IL BRASSO MAGNIFICO

MOLTO GROOVISSIMO

A Collection of Original Brass Chamber Music

The Musicians of Il Brasso Magnifico

Mark Williamson, Eb Alto Horn, Music Director
Steve Sherrill, Principal Composer/Arranger

Trumpets

Tom Hooten	Kevin Lyons
Mike Tiscione	David Hobbs
Jen Marotta	Yvonne Toll

Trombones

Colin Williams
Dr. Tom Gibson (Principal Artistic & Education Advisor)
George Curran
Bill Thomas

Tubas

Eric Bubacz	Deanna Swoboda
Jerry McEver	

Special Guest

Paul Murphy, Viola

Recording Engineer:	Wade Keeton
Engineer's Assistant:	Scott Hanson

We hope you enjoy the collection of original brass chamber music offered on *Molto Groovissimo*. This project represents a number of musical "firsts": distribution to the general public free of charge; use of the Eb alto horn and other non-traditional

combinations of brass instruments; original compositions and original arrangements of public domain material; and what must be the world's first duet for alto horn and viola! Producing *Molto Groovissimo* was also a bit of a daring high-wire act: assemble some of the best brass musicians in the Southeast for a two-hour set-up and rehearsal session and two recording sessions of two hours each, give them a big pile of brand-new and *very* difficult material, and find out what an engineer of Wade's caliber could get from the results. Hopefully you will get an idea of how much fun we had doing this! We think the results show that brass chamber music is alive and thriving in this part of the world.

We particularly enjoyed recording this material in beautiful Spivey Hall at Clayton State University in Morrow, Georgia. Thanks to Sam Dixon for helping make that happen and thanks to Walter and Emily Spivey for this cultural and acoustic gem.

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1.	Fanfare: Dix	Eric Alexander (b. 1959)
2.	Sunrise on Notre Dame	Steve Sherrill (b. 1949)
3.	Hungarian March from *Damnation of Faust*	Hector Berlioz (1803-1869) arranged by Steve Sherrill
4.	Once I Sought Thee In Doubt and Danger from *I Puritani*	Vincenzo Bellini (1801-1835) arranged by Steve Sherrill
5.	Trio	Mark Williamson (b. 1960)
6.	Penny Day	Chief Musician Steve Williams (b. 1959) United States Navy Jazz Commodores
7.	Duet for Alto Instruments *featuring Paul Murphy, viola*	Mark Williamson
8.	Just for Fun (Neo-Calypso)	Steve Sherrill
9.	Prelude in E Major from The Well Tempered-Clavier, Book 2, BWV 886	J.S. Bach (1685-1750) arranged by Mark Williamson
10.	Chorale Prelude on Bach's *Christus der ist mein Leben*	Mark Williamson
11.	Fugue in c minor	Mark Williamson

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