

## New Haven Symphony Orchestra Brass Quintet to Perform Holiday Concert at the Yale Center for British Art *Mayor Toni Harp to provide welcoming remarks*

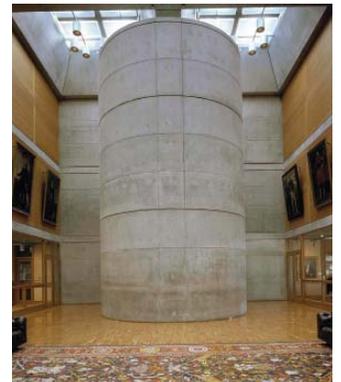
NEW HAVEN – The City of New Haven and the New Haven Symphony Orchestra welcome the winter season with a holiday brass concert at the Yale Center for British Art on December 19, 2014 at 3:00 pm. This free public event will take place in the Center’s iconic building, designed by Louis I. Kahn, which houses the largest collection of British art outside the United Kingdom.

New Haven Symphony Orchestra musicians playing trumpets, and a French horn, trombone, and tuba will perform familiar pieces of both popular and classical music. The program will appeal to a wide audience, and will include works ranging from G. F. Handel’s “Messiah” to Irving Berlin’s “White Christmas.”

New Haven Mayor Toni N. Harp will be the guest of honor and will provide opening remarks, celebrating the rich, cultural opportunities unique to New Haven. The mayor will officially launch the festive season with a concert that will trumpet the beauty of this time of year, amidst world-renowned masterpieces, within the dramatic space of the museum’s Library Court. The event will come shortly before the Center temporarily closes to the public for approximately one year, beginning on January 1, 2015, for the second phase of its building conservation project.

“This planned concert sounds like a perfect opportunity to experience firsthand the joyful exuberance for which this season is famous – city residents and others should plan to attend what promises to be a most festive occasion,” Mayor Harp said. “And the setting will be lovely – classic holiday music performed by a first-rate ensemble, among a world-class art collection at the YCBA – a last chance for its guests to visit, before a yearlong closing to allow for renovation and revitalization.”

The Executive Director of the New Haven Symphony Orchestra, Elaine Carroll, also says the elegance of the Center will add a special dimension to the event. “We love to perform music in beautiful spaces and are delighted to bring our Holiday Brass program to the Yale Center for British Art on December 19. This festive concert will delight music and art lovers alike – a perfect concert for the entire family,” said Ms. Carroll.



Amy Meyers, the Director of the Yale Center for British Art, notes the vibrant synergy that brings the city, the symphony, and the museum together. She hopes visitors will attend the concert and stay to enjoy the collections and the building.

“We are honored to have the Mayor of New Haven welcoming the public to this holiday concert. As one of the city’s most cherished institutions, the New Haven Symphony Orchestra adds a special richness to the fabric of our community. The Center is privileged to serve as one of many public institutions that contribute to the dynamic artistic culture of our great city. I cannot imagine a more uplifting way to celebrate New Haven, before we close our doors in January.”

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