

A great American musical experience

Dallas Brass

Review
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The Dallas Brass from Wednesday's night's performance at the Florence Events Center. (photo by Vickie Kennedy)

The Florence Events Center was nearly full Wednesday, March 29, when the Dallas Brass came to town. Although the musicality of this group was spot-on, it was its interaction with the audience and with each other that was the highlight of the show.

Michael Levine, who founded the Dallas Brass in 1983, explained to the audience in the pre-concert talk that the goal of the group was to produce a fun show — and fun it was!

The American Musical Journey started with Elmer Bernstein's "Theme from The Magnificent Seven" and featured Luis Araya on the trumpet, Terry Sawchuk on the trum-

pet, Juan Berrios on the horn, alto horn and flugelhorn, Ryan Christianson on the trombone, Paul Carlson on the tuba and Andres Crovetti on percussion and drums.

These men do not just sit and play. Their moves were choreo-

graphed to the style of music that they were playing.

Although there were only six of them on stage, they filled that stage.

The next piece was "Tournament Galop," written by Louis Moreau Gottschalk. That was followed by America's first unofficial national anthem, "Hail Columbia," and then "Yankee Doodle Dandy."

Although the show was extremely entertaining, it was also educational thanks to Levine, who served as the Master of Ceremonies. He informed the audience that the band preferred Italian composers and proceeded to list off a plethora of Italian names in rhyme ending with Henry Mancini. The band then played "Pink Panther" with props which included dimmed stage lights, sunglasses and flashing

lights inside their horns.

Levine pointed out the different trumpets that the musicians would be using during the concert. They included the piccolo trumpet, the B-flat trumpet and the flugelhorn. Then with quite a flourish, Araya, Sawchuk and Berrios played "The Carnival of Venice," which incorporated a series of themes and variations written for trumpet as "show off" pieces that contained virtuoso displays of double and triple tonguing and fast tempos.

This production, brought to Florence by SEAc coast Entertainment Association fulfills SEA's mission statement. Started in 1980, SEA is a nonprofit, all-volunteer organization that provides world-class entertainment, community enrichment programs for schoolchildren, and those who are under-served in our community.

This goal was fulfilled by Dallas Brass' new program called "Harmony Bridge." Its main purpose is to encourage band students to go into their communities to share music.

Dallas Brass spent the day tutoring some students from the Siuslaw Band Program (middle school and high school) so that they could perform during the Dallas Brass concert. Seventeen students played three songs at the beginning of the second half, which included "She'll Be Coming Round the Mountain", "Home on the Range" and "I've Been Working on the Railroad."

There were some tricky passages that the students mastered. They were given a standing ovation with a few well deserved "Bravos" thrown in.

Besides using brass instruments, the musicians used their

hands in a piece called "Hands."

Levine called it a sophisticated patty cake. The speed and accuracy with which these men performed was amazing.

Another solo was performed by Crovetti on the vibraphone. He played "Root Beer Rag" by Billy Joel. Levine explained that Crovetti was able to do with two mallets on the vibraphone what Joel did with 10 fingers on the piano.

The finale was their rendition of the favorite "Sing, Sing, Sing," written and composed by Louis Prima in 1936. For those who listen to Big Band music, it was as if Gene Krupa, Harry James and Benny Goodman were there in the hall playing the drum, trumpet and clarinet solos.

However, Sawchuk, our "clarinetist" was playing the piccolo trumpet. If you didn't watch him play, you could definitely hear the smooth tones of a clarinet. Again, the Dallas Brass did not stand in one spot. They didn't even stand on the stage.

They were standing in the aisles and in the rows with the audience. It created an acoustical "Surround Sound."

Of course, there was a standing ovation for this outstanding brass ensemble. The Dallas Brass did not disappoint with its medley of 32 songs performed in under five minutes.

There was everything from Christmas tunes to spirituals to jazz renditions.

Levine promised that they wouldn't wait 10 more years before they come back to Florence. You won't want to miss that performance.

Don't miss SEA's next concert, Barrage 8, on April 26, at 7 p.m. at the FEC.

Indian Ed. program to host public meeting

The Indian Education Program, Title VI, of the Siuslaw School District, will be holding an open public meeting Monday, April 3, in Room 9 of the Siuslaw Elementary School, beginning at 6 p.m.

Immediately following the public meeting will be a regularly scheduled Parent Committee meeting. This

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For more information contact Lynn Anderson at 541-997-5458.

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