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American Brass Quintet to host Music Masters Series classes at OC

ODESSA (March 12, 2010) – The Odessa College music department will host Music Masters Series classes conducted by the American Brass Quintet for area brass players and middle school, high school and college music students Monday, March 29 and Tuesday, March 30 at the Jack Rodgers Fine Arts Auditorium on the OC campus.

Since 2001 the ABQ has offered its expertise in chamber music performance and training with a program of mini-residencies as part of its regular touring season. Designed to offer young groups and individuals an intense chamber music experience over several days, ABQ mini-residencies have been embraced by schools and communities throughout the United States and internationally.

ABQ will conduct a public clinic and coaching class with Lone Star Brass and Gateway Brass as well as private lessons with area high school and college students in 20-minute intervals on a first come, first serve basis from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday, March 29 in the Jack Rodgers Fine Arts Auditorium.

On Tuesday, March 30, ABQ will demonstrate basic skills of ensemble playing with musical examples from a wide range of repertoire from 10 a.m. to noon in the Jack Rodgers Fine Arts Building. Topics covered in the class will include balance, intonation, style and group interaction. Student groups will be critiqued in performance during this class as well. Individual brass classes to discuss more detail in the basic elements of brass playing through student performances also will be conducted from 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesday, March 30.

For more information about the classes, contact Eric Baker, OC band director, at 335-6623.