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UF Hosts 2nd Annual International Brass Festival February 4-5, 2017

Gainesville, Fla., Jan. 16, 2017 — The University of Florida (UF) School of Music is pleased to present the 2017 International Brass Festival at the UF School of Music February 4-5, 2017 in Gainesville, Florida. The two-day event will feature internationally recognized guest artists Nathan Zgonc, Christian Paarup, the U.S. Air Force Band Trombone Quartet, the University of Tennessee Faculty Brass Quintet and more. The festival includes numerous master classes and recitals and is open to musicians of all ages. All events are free and open to the public.

New to the International Brass Festival in 2017 are the Edwards Trumpet Solo Competition, sponsored by Edwards Instruments. The final round of the competition will consist of a live recital at the festival. Additionally, an exhibit room will feature many popular brass manufacturers such as: Bach, Conn, Yamaha, Edwards, Shires, Getzen, Cannonball, Courtoius, Meinl-Weston, Besson and more, as well as an extensive selection of sheet music for sale by Beethoven & Co.

“Whether you are a student learning their first notes, a seasoned professional, or a patron of the arts, there is something for everyone,” said Dr. Erik Shinn, director for the 2017 UF International Brass Festival. “World-class artists will present a variety of events including clinics, lectures, recitals, and master classes. All of us need opportunities to recharge our batteries and get inspired from time to time. We hope that you can join us for an amazing weekend of brass music at the University of Florida!”

Schedule of Events (all events held in Music Building Room 101)

- Saturday, Feb. 4, 1 p.m.: Christian Paarup, Lecture Recital
- Saturday, Feb. 4, 2:15 p.m.: Edwards Trumpet Solo Competition Final Round Recital
- Saturday, Feb. 4, 3 p.m.: Jesse Cook, Clinic
- Saturday, Feb. 4, 4 p.m.: University of Florida Trombone Choir
- Saturday, Feb. 4, 7 p.m.: Nathan Zgonc, Recital
- Sunday, Feb. 5, 9 a.m.: Group Warm-up
- Sunday, Feb. 5, 10 a.m.: Aaron Campbell, Clinic
- Sunday, Feb. 5, 11 a.m.: Erik Shinn, Recital
- Sunday, Feb. 5, 1 p.m.: Nathan Zgonc, Master Class
- Sunday, Feb. 5, 2:45 p.m.: Meet the Artists, Panel Discussion
- Sunday, Feb. 5, 4 p.m.: United States Air Force Band Trombone Quartet Recital
- Sunday, Feb. 5, 7 p.m.: University of Tennessee Faculty Brass Quintet Recital

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The 2017 International Brass Festival is supported in part by: UF Office of Research, UF School of Music, UF Bands, Edwards Instruments, Cannonball Musical Instruments and Getzen Co.

To read about this year's guest artists and to learn more, visit www.arts.ufl.edu/brassfestival. Join the conversation online by using **#BrassFestUF**. For questions about the 2017 International Brass Festival, please contact brassfestival@arts.ufl.edu

About the School of Music

The School of Music is one of the University of Florida College of the Arts' three institutionally-accredited schools. The School of Music plays an important role in the academic life of the University and the community. The school's programs provide broad-based instruction in performance, composition, history and literature and music disciplines, through a strong curriculum as well as through professional experiences such as ensembles and internships. UF students also have the opportunity to join more than a dozen music ensembles, including jazz bands, the University Choir, the University Symphony Orchestra and the "Pride of the Sunshine" Fightin' Gator Marching Band. To learn more, visit www.arts.ufl.edu/music.

About the College of the Arts

The College of the Arts is one of the 16 colleges and more than 150 research centers and institutes at the University of Florida in Gainesville, Florida. The College of the Arts offers baccalaureate, master's and Ph.D. degree programs in its three institutionally-accredited schools — the School of Art + Art History, School of Music and School of Theatre + Dance. The college is home to the Center for Arts in Medicine, Center for Arts and Public Policy, Center for World Arts, Digital Worlds Institute, University Galleries and the New World School of the Arts in Miami. More than 100 faculty members and approximately than 1,200 students work together daily to engage, inspire and create. The college hosts more than 300 performances, exhibitions and events each year. Faculty and students also exhibit and perform at other local, national and international venues. To learn more, visit www.arts.ufl.edu.

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