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Since its founding in 1995 WorldBrass has grown to become one of the most renowned and well-respected brass ensembles. Continuing in the tradition of the Jeunesses Musicales World Orchestra, out of which the ensemble grew during an orchestra tour in South-East Asia, the members and musicians who perform with WorldBrass originate from many countries including Argentina, Belgium, Canada, England, France, Germany, Slovenia, Luxembourg, Norway, the Ukraine, Scotland and the Netherlands.

A number of times each year the musicians assemble together to rehearse and perform concerts within a context of international understanding. A unique quality of WorldBrass is its group spirit - there are no fixed positions within the ensemble, nor is there a single "star" player. All members are free to contribute their own ideas in rehearsals and are committed to each other and the making of chamber music of the highest level. The varied musical and cultural backgrounds of the musicians further enhances the ensemble's musical flexibility and resourcefulness. All of these factors contribute to making the well-rounded, thoroughly interesting and entertaining performances that WorldBrass is known for.

During its history, WorldBrass has toured throughout Canada, Germany, Italy, Poland, Belgium and Luxembourg presenting a repertoire that is as vast as it is diverse. The New Year's concert WorldBrass perform every year at the Philharmonie in Berlin is a real highlight of each season for audience and musicians.

In the past seasons WorldBrass gave highly acclaimed concerts at the Festspielhaus Baden-Baden, Elbphilharmonie Hamburg, at the Aachener Meisterkonzerte, as well as at the festivals Weilburger Schlosskonzerte, Kultursommer Nordhessen, Klosterkonzerte Maulbronn, Oberstdorfer Musiksommer, Ludwigsburg, and Choriner Musiksommer and at the Dresden Frauenkirche.

One of the intentions of the ensemble is to expand the range and scope of brass-ensemble music by commissioning new pieces and arrangements. The CD "Originals", containing pieces composed or arranged solely for WorldBrass, was released in celebration of the ensemble's 20th anniversary.