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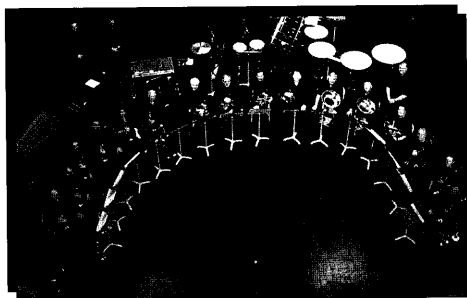
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Mass Brass was formed in the fall of 2006 and is a 20-piece brass and percussion ensemble. The personnel include regional college professors, area band directors and some very good players from the private sector. The group has performed at the Arkansas All State Music Conference, Four States Bandmasters Convention, Southern Arkansas University, Henderson State University, and Benton and Bismarck High Schools. All concerts are free to the public – Mass Brass plays simply for the love of music.

Dr. Wes Branstine was born in Dierks, Arkansas and raised in Broken Bow, Oklahoma. He earned his BME at Henderson State Teachers College, and MME and DMA at North Texas State University. Dr. Branstine taught beginning, junior high and senior high school band in the Arkansas and Texas public school systems, and then taught low brass and music education at Henderson State for 31 years. He was trombonist with the Arkansas Brass Quintet and played with the South Arkansas Symphony Orchestra. Now retired, Dr. Branstine enjoys conducting the Mass Brass, woodworking in his basement shop and traveling wherever and whenever possible.



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