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**“CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS
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TRUMPET ENSEMBLE”**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2020



James Olcott
Music Director



Tim Blotz
Master of Ceremonies

PROGRAM

- Fanfare: Hosting at Dawn
Sir Arnold Bax (1883-1953)
Transcribed by James Olcott
- Two Carols for Christmastime
William Harbinson (b. 1953)
- Formal Christmas Medley
James Olcott (b. 1944)
- Great is Thy Faithfulness
William Runyon (1870-1957)
Arranged by Joel Mott and James Olcott
- Sonata
from *Cantata 31*
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
Transcribed by Daniel Gianola-Norris
- Hallelujah Chorus
from *The Messiah*
George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)
Transcribed by Barry Ford
- The Christmas Song
Mel Tormè (1925-1999)
arranged by James Olcott
- Secular Christmas Medley
James Olcott
- Hava Nagila
Abraham Idelsohn (1882-1938)/Moshe Nathanson
Arranged by James Olcott

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JAMES OLCOTT, Music Director and Conductor

A native of Berkeley, California, James L. Olcott was born in 1944. Prior to his faculty appointment at Miami University (Ohio) in 1978, he taught at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire and Fort Hays State University (Kansas). He served for 25 years as principal trumpet of the Cincinnati Ballet Orchestra and the Middletown (Ohio) Symphony Orchestra. His orchestral background also includes performances with the San Francisco Opera and Ballet Companies and the Metropolitan Opera Company (New York). In addition, he is the founder and was the music director of the Cincinnati Herald Trumpet Ensemble.

Active as a composer and arranger, his works have been published by Crown Music Press of Chicago, Tromba Publications of Denver, and Triplo Press. He is also an active member of the International Trumpet Guild, the group for which he has served terms as secretary, vice president, and president. In 2005 he was a recipient of the organization's Award of Merit.

From 1979 to 2008 Olcott was a member of the faculty of Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp, Twin Lake, Michigan, where he taught, performed as principal trumpet with, and conducted student and faculty jazz ensembles. From 1982 to 2008 he was involved as conductor of the camp's International Jazz Ensemble for its three-week European tours to Belgium, Austria, Germany, France, Denmark, and the Netherlands, and served as a member of the Blue Lake in Bavaria faculty as director of its international jazz ensemble.

At Miami University he conducted Miami's internationally recognized trumpet ensemble and, of course, taught trumpet. He was also the founder of Miami's annual Southwestern Ohio High School Jazz Festival, which celebrated its 30th year in 2008. For his work with the jazz festival, he was honored by the City of Oxford, with April 7, 2008 being officially named James L. Olcott Jazz Day in Oxford by proclamation of the city's mayor.

In Minneapolis, to which he and his wife, Vera, moved directly after his retirement, Olcott quickly became involved in the local musical scene and he continues to perform, conduct, write, record, and publish. He has been an active free-lance trumpeter and performs professionally throughout the Minneapolis-St. Paul area in large and small group settings.

TIMOTHY BLOTZ, Master of Ceremonies

A long-time member of the FOX 9 family, Tim currently anchors and reports for the early primetime newscasts from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. on FOX 9 and FOX 9+.

Tim has been a life-long trumpet player going back to high school where he was presented with the John Philip Sousa award. He studied briefly under Robert Van Nuys at UW-Stevens Point and throughout college played for the renowned Kids from Wisconsin touring group. Since moving to Minnesota in 2004, Tim has played with the Minnesota Valley Community Band in Chaska, the St. Hubert's brass choir, and most recently the Normandale Community College concert band.

During Tim's 15 years with FOX 9, he started the very first transportation reporting beat in the Twin Cities, and in recent years reported from the State Capitol, heading up FOX 9's political coverage. Tim's peers have recognized his professional work with four Emmy Awards for best news anchor, along with the Edward R. Murrow award for writing.

TIMOTHY BLOTZ, Cont'd

Although Tim grew up in Wisconsin and lived for a while in New Mexico, he considers Minnesota his home and is a BIG Gophers fan. Most of that comes from him recently returning to grad school at the University of Minnesota and earning a master's degree in strategic communication. Tim has used his degree to help some of the non-profits with which he volunteers in order to arrive at better stakeholder insights and brand messaging.

One of Tim's passions is working with his family to find a cure for Type-1 diabetes. Both of his daughters were diagnosed with T1D as children and that's led Tim and his wife Susan to become actively involved over the years in JDRF. In 2012, the organization honored Tim with its award for public service.

Tim has also done extensive work with the Minnesota Brain Injury Alliance by reporting on its ground-breaking "Unmasking Brain Injuries" project. Throughout the state, hundreds of people have painted and decorated masks that tell the stories of their own brain injuries that people normally would not see. Each year Tim hosts both the organization's Walk for Thought and the Strides for Stroke Walk.

THE TWIN CITIES TRUMPET ENSEMBLE

Founded in 2014 by its director, James Olcott, The Twin Cities Trumpet Ensemble is the only group of its size and configuration in the United States, and in its short life has created a reputation for excellence and excitement. With a repertoire that stretches from the Renaissance to the present, the ensemble has performed concerts in Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Iowa, and played public service appearances and clinics in schools and churches throughout the region. Within the group are two smaller ensembles and a jazz group consisting of five trumpets and rhythm section. On occasion, the TCTE is further augmented by timpani, percussion, and low brass. Collaborative concerts have included performances with the Medalist Band, the St. Croix Community Concert Band, the Lake Wobegon Brass Band, the Kenwood Symphony Orchestra, and the Linden Hills Symphony.

During the last season, the ensemble appeared at the 2019 Minnesota Music Educators Winter Meeting, Summerfete at Normandale Lake, the Vintage Band Festival in Northfield, and the Rochester [Minnesota] Music Guild. The group has also appeared on television and in anthem performances for the Minnesota Twins and the Minnesota Timberwolves.

TWIN CITIES TRUMPET ENSEMBLE MEMBERS

Trumpets:

Neil Baumgartner III

Timothy Killam

Jeffrey Schuh

Bass trumpet:

Douglas Bradley

Gregory Kimball

Donald Spangler

John England

Ronald Chamberlain

Betty Mackay

Scott Swanson

Shannon Curtis

Scott McCullough

Christopher Tank

Patrick Gefre

Richard Miller

David Wall

Percussion:

Franklin Hotzel

Dan Odegaard

Gregory Wyman

Julie Henry

Alexander Kahler

Jeffrey Rudoy

PLEASE CONSIDER A TAX-DEDUCTIBLE DONATION

The Twin Cities Trumpet Ensemble's plans to produce a debut album have been delayed by COVID-19, but recent "virtual" performances have provided material with which to continue the project. We have set mid-to-late 2021 as our target for delivery of a full-length CD and downloads.

We are seeking funding to complete the work, and we ask for your gift, in any amount. Donations are also always welcome for our educational outreaches and other projects. Gifts are accepted on the TCTE website (www.tctrumpets.org) by credit card. There is also an address to mail a check. The Twin Cities Trumpet Ensemble is a 501(c)(3) organization, so all donations are tax-deductible.

While you are on the website be sure to sign up for the TCTE's quarterly newsletter to receive updates and an announcement of a CD release party! Thank you!



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