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The Seventy-Third Season of
The William Nelson Cromwell and F. Lammot Belin
Concerts

National Gallery of Art
3,026th Concert

Empire Brass

Rolf Smedvig and Derek Lockhart, trumpets

Victor Sungarian, French horn

Greg Spiridopoulos, trombone

Kenneth Amis, tuba

December 6, 2014

Saturday, 3:30 pm

West Building, West Garden Court

The program will be announced from the stage.

The Musicians

The Empire Brass enjoys an international reputation as North America's finest brass quintet, renowned for its brilliant virtuosity and the unparalleled diversity of its repertoire. The five musicians—all of whom have held leading positions with major American orchestras—perform over one hundred concerts a year. With their best-selling recordings on the Telarc label, they have introduced an international audience to the excitement of brass music that ranges from Bach and Handel to jazz and Broadway. The Empire Brass is the first brass ensemble to win the prestigious Naumberg Chamber Music Award.

In addition to playing across the United States, the Empire Brass has toured the Far East thirteen times, and performs regularly in Europe. It has played in the former Soviet Union, where its concerts were broadcast on television. The ensemble has performed with major symphony orchestras such as the Boston, Chicago, Cincinnati, Detroit, and Toronto symphonies, the Philadelphia Orchestra, New York Philharmonic, and Zurich's Tönhalle Orchester. It regularly visits leading summer festivals including Ravinia, Tanglewood, Caramoor, Saratoga, and Chautauqua. On network television, the Empire Brass has been featured on CBS's *Good Morning America*, NBC's *Today Show* and *Sunday Today*, and PBS's *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*. The group is a regular guest on commercial and public radio networks nationwide, such as *Saint Paul Sunday Morning*, *Traditions*, and NPR's *Performance Today*.

The Empire Brass has served as Faculty Quintet-in-Residence at Boston University for thirteen years, and has led the Empire Brass Seminar at the Boston University Tanglewood Institute for over twenty years. In 1991 it began a new appointment as Visiting Consultants in Brass at London's Royal Academy of Music. It also leads an annual series of college clinics cosponsored by the Selmer Company, maker of the Empire Brass's instruments.