

Canadian Brass delights audience

Charlotte Concerts, an organization that brings world-renowned classical music and performing arts to the Queen City, concluded its 2011-2012 concert season in April at Halton Hall with the presentation of 17 string and wind instruments to Northridge Middle School's orchestra and band teachers. Funds to purchase the instruments were raised through its annual Gala in February.

Following the presentation, Canadian Brass gave a lively performance. The sensational brass quintet is known for their engaging stage presence and rapport with audiences, as well as a repertoire featuring brass standards as well as a wide-ranging library of original arrangements created especially for the group. The quintet has more than two million albums worldwide.

"We've had a tremendous year," said Scott Bauer, Charlotte Concerts board president. "Being able to end this season with Canadian Brass is certainly an up note for our organization and our loyal and new patrons."

Now in its 82 year, Charlotte Concerts is the oldest presenting arts organization in Charlotte. Its mission is to sponsor, promote and present concerts featuring world-renowned performing artists while sponsoring arts education outreach programs that cultivate an understanding and appreciation for the performing arts. Charlotte Concerts' instrument donation program puts instruments into the hands of Charlotte-area children, at no cost. It also reaches students through classroom collaborations with visiting artists, as well as through a sponsorship of the Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools (CMS) Middle School Honors Orchestra. ■

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Canadian Brass performs a "ballet."



Canadian Brass plays to a sold-out season finale.



Scott Bauer, Mark Propst, Gary Sweet and Thomas Arbuthnot.



Scott Bauer, presents 17 musical instruments to the Northridge Middle school band and orchestra.