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WASBE Conference to take place in Utrecht, The Netherlands

Benicia, California: The World Association for Symphonic Bands and Ensembles (WASBE) is pleased to announce that its biennial international conference will be hosted in the city of Utrecht, The Netherlands, July 16---23, 2017. World Projects, along with partners ZIMIHC and WENS Travel, will act as the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) for the 2017 conference.

Approximately 17 wind bands from across the world will be accepted to perform at the conference with the main concert venue expected to be the Great Hall at TivoliVredenburg. In addition to daily concerts, those attending the conference will be able to attend and participate in repertoire sessions, lectures, discussions and master classes which are expected to be hosted at the Utrecht Conservatorium. The use of both venues is supported by the City of Utrecht.

“This beautiful city with the renewed concert hall TivoliVredenburg is the perfect location to offer all ensembles the highest quality for their performance. Holland has a long standing tradition in the world of wind music and Utrecht will be the center of wind music during our Conference,” said current WASBE President Bert Aalders. President---elect William Johnson also added, “The 2017 international conference of the World Association for Symphonic Bands and Ensembles, to be held in the beautiful city of Utrecht, will be a touchstone for wind ensemble music throughout the world for decades to come.”

Margriet Jongerius, alderman of culture, warmly supports the WASBE Conference 2017 in Utrecht. “This fits our city very well - a city that houses amateur art as well as top talents in a prominent way, including when it comes to wind and choral music. There is a great co-operation between different partners in the city and amateur artists. Many inhabitants of the city will enjoy this beautiful event in 2017.”

A Fringe Festival will run parallel to the conference itself, presenting performances at stages and venues throughout the city of Utrecht. This Fringe Festival is organized by ZIMIHC and supported by the City of Utrecht.

Information regarding performing ensembles and conference schedule is expected to be released in late 2016.

About World Projects

World Projects is the international leader in providing musicians from around the globe with life changing experiences through travel. World Projects was established in 1984 as a company specializing in the organization of international performance tours and has expanded in to producing music festivals, custom performance tours, and new music publishing. World Projects is the preferred travel partner of WASBE and will act as the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) for the 2017 conference.

About WASBE

The World Association for Symphonic Bands and Ensembles (WASBE) is the only international organization of wind band conductors, composers, performers, publishers, teachers, instrument makers and friends of wind music. WASBE is a non---profit international association open to all individuals, institutions and industries interested in symphonic wind bands and wind ensembles as serious and distinctive mediums of musical expression and cultural heritage. WASBE has a membership of over 1000 individuals and organizations in more than 50 countries from throughout the world.

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