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Greetings:

We would like to take a moment to thank you for considering the possibility of hiring our group to take part in your summer concert series. **Bala** (bälä) is a young and exciting brass ensemble that has won audiences hearts all over the world. Our style of playing the American Brass Band literature is entertaining for all ages. The five piece ensemble, consisting of two trumpets, french horn, trombone, and tuba, has the classic Brass Quintet sound that has been enjoyed for over one hundred years.

As performing brass musicians we have an obligation to continue the drive to promote the arts. Our musical program is an engaging concert filled with light classical and pops music as well as the personal touch of interaction with the audience. It encompasses bombastic marches by Souza to fun rags by Joplin to selections from the award winning musical West Side Story. We also include the toe tapping music of Gershwin to arrangements of early music such as J.S. Bach and William Byrd.

Being a small performing ensemble has its advantages. One is that it does not take a lot of set up to put a concert on and we are an easily movable group. We can fit onto small band stands, underneath a tent, and we can play out in the open. In the case of rain we can quickly re-locate without a great deal of hassle at all. We have our own chairs and stands and the only things that we would need are:

- 1) lighting for during the late evening concerts because it can get dark pretty quick
- 2) an electrical source for us to use a small P/A system during those extra large concerts (because us yelling out the information across a field to the audience would actually do more harm than good). We have our own microphone and amplifier, we just need a place to plug it in.

These two items are not always needed. Some concerts are early enough that lighting is not an issue and sometimes we are close enough to the back group of people that they can hear us talking. The volume of sound from our group is not an issue, just the talking.

Please contact **Bala Brass Ensemble** for a list of prices depending on performance. The fee Bala charges covers any expenses for travel and the salary of the musicians. If you have any questions or would like a press packet and demo cd, please feel free to contact us at the number or email above.

Thank you again and we look forward to performing for you!

Warm regards,

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