primary mission includes connecting with young musicians. Clinics are held in conjunction with almost every concert, and band students are invited to join the Dallas Brass onstage for a selection on the evening performance. Both G-E-T High School and Middle School Bands will be performing October 12 with the Dallas Brass. The students will also receive a one hour workshop during the school day, and a one hour rehearsal with the group. The **Dallas Brass Education Foundation**, a 501(c)3 corporation, has been formed to support these educational efforts and donations are gratefully being accepted by the foundation to expand the mission of bringing their “Music in the School” program to as many school children as possible.

**The Dallas Brass  
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