

Trombone choir Nordgermersleben on concert tour 2017 in the United States



The POSAUNENCHOR NORDGERMERSLEBEN, reinforced by musicians from trombone-bands in the near, plans for 2017 under the auspices of the BLUE LAKE Fine Arts Camp INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM a concert tour to Michigan/USA.

In the time from October the 1th to October the 14th 2017 30 musicians with trumpets, flugelhorns, clarinets, baritone horns, trombones and tubas will make a tour through Michigan on the occasion of the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's reformation in the year of 1517. The trombone choir from Saxony-Anhalt, the homeland of reformation, will perform music of the cultural heritage of 500 years of church music as well as music of important composers of their federal state. Therefore the repertoire of the Band includes not only songs of Martin Luther but songs from Heinrich Schütz, Johann Hermann Schein, Georg Friedrich Händel and Johann Sebastian Bach too, which were all living in Saxonian-Anhalt. Further they perform contemporary church and common music and typical german folk music.

The trombone band wants to make its contributions to traditions and understanding between peoples by music.

The tradition of non professional trombone bands is a cultural speciality of Germany. Musicians of all generations are working together in these bands.

Mutual appreciations and Christian attitude are characteristic features for the relations in the trombone band.

The concert tour is not only for presentation, it's for cultural exchange too. The management of BLUE LAKE Fine Arts Camp INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM organises concerts in Michigan and the neighbouring states as well as accommodation and catering. The concerts will take place in churches, schools and other common rooms and are changeable.

A visit of the Blue Lake Combo (piano, drums, saxophone, trumpet and trombone) is planned in Hundisburg / Germany at the 1th of June 2017 in preparation of the tour. The POSAUNENCHOR NORDGERMERSLEBEN plans to use this term for a first conjoined concert. The next conjoined concert will take place in the area of Detroit during the visit in Michigan.

The Protestant trombone choir Nordgermersleben has existed since 1968 and currently has 16 active members between 10 and 78 years. The trombone choir will perform the concert tour in an extended cast with 31 players.

The trombone choir was founded in 1968 by Klaus Ehlers, who has conducted him for 48 years. In 2016, Klaus Ehlers handed over the management to Stefan Heinzl from Bebertal, but he still actively supports the trumpet choir as a trumpeter. For his voluntary commitment, which is by no means confined to church music, the humble Ehlers was awarded the "Bundesverdienstkreuz" in 2010, one of the highest civilian awards of the German Federal President. It is an honor for the Trombone Choir that Klaus Ehlers, as the oldest brass player, will take the concert tour to Michigan.



The new leader Stefan Heinzl, is directly involved with Blue Lake in Hundisburg. As the leader of „Haus des Waldes" in Hundisburg he organized a part of the blue-lake-visits in Hundisburg. Some members of the Trombone Choir hosted students in their families.

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