

Mainstreet Brass Quintet

Sunday, February 14, 2010

4:00 p.m.

Mainstreet Brass formed in 1986, inspired by a musical camaraderie, a passion for brass quintet literature and performance, and a goal to present interesting and entertaining music to its audiences. The quintet has performed for enthusiastic



audiences at art festivals, colleges, and concert series in Pennsylvania, Maryland, New York, New Jersey, New England, the Midwest, and the United Kingdom. Described by concert presenters as “marvelously delightful” and “magical, balanced and alive,” Mainstreet Brass presents a varied repertoire spanning the centuries — from florid 17th century canzons and Bach transcriptions to memorable show tunes and blues ranging from Jelly Roll Morton, W.C. Handy, and Fats Waller. The ensemble is recognized for refined playing, presenting engaging, accessible literature for all audiences and for actively commissioning new works and arrangements.

Mainstreet Brass is delighted to make First Presbyterian Church part of its debut tour of Florida. The quintet's concert will feature romantic music for Valentine's Day plus new arrangements of music by Stephen Foster, George Gershwin, Jacques Offenbach, and *Way out West*, a homage to the classic themes from TV and movie westerns.