

SWOSU Trumpet Ensemble Selected for International Conference & Elk City Concert

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In preparation for a performance at the International Trumpet Guild Conference this summer, the Southwestern Oklahoma State University Trumpet Ensemble in Weatherford will perform a benefit concert on Friday, June 7, in Elk City.

The event in Elk City is part of the SWOSU Concert Series at First Presbyterian Church, 217 N. Washington. The public is invited.

There will be dessert served at 6:30 p.m. and the ensemble will perform at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and the donation will be divided in three ways: to the Moore tornado victims, First Presbyterian Church and the trumpet ensemble's trip to the international conference this summer in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

The ensemble, led by SWOSU Assistant Professor of Music Dr. Richard Tirk, was selected by a recorded audition and will join trumpet groups from around the world in performing preludes before performances and master classes by major trumpet artists. The SWOSU ensemble will be the prelude for San Francisco Symphony principal trumpet Mark Inouye's recital on Tuesday, June 11.

Tirk commissioned a piece for the trumpet ensemble to premier at the conference by Minnesota-based composer Mitchell Dietz. It is entitled *Hilltop Fanfare*. Other works on the program will be Erik Morales' *Within Sacred Walls* and an arrangement by Director of Bands Marc Mueller of *Fix You* by the band Coldplay.

Members of the ensemble include: Ryan Meek, Lawton; Jakub Chermack, Enid; Joaquin Martinez, Anadarko; Mikela Connella, Oologah; Tommy Smith, Elk City; Jimmy Mayorga, Hinton; Tony Bertolozzi, Dibble; Bethany Peyton, Moore; and Evan Neal, Enid.

For more information about the dessert concert in Elk City, contact Angela Farris at 580.25.3038. For more information about the SWOSU trumpet ensemble and helping with donations for their trip, contact Tirk at 580.774.3772.