

The Brass Project makes it Houston debut at Trinity Downtown

The Brass Project- a New York based brass sextet- performs at Trinity Downtown on Sunday, October 27th at 2:30pm. The “six superb brass players” of The Brass Project (*Philadelphia Enquirer*) are breathing new life into the brass ensemble, both through their own editions of Baroque and Renaissance music and through the nearly 40 short new works they have commissioned from a diverse range of established and emerging composers. Hear the brass ensemble redefined.

Free Concert (free will offering appreciated). Trinity is located at 800 Houston Ave, Houston, TX 77007.

Program

REENA ESMAIL: *Tuttarana*

J.S. BACH: Selections from the *Art of Fugue*, arr. Erik Saras

KINAN ABOU-AFACH: *Exodus*

MICHAEL-THOMAS FOUAI: *Psalm*

GABRIELLA SMITH: *Strobe*

WARD/COPERARIO: *English Consort Music, ed. Raymond Mase*

STEVEN FRANKLIN: *Three Romances*

About the Ensemble

Founded in 2016 at the Curtis Institute of Music, the New York based ensemble now includes graduates of The Juilliard School and Yale School of Music, as well as former members of Carnegie Hall’s Ensemble Connect, Finnish Radio Symphony, Malaysian Philharmonic, and La Orquesta Filarmonica de Sonora. The members of The Brass Project united around a shared set of goals: to advocate for distinctly 21st century musical perspectives, to record and distribute new works, and to pay homage to the origins of brass playing by creating and performing unique editions of Renaissance and Baroque repertoire.

Over the last three years, the ensemble has met these goals by commissioning 35 new compositions by both established and early career composers such as Aaron Jay Kernis, Paul Lansky, Reena Esmail, and Gabriella Smith, among many others. In 2018, The Brass Project recorded, produced, and distributed 13 of these works on their debut album, *Cityscaping*

The Brass Project has held residencies at Music from Angel Fire (2016 & 2017), Rockport Music (2019), Bravo! Vail (2019), The Aspen Music Festival and School (2018 Fellowship Brass Ensemble) and Haverford College (2018). The Brass Project has performed at an array of venues in and around New York City, including the Morris Museum, National Sawdust, Cooper Hewitt Smithsonian Design Museum, St. Marks Church, and the Shalin Liu Performance Center.