

# Biography

## Anthony & Beard, trumpet / keyboards

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Since their first performances together in 2004 the popular duo **Anthony and Beard** have delighted audiences in over 20 states and three countries with their consummate artistry, unique programming, and delightful personalities. Their performances combine the virtuoso talents of Ryan Anthony and Gary Beard in such varied programming as concerti, spirituals and folks songs, orchestral transcriptions, Broadway and opera favorites along with standards from the baroque era. The on stage chemistry between these artists goes beyond just music making and provides fun dialogue, beautiful music and delightful entertainment for the entire audience.

Recent seasons have included debuts throughout the country as well as a highly acclaimed concert at Moscow's Svetlanov Hall, and recent reviews have said: *"Heavenly sounds...The two musicians gave one heck of a performance...the duo has great onstage chemistry...fluidity and finesse."* by The Commercial Appeal, Memphis, TN, and *"The program had great variety. The crowd barely caught its collective breath from laughing between tunes before it was awed into a rapt silence by the brilliant streams of notes."* by The Daily Gazette, Saratoga Springs, NY and *"The two men were certainly good humored, and clearly enjoyed exploiting the possibilities of performing in various locations in the hall . . . impressive ensemble work throughout the afternoon."* by Classical Voice of North Carolina, Brevard, NC. With many return visits, presenters have commented *"Stunningly beautiful. The audience LOVED it!"* (Laura Stellhorn, presenter, Sandusky Concert Association, OH), *"Wowed our audience with their musicianship, artistry, and showmanship!"* (Frode Gundersen, presenter, Tyler TX,) *"Thrilled our audience with their musical mastery. The audience was moved again and again by the excellence in musical art."* (James Steven Harter, presenter, Colorado Springs CO) and *"The concert was truly fabulous in all senses of the word. Our audience loved them!"* (Don Horisberger, presenter, Lake Forest IL).

Ryan Anthony is currently *Principal Trumpet* with the Dallas Symphony Orchestra and prior enjoyed several seasons as a member of the famed group Canadian Brass. Gary Beard is Artist-in-Residence at Lindenwood Church in Memphis, TN, where he has developed one of the country's most acclaimed music programs, as well as *Director of Music* at Theatre Memphis. Their recordings include *'Ryan Anthony with Gary Beard'* (now in its third pressing), *'Hymns Impromptu'*, and newest holiday recording *'Joy to the World'*.

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