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Big Band to Perform Christmas Classics

Boston Brass Big Band to perform jazzy holiday tunes

Bay Chamber Concerts invites you to celebrate the season with big band brass versions of holiday favorites your whole family will enjoy. Bay Chamber's 2008 Christmas by the Sea concert will feature the 14-member Boston Brass Big Band on Saturday, December 6 at 7:00 p.m. at the Strom Auditorium at the Camden Hills Regional High School. Most tickets are \$20, and a limited number of \$8 tickets are available for youth ages 18 and under. In addition, Boston Brass will conduct a brass master class before the concert from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

The Boston Brass Big Band was born when the five members of Boston Brass were joined by twelve other well known musicians to record "A Stan Kenton Christmas." This recording of holiday music, conducted by brass master Sam Pilafian, features truly phenomenal charts made popular by the Stan Kenton Orchestra and performed with the enormously powerful sound of a dozen horns and jazz rhythm section.

One of the most innovative and controversial figures in jazz history, Kenton led a series of orchestras that challenged the conventions of big band music. His recordings emphasized advanced harmonies over the typical four-beat swing rhythm. Though initially controversial, eventually most came to love him, and today Kenton is remembered as a true pioneer.

Selections will include "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen," "Greensleeves," "O Holy Night," "The 12 Days of Christmas," "Joy to the World," "Frosty the Snowman" and many more. The members of Boston Brass are trumpeters Jose Sibaja and Jeff Conner, French horn player J.D. Shaw, trombonist Lance LaDuke and tubist Andrew Hitz. They'll be joined by a large ensemble of brass players accompanied by a jazz rhythm section. The concert is sponsored by Viking, Inc.

The Boston Brass quintet will hold a brass master class from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Camden Hills Regional High School, before the concert on December 6. The group will discuss goal-focused practicing techniques and work with participants on developing strong fundamentals. They will review the skills needed to perform brass music, tailored to the level of mastery the student wishes to achieve. This is an

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opportunity to learn tips and strategies from professional musicians. All ages and abilities welcome; \$15 per person.

This year Bay Chamber Concerts announced a dramatic price decrease on tickets to the 2008-2009 Performing Arts Series. Most tickets to the season are just \$20, a decrease of 38% from last year. The goal of the new program, underwritten by Brewster Point, is to make performing arts affordable for all members of the community.

Most concert tickets are \$20. Prime seating is \$40, discounted up to 50% with subscription. A limited number of \$8 tickets will be available for youth ages 18 and under. Admission to the master class is \$15 per person. Bay Chamber Concerts is a 501(c)(3) registered non-profit organization. The \$20 Ticket Underwriter is Brewster Point. The media sponsor is VillageSoup.com. For more information, or to purchase subscriptions or tickets, contact Bay Chamber Concerts at (207) 236-2823, toll free at (888) 707-2770 or online at www.baychamberconcerts.org.

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Calendar Listings:

Date: Saturday, December 6, 2008, 4:00 p.m.

Location: Camden Hills Regional High School, 25 Keelson Drive (Rt. 90), Rockport, ME 04856

Title: Boston Brass Jazz Workshop

Description: Trumpet, French horn, tuba and euphonium players will host an open rehearsal where they will share their stories and broad range of music. Bring your instrument along and we will make music together! All ages and abilities welcome.

Price: \$15.

Date: Saturday, December 6, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Location: Strom Auditorium, Camden Hills Regional High School, 25 Keelson Drive (Rt. 90), Rockport, ME 04856

Title: Boston Brass Big Band

Sponsors: \$20 Ticket Underwriter: Brewster Point. Sponsor: Viking, Inc.

Program: Selections will include "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen," "Greensleeves," "O Holy Night," "Adeste Fideles," "Motown Jingle Bells" and many more.

Description: Celebrate the holidays with big band brass versions of your favorite seasonal classics! Boston Brass, one of America's most accomplished quintets, teams with an all star ensemble for a 14-musician concert of holiday tunes.

Price: Most tickets \$20. Prime seating \$40, discounted up to 50% with subscription. \$8 for Youth ages 18 and under, limited availability.

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