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BRASS EXPLOSION! 2012 RETURNS

- ~ Asia's biggest international brass music festival, 1 to 4 June, Marina Bay Sands ~
- ~ Education programmes at Yong Siew Toh Conservatory of Music, NUS ~

Singapore, 14 May 2012 – Brass Explosion!, Asia's biggest international brass music festival, returns for the third consecutive year with a big bang! Held from 1 to 4 June 2012, the annual music festival will showcase a myriad of exceptional musical talents, including jazz legend James Morrison, Stefan Dohr and Sarah Willis of the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra, Sérgio Carolino, James Gourlay, Darren Acosta, Steven Mead, Gareth Small, Bart van Lier and more.

Presented by The Brass Society at Marina Bay Sands Singapore and supported by the National Arts Council, Brass Explosion! 2012 will see more than 49 critically acclaimed artists from 15 countries, performing on a worldwide stage alongside 150 international and Singaporean students throughout the entire festival. They will also be joined and accompanied by the world-famous Desford Colliery Band from United Kingdom, an All Star Big Band as well as local music groups and ensembles.

"This year's edition of Brass Explosion! is all about celebrating the joy of brass music by offering an accessible and exciting platform where people from all walks of life can come together to be part of this annual music extravaganza," says David Smith, Director of The Brass Society, who relishes the festival's role in developing Singapore to be a world-renowned centre of excellence in brass and jazz musicianship.

Set against the backdrop of the spectacular Marina Bay waterfront, this year's iconic music event will also roll out a series of educational programmes at Yong Siew Toh Conservatory of Music, National University of Singapore to ensure that every brass-playing child in Singapore has access to the best of the best in performance and pedagogy.



A well-celebrated and iconic annual global music event in Singapore, Brass Explosion! has been watched and enjoyed by over 10,000 people since its inauguration in 2010 with over 600 brass-playing students performing and showcasing their talents on this international performing stage.

Brass Explosion! 2012 runs from 1 to 4 June 2012. Tickets are available at *SISTIC* (www.sistic.com.sg). For more information, please visit www.brassexplosion.com or call +65 6336 6006.

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BRASS EXPLOSION! 2012

PUBLIC PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS

❑ Masters of Brass

Date: 1 June 2012 (Friday)
Time: 7:30pm to 9:30pm
Venue: Orchestral Hall, Yong Siew Toh Conservatory of Music, NUS
Ticketing: \$25, SISTIC

Rarely anywhere in the world, would anyone have the opportunity to listen to so many world-famous brass musicians in one night, in one concert. Masters of Brass concert recital includes the following critically acclaimed musicians: Stefan Dohr, Sarah Willis, Sergio Carolino, Gareth Small, Darren Acosta and Steven Mead. Accompanied by Laretta Bloomer.

❑ James Morrison Live in Concert with The All Star Big Band

Date: 2 June 2012 (Saturday)
Time: 9:00pm to 11:00pm
Venue: Stella Artois Festival Stage, Marina Bay Sands
For Ticket Bookings: **THROUGH INTERNET:** www.MarinaBaySands.com/Ticketing
BY PHONE: 6688 8826
BOOK IN PERSON AT: Marina Bay Sands Box Offices (Museum, Theaters, SkyPark, Retail Mall and Hotel Tower 1 lobby). For more information please log onto our official website www.marinabaysands.com

Hair-raising drama, unbridled energy and vivid colour will splash from stage as Australia's first man of trumpet performs with an All Star Big band in a night of Jazz. And of course, James will bring his wit and humour on the night making for a perfect evening of great music, great fun, and lots of brass!

❑ Concert at The Event Plaza

Date: 3 June 2012 (Sunday)
Time: 4:00pm to 7:00pm
Venue: Marina Bay Sands Event Plaza
Ticketing: Free

A free evening public concert featuring brass music in its different forms. Be entertained with music from classical, jazz to pop, performed by local and international brass artists. The perfect family day out activity!



Brass Explosion! 2012 Gala Concert

Date: 4 June 2012 (Monday) Time: 7:30pm to 9:30pm
Venue: Concert Hall, Yong Siew Toh Conservatory of Music, NUS
Ticketing: \$25 Stall Seats, \$50 VIP Balcony Seats, SISTIC

The Brass Explosion! 2012 Gala Concert is the grand finale to the four days festival. Singapore's talented youth will be part of a brass extravaganza with world-famous brass musicians including the Desford Colliery Band from UK and James Morrison. The music repertoire will cover all genres including brass classics and jazz. Over 180 musicians will be performing during this concert

Brass Explosion! Master Classes

Date: 1 to 4 June 2012 (Friday to Monday) Time: 10:00am to 6:00pm
Venue: Ensemble Rooms, Yong Siew Toh Conservatory of Music, NUS
Ticketing: Free for Observation

One of Asia's Coolest Youth Brass Band! The Brass Explosion! 2012 Festival Band is a key integral part of the festival. 100 students of ages 10 to 18 gather together to rehearse and receive master classes for a finale performance at the Gala Concert on 4 June 2012.

Brass Explosion! Pan-Soloist Competition

Date: 1 to 4 June 2012 (Friday to Monday) Time: 10:00am to 4:00pm
Venue: Concert Hall, Yong Siew Toh Conservatory of Music, NUS
Ticketing: Free for Observation

A competition where the crème de la crème of Singapore's and Asia's young brass musicians will play against each other for the title of Pan-Asian Soloist 2012. The competition will see students from leading conservatories in Asia competing for the prestigious top soloist award before a panel of international judges. Prize money and instruments will be awarded.