

Dear Director:

Happy Holidays from the music faculty at Angelo State University!

We hope you have received our Angelo State University brass poster detailing upcoming brass events for Spring 2008.

Allow us to inform you of our first event. On January 12, 2008 Angelo State will host our first ever Brass Festival. This year's clinicians will be the Gateway Brass; a brass quintet from the USAF "Band of the West" located in San Antonio, Texas. Further we are pleased to announce that Dr. Brian Bowman will also be a guest clinician at this event. As many are aware, Dr. Bowman is one of the leading euphonium virtuosos in the world. Attached is a copy of the day's schedule. Please note, lunch will be on your own and not provided.

What a great way to begin solo and ensemble season with your band program. All students will have the opportunity to be coached on their solos or entire ensembles by members of the Gateway Brass, ASU brass faculty, or Dr. Bowman. In addition, master classes will be offered to all students to improve their musical skills. During the day's activities, Gateway Brass and Dr. Bowman will also be featured in recital performances. I think you will agree this is a fantastic way of inspiring and improving your brass students.

All events with this festival are **FREE** to both students and directors. Make sure you and your students bring instruments to participate in our final massed brass extravaganza.

For more information concerning the ASU Brass Festival, or any of our many events please call 325-942-2085 or visit our website at www.angelo.edu/dept/artmusic.

Again, have a happy and safe holiday.

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