

## **Prize-Winning Brass Quintet to Give Free Recital at Alfred University**

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Alfred, NY -- The Prism Brass Quintet, winner of the grand prize at the 1999 University of Georgia Brass Quintet Competition of the Americas, will give a recital Sunday, March 19, at Alfred University. The program, set for 3 p.m. in Holmes Auditorium, Harder Hall, is free and open to the public. The quintet consists of five friends who met as students at Rochester's Eastman School of Music -- Erik Kofoed, Matthew Bickel, Sam Buccigrossi, Steve Haase, and Aaron Moats. The group, which has performed in Pittsburgh, PA, and Washington, DC, as well as around New York state, also won second prize in the 1998 New York Brass Conference Competition. According to the Prism Brass Quintet web site ([www.wizware.com/prism](http://www.wizware.com/prism)), the ensemble performs standard classical repertoire, but the members of the group have also arranged works by Bruckner, Copland, Gesualdo, and Vivaldi, "giving an audience a new perspective on wonderful music of the past." Prism is also involved in composing, commissioning, and performing new music, including three original works by horn player Erik Kofoed, Quintet for Brass, Prelude and Fugue for 1998, and The Fifth Incarnation. Along with classical or serious music, Prism plays a variety of popular 20th-century work, ranging from big-band-era standards to the contemporary sounds of Bjork. The ensemble can be reached by e-mail at [PrismBQ@aol.com](mailto:PrismBQ@aol.com).