The Dakota Brass, UND’s faculty brass ensemble, has been in existence for over ten years, both in the form of a trio and quintet. They have performed at the International Horn Society Regional Conference in St. Paul, conducted a Residency at the University of Manitoba and performed as part of the Mayville State University Concert Series. Additionally, they have performed at numerous high schools and churches in the region, including Minneapolis, Bismarck, and Winnipeg. They were selected to perform at the Great Plains Tuba Euphonium Conference at Drake University in May.

Cory Driscoll recently graduated from the University of Arizona with his doctorate in trumpet performance. Dr. Cory Driscoll began working at the University of North Dakota since 2019. Originally from East Grand Forks, Minnesota, Driscoll received his bachelor’s and master’s degrees in trumpet performance from the University of North Dakota. Dr. Driscoll is the Teaching Assistant Professor of Trumpet, Assistant Director of Bands as well as Concert Recording manager. Driscoll currently resides in East Grand Forks, Minnesota with his wife and two daughters.

Mark Nelson is the Principal Trumpet of the South Dakota Symphony Orchestra and currently lives in Grand Forks, ND. He holds a bachelor’s degree in music from UND as well as a Master’s Degree in Trumpet Performance from DePaul University in Chicago, IL. Mr. Nelson has performed with a wide variety of groups including the South Dakota Symphony, Honolulu Symphony Orchestra, Grand Forks Symphony, Fargo-Moorhead Symphony, and the Bemidji Symphony. His experience covers a wide range of styles including classical, orchestral and Broadway. Mr. Nelson has also done many solo recitals and master classes. He enjoys working with students at all levels.

Miaojian Liu is the horn instructor at the University of North Dakota and also teaches K-12 music at Hatton Eielson Public School. Mrs. Liu earned her bachelor’s degree in instrumental music education at East China University and her Master’s degree in horn performance at University of Memphis. As a freelance musician, Mrs. Liu has performed with Memphis Repertory Orchestra, Arkansas Symphony, Memphis Occasional Orchestra, Germantown Symphony Orchestra, Waynesboro Symphony Orchestra, Shenandoah Wind Ensemble, Shanghai City Symphony orchestra, Bemidji Symphony Orchestra and Greater Grand Forks Orchestra.

Joel Pugh has taught at UND since 2009, instructing low brass, also directing the trombone and tuba/euphonium ensembles. He performs as principal trombone in the Greater Grand Forks Symphony and is active as a soloist in the large ensemble, chamber, and solo settings. As a soloist he has performed concertos with the Greater Grand Forks Symphony, the UND Chamber Orchestra, the UND Wind Ensemble and at recitals at numerous universities throughout the region. In 2018 he took the UND Trombone Quartet to China, leading residencies at two universities in Shanghai. He is a Courtois and Besson performing artist.

Giles Askim is a UND Music Education major and plays as principal tuba in the Greater Grand Forks Symphony. His high school honors include four years 1st chair Dakota All-State Band/Orchestra and NAfME all National Honor Ensembles, principal tuba. He is a student of Dr. Joel Pugh and attended the International Music Camp for six years, where he studied with renowned tuba professors Dr. Devin Otto, Mr. Mark Preece, Dr. Jacob Grewe, Mr. Karl Ortman, Dr. Cory Rom and Mr. Erik Rooke.
Program

Dance (1973)          Wilke Renwick (1921-2014)

Grainger Suite
Lisbon
Sussex Mummer’s Christmas Carol
As Sally Sat A-Weeping

Percy Grainger (1892-1961)
Arr. Joseph Kreines

Ashokan Farewell (1982)          Jay Ungar (b. 1946)
Arr. Lew Buckley

Bravura Variations:
Adolphe Adam (1803-1856)
Arr. Earle Louder/Henry Howey

Joel Pugh, Euphonium

A Brass Menagerie (1987)
John Cheetham (b.1939)

Molto Allegro ed Energico
Scherzando ben ritmico
Alla Marcia
Brillante

The Circus Bee

Henry Fillmore (1881-1956)
Arr. Jari Villanueva

Dakota Brass
Cory Driscoll, trumpet
Mark Nelson, trumpet
Miaoqian Liu, horn
Joel Pugh, trombone
Giles Askim, tuba

Intermission

Chancellor Quitugua, guest euphonium