

Wesley Community Foundation

presents

A Concert for Organ and Brass Quintet

From Bach to Beach Boys

featuring

The Choppers Brass Quintet

and

Thomas B. Clark, Organ



Saturday, August 23, 2025

7:00 PM

White-Helms Chapel

Wesley Gardens

Program

Sonata pian' e forte	Giovanni Gabrieli Transcribed by Paul Tegels
Welcome and Introduction	Kevin Anderson Wesley President and CEO
Prelude to <i>A Te Deum</i>	Marc-Antoine Charpentier
Arrival of the Queen of Sheba from <i>Solomon</i>	George Frederic Handel
Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring Shelly Devlin, Trumpet	Johann Sebastian Bach
Earthscape	David Marlatt
Resurrection of Christ Stacey Eliason, Horn	Stacey Eliason
Sinfonia in F Major Comodo-Allegro-Adagio-Presto Zach MacLurg, Trombone	Giovanni Pergolesi
Fairest of Roses	Frederick Magle
Nocturne	Robin Dinda
Three Transcriptions California Girls Sloop John B Barbara Ann	The Beach Boys Transcribed and arranged by Thomas B. Clark
Grand chœur dialogué	Eugène Gigout Transcribed and arranged by Paul Tegels

The Choppers Brass Quintet

The Choppers can be heard at art festivals, churches, museums, colleges, and private functions in the Seattle area. Repertoire includes works from the 16th through the 21st centuries, and includes compositions from the individual members. The Choppers enjoy promoting brass quintet music as both a serious and fun musical medium, and premiering new music by Northwest composers. Individual players are also in demand as soloists, teachers, clinicians, and conductors in the Puget Sound area, and have performed across the nation.

Acknowledgments

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Funding for the players is provided by the Music Performance Trust Fund of the American Federation of Musicians which supports free, live, quality music performed by professional musicians. The Choppers Brass is part of Seattle Musicians' Union.

Player Biographies

Shelly Devlin (trumpet) is a member of the Bremerton Symphony, trumpet instructor at Pierce College, Puyallup, and brass coach for Kitsap Youth Philharmonic. She maintains a trumpet studio of about seventy students. She is a veteran of the U.S. Navy and served most recently as a trumpeter in Navy Band Northwest. Her recent composition, "A Rough Night at the Cantina" for trumpet ensemble, was written for and premiered by the Washington Trumpet Guild in May of 2025, of which she is a founding member. She holds music degrees from the University of Iowa and the University of Washington.

Kevin Slota (trumpet) is a performer, arranger, and educator based in West Seattle. He works with the Michael J Owen Music Education Fund to provide support to student trumpet players in Seattle Public Schools. He also performs with various brass ensembles, rock bands, big band jazz ensembles, and musical theatre groups in the greater Seattle area. He is also a founding member of the Washington Trumpet Guild.

Zach MacLurg (trombone) teaches trombone at Pierce College, Puyallup. A graduate of Central Washington University and the Manhattan School of Music, he has performed with the Spokane Symphony, Tacoma City Ballet, Olympia Symphony, Yakima Symphony and Wenatchee Valley Symphony. He is a two-time winner of the MSM Lillian Fuchs Chamber Music Competition and the MusicFest Northwest chamber brass competition. Besides classical music, he plays in big bands and makes recordings and arrangements of video game and film music. Zach enjoys kayaking, fishing and bonsai when he is not playing music.

Stacey Eliason (horn) is the longest serving member of The Choppers Brass. She taught horn, piano, and chamber music at the Edmonds College Music Department until her retirement in 2019. She holds degrees from Indiana University and Central Washington University, and enjoyed a year as an exchange student at the Paris Conservatory of Music (France). She has performed with the Compass Winds Woodwind Quintet, and the Spokane, Tacoma, Yakima, Wenatchee, and Mid-Columbia Symphonies.

Dennis Goans (tuba) is a versatile musician who enjoys many styles of music. He performs in the Tacoma and Bremerton area as a soloist, chamber musician, and ensemble member. In addition to the Choppers Brass, he regularly plays with Tacoma Concert Band, the Bremerton WestSound Symphony, and Simply Brass. He enjoys being part of groups that make music outreach a priority for audiences of all ages.