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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Tempus Fugit, as they say. Thirty-one years ago, at the 4th Annual Early Brass Festival a small group of early brass enthusiasts decided it was the right time to organize as a formal organization. Then Ben Peck said, “OK, who’s going to do it? Who is going to be the President of this Historic Brass Society?” And for reasons never fully understood by me, Flora Herriman jumped up and said, “Jeff will do it!” It may be a cliché, it really does seem like yesterday. But, it’s been more than three decades and it can’t honestly be said that the HBS is a “formal” organization, but it certainly has been wonderfully successful on many levels. The HBS has provided numerous forums for the exchange of ideas about the history of brass music from Antiquity to early jazz and beyond. It has also helped to develop a true community of like-minded folks. Of all of that I am proud and thank all those who helped achieve these ends. There are simply too many people to enumerate here. So I hope you forgive this slight. You know who you are, and I really am most appreciative.

I know that there have been jokes about the great length of my leadership of the HBS. I know too that Mao had nothing on me! However, change is coming. The HBS Board of Directors has many new members. A new set of bylaws has been written that create a procedure for nominations, elections, and term limits for officers, committee members, and Board members. The Board is actively seeking input from the HBS membership as well as from past members. Your concerns about the nature of the HBS, the Brass Festivals, and other events and the nature of the HBS Journal and website are all important. We very much want this input to help guide the HBS into its next phase and have the organization meet the needs of its members. I am eager to step down as President and welcome the new officers, committee members, and Board members. I hope to continue to be active in the HBS, but after more than three decades it is decidedly time to step aside and have the HBS become a real “formal” organization and allow it to serve the early brass community for many more years to come. I also plan to devote more time to my new organization, Special Audiences and Musicians, Inc. The creation of this organization was inspired by my son Sam and other musicians with disabilities. I hope you check it out.

Thanks again for a great ride!

Jeffrey Nussbaum
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April 17, 2020
in New York City, NY

Featuring The Wallace Collection
John Wallace, director and cornet; John Miller, cornet and trumpet; Anthony George, co-director and ophicleide, and the Wallace Collection Ensemble

Symposium Coordinator: Sandy Coffin

The Symposium will include presentations and discussions related to:

- **Instrument** design and development and impact on 19th century performance practices.
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- **A special round-table discussion** with current and former members of the American Brass Quintet, NY Brass Quintet, the Philip Jones Brass Ensemble, and Gabrieli Brass.
- **A “Come-And-Play” session** of 19C repertoire on period instruments for all who would like to join in. Music to range from chamber pieces to selections from the Cyfarthfa Band, including an informal performance by the participants.
- **A boat tour** around New York Harbor / Manhattan (weather permitting)

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