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BALA BRASS CHAMBER SERIES
MASSACHUSETTS BASED BALA BRASS PREMIERES
NEW COMPOSITION BY LOCAL COMPOSER

The award-winning chamber ensemble BALA BRASS (www.balabrass.org) will present the first of three concerts celebrating music written for brass quintet on April 15, 2005, at Salem State College, Salem, MA. The program will feature compositions by American composers Anthony Plog and Daniel Schynder, along with a newly commissioned work by Massachusetts native Robert J. Bradshaw.

BALA has been winning the hearts of audiences with its infectious spirit and energetic performances. They will be a featured ensemble at the **2005 International Trumpet Guild Conference** in Bangkok, Thailand, and the **2005 New York Brass Conference**, premiering Robert J. Bradshaw's "Right Then, Same Time Tomorrow?". The ensemble has worked closely with Mr. Bradshaw throughout the creation of this six-movement suite and is excited to present it to audiences around the globe.

ABOUT BALA: As a brass quintet dedicated to furthering the art of brass music performance, BALA was the first group of its kind to be invited to participate in the *Osaka International Chamber Music Festa* in Japan in 2002. BALA was also awarded the bronze medal at the *2001 Fischhoff Chamber Music Competition* as well as being honored as a finalist in the *2001 Coleman Chamber Music Competition*. Recently the quintet has been enthusiastically received in such venues as Von der Mehden Recital Hall at the University of Connecticut, Bezanson Recital Hall at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, Pickman Concert Hall at the Longy School of Music, Harvard University, and the University of Indiana.

In addition to its rigorous performance schedule BALA is strongly committed to fostering music through education. In keeping with this mission the quintet extensively conducts master classes and educational concerts for young people. BALA has been featured on campuses of Colleges and High Schools across the United States including UMASS, UCONN, Wisconsin Lutheran College, Conservatory of Music at Purchase College-State University of New York, Lakeside College, Phillips Academy, Bridgewater State College, and was the featured ensemble in residence at the *2004 Shepherd College All-Star Brass Weekend*.

EVENT:

8:00 pm
Friday, April 15, 2005
Salem State College Central Campus (CC) Recital Hall
Loring Ave at Canal St., Salem, MA

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