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GUEST ARTIST RECITAL

COMPOSITE BRASS DUO

Joseph Cooper, trumpet
Johnny Salinas, saxophone

7:30 p.m., Wednesday, February 26, 2025
Faulkner Performing Arts Center
University of Arkansas

PROGRAM

Suite for Trumpet

William Presser (1916-2004)

- I. Adagio-Andante
- II. Adagio-Allegro
- III. Allegro vivo

Three Short Pieces

Heather Niemi Savage

- I. Moderato
- II. Adagio
- III. Allegro

Imaginary Changes

Matthew Howel (b. 1999)

- I. Trades
- II. Riffs

Bartok Duos

Béla Bartok (1881-1945)
arr. Composite Brass Duo

- I. A Fairy Tale
- II. Burlesque Dance
- III. New Year's Song
- IV. Transylvanian Dance

INTERMISSION

Miles Per Hour

Regina Harris Baiocchi (b. 1956)

Echoes IV

Igor Karača (b. 1974)

Echo Chamber

Mat Campbell (b. 1992)

COMPOSITE BRASS DUO

The **Composite Brass Duo** was formed in 2021 by John Salinas and Joe Cooper, who teach at the Greenwood School of Music at Oklahoma State University. The mission of Composite Brass is to expand the repertoire of music that prominently features trumpet and saxophone. They have arranged, commissioned and premiered new works, performing as guest artists at the 43rd International Saxophone Symposium in Washington D.C., the 2024 International Trumpet Guild conference in Anaheim, CA, the 2023 North American Saxophone Alliance conference in Hattiesburg, MS, and as a featured duo at the 2023 College Music Society national conference in Miami, FL. Composite Brass is expecting their first album release in 2025 and, with two more new commissions coming in late 2025, a second album of new works is expected in 2026. We welcome future collaborations with composers who wish to advance the trumpet and saxophone in chamber repertoire.

Dr. Johnny Salinas, a versatile musician and educator, currently teaches saxophone at Oklahoma State University's Greenwood School of Music. He's performed globally, including in China with orchestras and solo recitals. Hailing from Houston, Texas, he's played with esteemed orchestras like the Houston Symphony Orchestra and Hong Kong Philharmonic. His chamber group the Amethyst Quartet achieved remarkable success winning first prizes at the Fischhoff National Chamber Music Competition, the Coleman Chamber Ensemble Competition, and the Music Teachers National Association Chamber Music Competition (MTNA) in 2008. His students have excelled in competitions and gained admission to prestigious music programs nationwide.

Joseph Cooper is a devoted educator and performer. He's performed across the United States with ensembles including the Oklahoma City Philharmonic, Tulsa Symphony, Houston Grand Opera, Austin Symphony, the Colorado Symphony and many others. He has performed globally, too, in Hong Kong, China, Japan, the United Kingdom, Germany and Austria. Cooper's passion for music's unifying power drives him to connect with audiences through chamber music performances, commissioning new works and engaging in outreach programs. Former students enjoy successful careers as performers and educators across the United States.

In 2021, he co-founded the Composite Brass duo, collaborating with saxophonist John Salinas to expand the trumpet-saxophone repertoire. He joined the Mirari Brass Quintet in 2023, performing in six states in the last two years, from Chautauqua, New York to Phoenix, Arizona. Dr. Cooper is a Yamaha Performing Artist.