



MISSION STATEMENT

The **Nebraska Brass** is dedicated to preserving the great American tradition of brass music and to providing educational programs for young musicians to improve their musical skills. The Nebraska Brass commissions new compositions for brass ensemble and also provides an outlet for professional musicians to improve their skills while presenting a professional series of concerts of the highest quality for the citizens of Nebraska.

NEBRASKA BRASS HISTORY

Founded in 1987, the **Nebraska Brass** is one of the Midwest's most popular brass quintets. Audiences young and old enjoy serious musicianship and light-hearted humor as the group presents a variety of music ranging from classical to popular, Dixieland, and jazz. The ensemble presents an annual series of five sets of concerts in Lincoln, Omaha, and a number of other Nebraska communities. In addition, the Nebraska Brass participates in the Nebraska Arts Council Touring Program, performing in over 60 Nebraska communities in the last 25 years.

In one of its most successful and visible programs, the Nebraska Brass visits elementary schools in Lincoln and Omaha each year through its Brass Goes to School educational outreach, which has taken them to nearly 100 elementary schools in the last 15 years.

The Nebraska Brass is comprised of musicians with a wealth of experience in both classical and commercial idioms. Members have performed with ensembles such as the Omaha Symphony Orchestra, Lincoln's Symphony Orchestra, Nebraska Jazz Orchestra, Dallas Symphony, Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Nashville Symphony, Strategic Air Command Band (USAF) and Mannheim Steamroller. In addition, members have toured and performed throughout the United States, Australia, Europe, South America, Japan, and the Caribbean with numerous musical ensembles.

The Nebraska Brass also performs for weddings, graduation ceremonies, business and government functions, church services, public park concerts, and special events. Several such events have become annual performances for the Nebraska Brass, including the Creighton Law School Hooding Ceremony, and Christmas and Easter services at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Lincoln. Recent events have included collaborative efforts with vocalists, percussionists, the Lincoln Municipal Band, Abendmusik Lincoln, Omaha's Soli Deo Gloria Cantorum, Hastings Symphony Orchestra, and a January 2002 performance at the Governor's Arts Awards Banquet.

In addition to their busy performing schedules, members of the Nebraska Brass are experienced as educators in Nebraska and Iowa public schools and Nebraska Wesleyan University in Lincoln.

The Nebraska Brass has released six CDs--*By Request*, *Christmas Time*, *Season of Wonder*, and *Nebraska Brass 25, A Nebraska Brass Christmas, and Blowout!*

In 2013 the Nebraska Brass was the recipient of a Mayor's Arts Award, entitled the Richard Hay Arts Organization Award. This award recognizes an arts group that has made significant contributions to Lincoln's arts community over a period of years. Nebraska Brass celebrated their 30th anniversary in 2017.