



Septura Brass Septet

*“Virtuoso playing: glossy, brilliantly articulated,
audaciously coloured, technically flawless.”*

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Septura brings together London’s leading players to redefine brass chamber music through the uniquely expressive sound of the brass septet.

Septura was born out of a passion for the awe-inspiring sound of brass instruments. The ensemble's creation – the brass septet – is uniquely vibrant and versatile, and Septura aims to harness its intense emotional power to produce transformative musical experiences for audiences. In short, it is pioneering a simple message: music sounds **better on brass**.

To fulfil its mission Septura has brought together the very best brass players in the UK – holding principal positions in the **Royal Philharmonic**, **London Symphony**, **BBC Symphony** and **Philharmonia** orchestras – and with their unparalleled skill and virtuosity the ensemble has forged a chamber group described as “**dazzlingly polished**” (BBC Music Magazine), and now firmly established as one of the best in the world.

Artistic Directors, **Simon Cox** and **Matthew Knight**, are two of the most preeminent and prolific arrangers for brass, and together they have created a diverse counterfactual canon: re-imagining great music of the past for brass, and addressing historical imbalances by putting a spotlight on under-represented composers. Looking to the future, Septura is commissioning leading composers such as **Roxanna Panufnik** to create a rich repertoire of original music for brass septet.

Weaving its ever-increasing repertoire into vivid and captivating live events, Septura continues to break down barriers with musical and cross-arts collaborations, recently working with artists ranging from **Cathy Tyson** and **Derek Jacobi** to **John Rutter** and **The Sixteen**. The ensemble takes its inimitable innovative programming around the world, touring in **Europe**, **Japan**, **South America** and the **USA**, as well as performing at the UK’s most prestigious festivals and venues, including regular appearances at London’s **Wigmore Hall**.

Septura records regular releases for **Naxos Records**, and the first nine discs have received widespread critical acclaim, described variously as “**irresistible**” (The Observer), “**exceptional**” (The Arts Desk) and “**brass playing at its most exalted**” (Fanfare). Its next recording will highlight the music of female composers, past and present.

Currently Ensemble in Residence at the **Royal Academy of Music**, London, in 2023 Septura launched its first residential **Summer Brass Academy** in collaboration with the **Rudolfus Foundation** to inspire future generations of brass players. The group's outreach work also includes close collaboration with the **Amber Trust**, through which they introduce the power of brass instruments to blind and partially-sighted children.

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