

DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

Dear Directors:

We are pleased to invite you and your trumpet students to the seventh annual **Wartburg Trumpet Festival** on **Thursday, November 8**th (this is a date change from our usual March date).

The guest clinicians for the festival are **Mr. Vince DiMartino (USA)** and **Mr. John Foster (Australia)**!! Vince and John will present their "Sound the Trumpets" concert as part of their 2018 National Tour. They will bring 25-30 different trumpets that will highlight the extensive history of the trumpet from the conch shell and didjeridu to baroque and modern trumpets/cornets!!!

Great videos of their concert can be found here and here.

The festival will feature a mass trumpet choir, directed by Wartburg Trumpet Professor **Dr. Scott Muntefering**, consisting of high school trumpet players from the area along with Wartburg College trumpeters. The day will include rehearsals for the mass choir, clinics, and a masterclass with our clinicians. Please take this opportunity to have your students perform a solo for the masterclass or your All-Staters present some of their All-State Festival material!!

A finale concert will be held <u>Thursday evening at 7:00 pm in the Wartburg Chapel</u> featuring Vince and John, the mass trumpet choir, and the Wartburg Trumpet Choir.

Due to the size of the chapel and potential size of the mass choir, we are asking that you recommend your top 3-5 players (grades 8-12) to participate in this festival. <u>There will be a \$25</u> registration fee per student. Please fill out the <u>online registration form</u> by **Friday, September 21**.

The registration link can also be found at <u>www.wartburg.edu/festivals</u>

You will receive music and a schedule for the festival by October 19.

(Those schools who have participated in the past – take note that there will not be a recital on the previous evening.)

We hope your young trumpeters will take advantage of this rare opportunity to work with internationally known trumpet performers/educators and perform in an ensemble with some of the great young musicians in our area. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

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