The bold and the beautiful:
Australian Brass Quintet in concert at WAAPA

On Friday 5 March, the Australian Brass Quintet joins the top brass students of the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts for an evening of bold and beautiful brass music.

Comprised of Australia’s foremost brass musicians, the members of ABQ are held in the highest regard as soloists and teachers, performing regularly around the world.

They include trumpeter David Elton (Principal Trumpet, West Australian Symphony Orchestra), trumpeter Tristram Williams (soloist), horn player Ben Jacks (Principal Horn, Sydney Symphony Orchestra), trombonist Michael Bertoncello (Melbourne Symphony Orchestra) and bass trombonist Shannon Pittaway (Singapore Symphony Orchestra).

The ABQ’s performances balance established masterpieces with innovative new works for the modern brass quintet, and their concert in WAAPA’s Music Auditorium is no exception.

Under the music direction of David Elton, the ABQ will play an eclectic repertoire including music from the Venetian School by the Italian composer Giovanni Gabrielli, American Suite No 1. by Enrique Crespo, and an arrangement of Carmen Fantasy for trumpet based on Bizet's original masterpiece, performed with the WAAPA students. In addition, WAAPA’s leading student quintet will perform Scherzo by John Cheetham.

The ABQ, who perform regularly within Australia and internationally, have played at festivals including the Melbourne International Brass Festival and a sell-out appearance as part of the Soft Soft Loud chamber music series at the Fremantle Arts Centre. Upcoming engagements include the Singapore Chamber Festival in 2010, concerts in Sydney and Melbourne, and a tour for Musica Viva.

"The performances, individually by Tristram and Ben and collectively by the quintet, demonstrate that Australian brass playing is of world standard, and that the Australian Brass Quintet is leading the pace.” – Robert L. Benton

Performance Information: Australian Brass Quintet
Friday 5 March at 7.30pm.
Music Auditorium, WAAPA, Edith Cowan University, 2 Bradford St, Mt Lawley.
Tickets are $25 full/$20 concession. Bookings through WAAPA Box Office on 9370 6636.

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