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PENNINGTON, N.J. – October 18 – The award-winning Mirari Brass Quintet is to perform at The Pennington School on Wednesday, October 26, 2022. Engaging and eclectic, the Mirari Brass Quintet brings a spirit of joyful collaboration and innovation to music spanning many centuries and genres. The commissioners of multiple new works for brass, the group performs a spectacular tight-rope act, balancing intensity with levity and refined virtuosity with pure fun. Through generous funding from Brenda Martini O'loughlin and Thomas O'loughlin P'19, The Pennington School is proud to bring this group to campus for a three-day musicians-in-residence and to share the fun by hosting a free, public concert on Wednesday, October 26, at 7:00 p.m. in the Meckler Library.

Founded in 2009, Mirari has performed extensively across the United States, forging connections with audiences through lively and polished performances. The group has performed and presented outreach programs in 30 states on concert series as well as residencies at numerous universities including Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, University of Tennessee at Knoxville, University of Kentucky, Ohio State University, Cornell University, SUNY-Potsdam, and many more. Mirari has also been featured at a number of major conferences and festivals including the International Tuba and Euphonium Conference, the International Trombone Festival, and the International Trumpet Guild Conference. In 2017, the group made their first international trip to China, performing concerts and presenting educational outreach programs in Beijing, Haerbin, Dalian, and Chongging.

In addition to being outstanding performers, the members of the Mirari Brass Quintet share a unique passion for music education and are all collegiate professors of music. The group relishes and seeks out extended time to interact with young musicians by leading masterclasses, offering group and individual instruction, as well as presenting clinics on topics such as brass fundamentals, the art of chamber performance, and entrepreneurship. Through their educational endeavors, the quintet examines all aspects of life as an artist and helps to foster the development of complete musicians. Individually, the group members have been on faculty at colleges, universities, and music festivals and camps all over the United States and overseas.

The Pennington School is an independent coeducational school for students in grades 6 through 12, in both day and boarding programs. The curriculum is college preparatory, with an emphasis on individual excellence, fostering the development of the whole student through academics, athletics, community service, and the creative and performing arts.

Image: The Mirari Quintet: Sarah Paradis, Peyden Shelton, Steph Frye-Clark, Matthew Vangjel, Jesse Thoman

