

Burning River BRASS



12 musicians. Inextinguishable fire.



Since 1996, Burning River Brass has been dazzling audiences from Alaska to Taiwan with "power and virtuosity," "harmonious blend," and "consistently stirring performances." Composed of twelve of the finest brass and percussion players in the country, Burning River Brass is an ensemble on fire!

The original inspiration behind Burning River Brass was to give great players who were also good friends a chance to play together on a consistent basis. Soon after the first rehearsal in May 1996, BRB began to grow rapidly. The ensemble made its debut in September of 1996 in Tremont, Ohio under the auspices of Arts Renaissance Tremont and by 1998 was touring nationally.

In 1999 Burning River Brass was offered a recording contract by Dorian Recordings® and shortly thereafter recorded its first CD — *Of Knights and Castles*. The disc was met with great critical acclaim and was followed by the release of *Russian Carnival* in 2000. The group's third CD was entitled *Romanza Espana—Spanish Masterworks for Brass* and was released in the fall of 2004. During the 2005 holiday season, BRB released its long requested Christmas CD — *Christmas Around the World*. This popular CD was followed by the 2008 release of *'Twas the Night Before Christmas*. All of the recordings have been praised for their energy, sound, and style.

Burning River Brass is consistently applauded for the infectious joy with which it performs. In concert, the ensemble presents a variety of music designed to satisfy the tastes of every audience. BRB's repertoire includes fresh arrangements of classic literature as well as original works written specifically for the group. The camaraderie continues into BRB's educational and outreach programs, where the players provide students with a rich, positive experience to encourage their enthusiasm for music in the future.

A featured guest at the 2006 NTDTV New Year's Gala at Radio City Music Hall, Burning River Brass has been heard on NPR's Performance Today and Sunday Baroque as well as radio stations throughout the United States and abroad.

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MEDIA REVIEWS

"A lively program entirely lacking in dull spots . . . as good as it gets."

THE WASHINGTON POST

"It was one of those performances where you smile from the sound of the first note and you only feel badly when you hear the last number and you realize that it has to end."

THE CHARLESTON (WV) GAZETTE

"That joy of performing brilliantly connected with the audience. This was perhaps the best Bright Star Season event so far this season. It was pure Sunday afternoon delight."

LA CROSSE TRIBUNE

"From Byrd's Renaissance dance, ornamental and stately, to the spark and dazzle of 'Guinevere's Rescue and Battle with the Red Dragon,' from 'Cinematic Brass,' Burning River Brass was brilliant, forceful and very big in its Daytona Beach debut."

DAYTONA BEACH NEWS-JOURNAL

"Following a lengthy ovation, the Burning River Brass responded with an encore by Chico Navarro that turned out to be the perfect after dinner mint. I suspect we'll be hearing much more from this group as their special brand of music-making finds its way into other concert halls across the country."

THE OKLAHOMAN

"Burning River Brass is an astounding ensemble. Every player is first rate. The ensemble sound is stunning. The intonation is exact. The rhythmic execution is perfect. They blend beautifully into a virtuosic unity."

THE HORN CALL

"As in its first two recordings, this fine Cleveland-based brass choir plays with taste, precision, and blend while revealing no weaknesses."

AMERICAN RECORD GUIDE

PRESENTER COMMENTS

"Burning River Brass's concert last night was absolutely stupendous! I could not have been happier. They are really the best brass ensemble I have encountered and everyone just had a blast."

CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

"Theirs is a level of musicianship that excels in sheer virtuosic beauty of ensemble playng: no gimmicks, no showbiz, no audience coddling—just top level musicianship. Hands down the winning ensemble of our current season."

FLORIDA SOUTHERN COLLEGE FESTIVAL OF FINE ARTS

"Burning River Brass not only brought in the crowd – a sold-out house – but also sent them home, I believe, with a newfound love of brass. The ensemble was brilliant. After amusing introductions, each piece by these gifted artists showed the power and intricacy of brass in a program that moved from the accessible to challenging. All of it was crowd-pleasing."

BRADFORD CREATIVE & PERFORMING ARTS

"What a wonderful group of musicians! They are personable, talented, and were a genuine pleasure to spend time with during their visit. I received a plethora of comments about how outstanding their performance was, and our music faculty was especially impressed."

HOPE COLLEGE

"I just wanted to let you know how exhilarating the Burning River Brass concert was for all of us at the Freeport Community Concert Association. We represent audience members from a wide region in Nassau County. Judging by the long line at intermission and after the concert to purchase CDs, I think it would be safe to say 'they were a smash.'"

FREEPORT COMMUNITY CONCERT ASSOCIATION



OF KNIGHTS AND CASTLES

"BRB has produced a thrilling disc with one majestic piece after another in consistently stirring performances. Burning River Brass's first recording is spectacular."

AMERICAN RECORD GUIDE (MAR/APR 2000)



RUSSIAN CARNIVAL

"I like the way the group plays. It unleashes great gusts of sound when appropriate, as do all high-powered brass groups, but it seems more interested in playing in a refreshingly natural way."

AMERICAN RECORD GUIDE (SEP/OCT 2001)



ROMANZA ESPANA

"The spirit of the music is vividly intact, and some interpreters of Bizet's original score could learn a thing or two from the way the Burning River players apply such stylish zest and delicacy to this familiar music."

THE PLAIN DEALER (JANUARY 2004)



CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

"It's a CD that should appeal to almost any musical taste. [BRB] is a first-rate ensemble, with wonderful articulation and immaculate intonation. This would be a superb addition to anyone's holiday music collection."

MUSIC & VISION (DECEMBER 2004)



'TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

New release!



"The student concert they performed on Monday was a great success."

BAKERSFIELD COMMUNITY CONCERTS

"The students were thrilled with the experience."

HOPE COLLEGE

"Burning River Brass' Youth Outreach program at Pacific Grove Middle School was cited by teachers as the best presentation in the school's history."

CARMEL MUSIC SOCIETY

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