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**Performer(s)**

Amy Gilreath, Susan Rider, Stacie Mickens, Natalie Mannix, Velvet Brown, and Stiletto Brass Quintet



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# STILETTO BRASS QUINTET

GUEST ARTIST CONCERT

Amy Gilreath, trumpet  
Susan Rider, trumpet  
Stacie Mickens, horn  
Natalie Mannix, trombone  
Velvet Brown, tuba

# CONCERT PROGRAM

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*Selections to be chosen from the following*

A Scent of Paradise ..... Kenneth Amis (b. 1970)

Tempesta (2021) ..... Velvet Brown

Boy Meets Horn ..... Duke Ellington (1899–1967)  
arr. Kenneth Amis

Sophisticated Ladies ..... Ellington  
arr. Jack Gale

The Chili Ristra Tango ..... Elizabeth Garrett (1885–1947)  
arr. Charles Brandebury

Sea Suite (2020) ..... Dorothy Gates  
I. Gulls  
II. Sea Urchins  
III. Heron by Moonlight  
IV. Seaweed Dance

Suite Impromptu ..... André LaFosse (1890–1975)  
I. Epithalame  
II. Marche  
III. Elegie  
IV. Mouvement

Dance Renwick ..... Wilke Renwick (1921–2014)



## LIST OF PERFORMERS

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Now in their tenth season, Stiletto Brass Quintet has gained exposure as a leading chamber ensemble with performances audiences greeted with rousing ovations with the Pops Orchestra of Bradenton and Sarasota, at the Festival de Música de Cámara in Aguascalientes Mexico, the International Women's Brass Conference, with Doc Severinsen and the Heartland Festival Orchestra, at the National Trumpet Competition, the International Trumpet Guild Conference, the Great American Brass Band Festival, and concerts throughout the United States. The ensemble also shared the stage with Italian jazz great Andrea Tofanelli and commissioned and premiered a new composition entitled Scarpe! An adamant believer in music for young people, Stiletto Brass, while on tour, regularly performs educational concerts and gives master classes in the schools.

Stiletto features five highly accomplished women from the U.S. with careers spanning the fields of solo, orchestral, wind band, and brass chamber music: Amy Gilreath and Susan Rider, trumpets; guest artist Stacie Mickens, horn; Natalie Mannix, trombone; and Velvet Brown, tuba.

The group, as highlighted in the December 2014 edition of the acclaimed international brass magazine, "The Brass Herald", reflects timely changes in the music scene. Its energetic and diversified repertoire includes compositions written by leading composers of our time, as well as classical and popular works from the Baroque period to jazz. Stiletto's concerts are fun, serious, heart-warming, entertaining, and always an audience's favorite!

Stiletto Brass Quintet is an Artist ensemble for Buffett Crampon USA. Stiletto Brass Quintet's first CD with guest jazz great Doc Severinsen is available on CD Baby.

"The Stiletto Brass Quintet is a group of five superb musicians whose technique and ensemble work is simply unmatched. Joyousness, melodic introspection, tenderness, excitement---the full range of emotions is in every note they play. The fact that they are beautiful women in red stilettos...well that's just icing on the cake. If they give the impression of owning the stage, it's because they do. I've seen a lot of brass quintets in my day, but the Stiletto Brass Quintet is truly a breath of fresh air and a wonderful evening's entertainment."

—Doc Severinsen - Former Tonight Show with Johnny Carson Band Leader

"Stiletto is one of the most exciting groups to emerge recently in the brass world. Their artistry, covering so many styles, is versatile and musically very deep. Individually, each of these musicians is an artist in their own right. Together, they are a force to be reckoned with. Marvelous! Don't miss them!

—Marvin Stamm - Jazz Artist

"..Stiletto Brass Quintet, has really hit the scene running and caused quite a sensation at the ITG Conference in Columbus Georgia and the Great American Brass Band Festival in Danville Kentucky."

—from the "The Brass Herald" journal

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# UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS

## NOVEMBER

- Sat 20 Piano Faculty Showcase**  
3:30 pm, Stella Boyle Smith Concert Hall  
free and open to the public
- Sun 21 World Music Ensemble**  
6:00 pm, Stella Boyle Smith Concert Hall  
free and open to the public
- Mon 22 Violin & Viola Studio Recital**  
7:30 pm, Stella Boyle Smith Concert Hall  
free and open to the public
- Mon 22 Wind Ensemble & Wind Symphony**  
7:30 pm, Faulkner Performing Arts Center  
free tickets required
- Tue 30 UA Percussion Ensemble**  
7:30 pm, Faulkner Performing Arts Center  
free tickets required

## DECEMBER

- Thu 2 Schola Cantorum**  
7:30 pm, Faulkner Performing Arts Center  
free tickets required
- Thu 2 University Chamber Orchestra**  
7:30 pm, Stella Boyle Smith Concert Hall  
free and open to the public
- Mon 6 University Symphony Orchestra**  
7:30 pm, Faulkner Performing Arts Center  
free tickets required
- Tue 7 Treble & Razorback Chorus**  
7:30 pm, Faulkner Performing Arts Center  
free tickets required
- Tue 7 Latin American Ensemble**  
7:30 pm, Stella Boyle Smith Concert Hall  
free and open to the public

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Department faculty and students perform over 600 concerts per year, on and off campus. Large concerts are performed at the 600-seat Faulkner Performing Arts Center with intimate chamber and solo concerts primarily presented at the 200-seat Stella Boyle Smith Concert Hall. Additionally, students and faculty perform throughout the region, including Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art and the Fayetteville Public Library.

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