

30TH ANNUAL JOPLIN PoPs

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Summit Brass is the first and only truly American brass ensemble to represent the United States. Touring in America and throughout the world, the ensemble consists of some of the nation's leading trumpet, horn, trombone and tuba soloists and chamber and orchestral musicians. They have recorded numerous albums, been the feature of many television and radio programs, and commissioned many works for brass.

The ensemble was formed by trumpet virtuoso David Hickman in 1985. For many years, Hickman had dreamed of an all-American brass ensemble similar to those in Europe and Japan. He knew that America had the world's finest brass performers and many excellent brass quintets; and he felt that it should have a quality large brass ensemble. Determined to establish the finest group possible, he and his colleagues in the St. Louis Brass Quintet decided to draw upon the talents of some of the best instrumentalists in the country. Thus, **Summit Brass** was formed with well-known orchestral musicians from New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Boston, Dallas, Houston, San Francisco, Phoenix and St. Louis.

In addition to its tour concerts, the **Summit Brass** instructs the Rafael Mendez Brass Institute held annually on the campus of the University of Denver. All participants perform in brass ensembles and master classes. orchestral reading sessions, mock auditions and others, all taught by members of **Summit Brass** and University of Denver faculty.

PERSONNEL:

Trumpets:

Allan Dean — St. Louis Brass Quintet; Professor, Yale University
David Hickman — Soloist; Regents' Professor, Arizona State University
John Marchiando — Principal, New Mexico Symphony Orchestra; faculty,
University of New Mexico
Ronald Romm — Soloist; Professor, University of Illinois; formerly with
Canadian Brass

Horns:

Thomas Bacon — St. Louis Brass Quintet; Principal, Houston Ballet
Orchestra
Allene Hackleman — Principal, Edmonton Symphony Orchestra
Martin Hackleman — Principal, National Symphony Orchestra
Gail Williams — Professor, Northwestern University; formerly with Chicago

Symphony Orchestra

Trombones:

Melvyn Jernigan — St. Louis Brass Quintet; formerly with St. Louis Symphony

Carl Lenthe — Professor, Indiana University; formerly with Bamberg Symphony Orchestra (Germany)

John Lofton — Bass Trombone, Los Angeles Philharmonic

Larry Zalkind — Acting Principal, Los Angeles Philharmonic; Principal, Utah Symphony Orchestra

Euphonium:

Brian Bowman — Soloist; Regents' Professor, University of North Texas

Tubas:

Timothy Northcut — Professor, Cincinnati Conservatory of Music

Daniel Perantoni — St. Louis Brass Quintet; Professor, Indiana University