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## RANDY GRABOWSKI, TRUMPET

WITH  
SEAN BOTKIN, PIANO

# PROGRAM

*Concerto* (1997) ..... Lauren Bernofsky  
 Allegro (b. 1967)  
 Cantilena  
 Allegro Leggiero

*Call to Peace* (2003) ..... Mary D. Watkins  
 (b. 1939)

*Pezzo Pazzo* (2005) ..... Astrid Spitznagel  
 (b. 1957)

*Trumpet Songs* (2004) ..... Jennifer Higdon  
 Morning Opens (b. 1962)  
 To Home  
 In Our Quiet  
 Hop & Toe Dance  
 Threaded  
 Breaking

*Ridge-Runner* (2012) ..... Libby Larsen  
 I. (b. 1950)  
 II.  
 III.

## ABOUT THE ARTISTS

Randy Grabowski has created a satisfying life of trumpeting, teaching, and learning. He is Professor of Trumpet at the University of Northern Iowa School of Music where he collaborates with colleagues in exciting chamber music adventures and endeavors to inspire new generations of inquiring musicians.

An active, versatile performer and principal trumpet of the wcfssymphony, Grabowski has taken his love of performing to venues across the U.S., Europe, Canada, and South America. He counts performances at the Britt (OR) and Spoleto (Italy) festivals as being especially memorable, and shows with Frank

Sinatra, Aretha Franklin, Ray Charles, Manhattan Transfer, Sammy Davis, Jr., Shirley MacLaine, and the Chestnut Brass Company as particular highlights.

A veteran of the Lake Tahoe/Reno showrooms and an advocate for whatever music is in front of him at the moment, Dr. Grabowski has two degrees from Indiana University and one from the University of Nevada-Reno. In his spare time, he fancies spending time with his family, gardening, walking, cooking, reading, and learning.

Pianist Sean Botkin began studying the piano at age five with his mother, making his first orchestral appearance four years later with the Honolulu Symphony. He went on to study privately with Neal O'Doan at the University of Washington and, under his direction, performed with the Seattle Symphony, Spokane Symphony, and Seattle Philharmonic Orchestra. Sean has garnered prizes in an impressive list of international piano competitions: William Kapell International Piano Competition, Gina Bachauer International Piano Competition, Busoni International Piano Competition, Cleveland International Piano Competition, World Piano Competition in Cincinnati, Dong-A International Music Competition of Korea, International Music Competition of Japan and the Washington D.C. International Competition. A graduate of Stanford University, the Juilliard School, and Indiana University at South Bend, Sean has studied with eminent artists Adolph Baller, Martin Canin, and Alexander Toradze.

Sean has performed extensively in the United States, Europe, Central and South America, Asia, and Russia. Concerto and recital performances include Kazan and St. Petersburg, Russia; Tbilisi and Kutaisi, Georgia; Salzburg Festival, Ravenna Festival, Stresa Festival, Ruhr Klavier Festival, Gilmore Festival, London, Cagliari, Rome, Florence, Bologna, Palermo, Lisbon, Tokyo, Seoul, Bogotá, and San José (Costa Rica). He made his New York debut at Alice Tully Hall in 1993 performing Bartók's Concerto No. 2 with the Juilliard Symphony, conducted by Carl St. Clair. In 2009, he made a CD recording of Rachmaninoff's Piano Sonata No. 1 in D minor and performed a series of concerts in Europe sponsored by Alexander Rachmaninoff and the Rachmaninoff Foundation. In 2012, also sponsored by the Rachmaninoff Foundation, he performed Rachmaninoff's 4th Piano Concerto with the Chicago Symphony at Ravinia, conducted by Gianandrea Noseda, and in 2013 with the Orchestra of the Accademia Nazionale di Santa Cecilia and guest conductor, Alexander Sladkovsky. In May 2015, Sean performed in Tbilisi, Georgia as part of the Easter to Ascension Festival. Equally active in chamber music, reactions to Sean's performances typically are expressed with phrases such as "multidimensional talents", "superb musicianship", and "beautiful and rare musical experience". Other recent performances include Rachmaninoff's Trio élégiaque No. 1 in G minor on the New York Philharmonic Ensembles concert at Merkin Hall and a solo recital at Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall in New York. He is currently Associate Professor of Piano at the University of Northern Iowa.