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PREMIO NACIONAL DE MÚSICA 2020

“The sound of your group is fantastic and so musical. The blend between the instruments is unique and everyone in the world should hear this and how chamber music should sound like. I was also amazed with your endurance prowess. So impressive!” **Joseph Alessi**, trombon solista de New York Philharmonic y profesor en The Juilliard School

“Magníficos intérpretes de mi música y de muchas más...”. **Xavier Monsalvatge**, compositor

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“Spanish Brass es una excelente, musicalíssima agrupación que ha contribuido a mantener la tradición “metalúrgica” al más alto nivel por 3 largas y fructíferas décadas de “Heavy Metal” de verdad.” **Paquito D’Rivera**, solista de jazz



biography

In 1989 five Spanish musicians created an eclectic and innovative project that they have been developing over some years in different fields: music performance, education and creation. Today they tour all over the world, with courses intended for chamber music and recordings. In 1996 they won the First Prize in the "Ville de Narbonne" (France) 6th International Competition for Brass Quintets, considered the event of greatest prestige for this ensemble. In 2017 the group received the I Bankia Music Talent Award in Spain, as the most influential musical artists, and in 2019 they received the Espai Ter de Musica of Torroella de Montgrí Award for the project *Mira si hem corregut terres...*

The group has **four Carles Santos Music Awards** from the Institut Valencià de Cultura, for their CDs *XXX*, *Mira si hem corregut terres.*, *Les Aventures de Monsieur Jules* and *Spanish Brass (a) LIVE...*

Their repertoire is one of the most thought-out carefully crafted aspects of their performances, along with the staging. Some of their shows that are worthy of mention are: *Spanish Brass (a) LIVE*, *XXX* and *viBRASSions* (brass quintet), *Metàl·lics*, *Brass Brass Brass* and *Un po' di Fellini* (educational concerts); *Brassiana* (with jazz trio), *Make a Brazz noise here* (Tribute to F. Zappa, with drums and guitar) or *The Adventures of Monsieur Jules* (with pianist Albert Guinovart); *Mira si hem corregut terres...*

(with Carles Dénia), *Puro de Oliva* (with flamenco-jazz pianist Chano Domínguez) or *Paths of Spain* (with flamenco dancers, guitar and percussions). They regularly cooperate with artists of such international renown as Christian Lindberg, Ole E. Antonsen, Michel Becquet or Kenny Wheeler and other groups as *Amores Grup de Percussió* or the *Orfeó Valencià Navarro Reverter*.

Spanish Brass is also committed to the development and creation of new forms of music, working with both famous composers and with young people of great influence. They have premiered around 100 pieces, most of them dedicated to the quintet, by composers like José Luís Turina, Jesús Villa-Rojo, Maurice Jarre, Vladimir Cosma, Fernando Palacios, Antón García Abril, Juanjo Colomer and Vicente Roncero, among others.

Spanish Brass performs concertante works with orchestra, a major one of these being the first performance in Europe of Karel Husa's **Concert for Brass Quintet and Strings**. They gave also the first ever performance of **Couleurs du Temps** of renowned composer Maurice Jarre; the premiere of *La Devota Lasciva*, composed by Juanjo Colomer; **Concert for brass quintet and orchestra** composed by Lluís Vidal with the Orquesta Nacional de España, conducted by Josep Pons; **Guadalaviar**, by Antón García Abril, with the Orquesta Filarmónica de Málaga, conducted by Edmon Colomer, and **Brass Quintet Concerto**, by Salvador Brotons, with

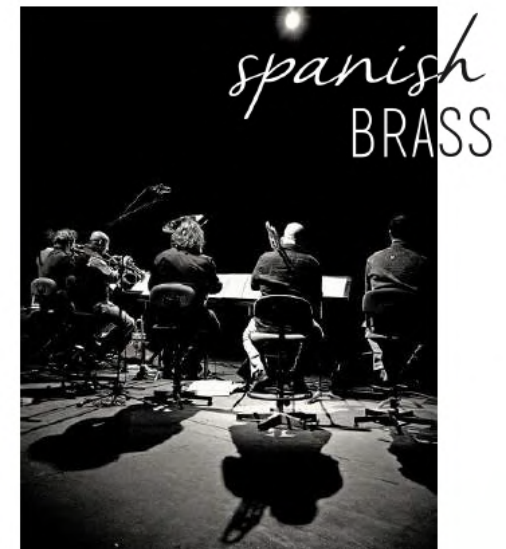
Orquesta Filarmónica de Gran Canaria conducted by Josep Vicent.

They have performed these pieces with the Orquesta de Córdoba (Spain), Orquesta de Radio Televisión Española (Spain), Orquesta Ciudad de Granada (Spain), Orquesta de Valencia (Spain), Orchestre de la Picardie (France), KBS Symphony Orchestra (Korea), Jove Orquestra de la Generalitat Valenciana (Spain), Joven Orquesta Nacional de España,...; and they have worked with conductors like Edmon Colomer, Josep Pons, Manuel Galduf, Salvador Brotons, Enrique G. Asensio, Shinik Hahm, etc.

They have released thirty-one records, including two DVD-CD and three double CD, showing their many facets: **Luur-Metalls Spanish Brass Quintet, No Comment, La Escalera de Jacob, Spanish Brass Luur Metalls & Friends, Delicatessen, Caminos de España, Absolute** with Christian Lindberg and Ole E. Antonsen, **Gaudi'um, Metàl·lics, Retaule de Nadal** with the Orfeó Valencià Navarro Reverter, **SBALZ Brass Ensemble, Brass and Wines** with Steven Mead, **Brassiana** with Lluís Vidal Trio, **The Best of Spanish Brass, SBLM, Tell me a Brass Story** with Banda Municipal de Música de Bilbao, **viBRASSions, Metalls d'Estil** with singer Pep Botifarra, **25, SuBLiMe Christmas, Brass Brass Brass, de Vents i Terra** with Banda Municipal de Barcelona, **Puro de Oliva** with Chano Domínguez and Bandolero, **XXX, Mira si hem corregut terres...** with Carles Dénia, **Les Aventures de Monsieur Jules** with Albert Guinovart, **Spanish Brass (a) LIVE, Music for Brass Quintet** by Gregory Fritze, **Music for Brass**

Quintet by Andrés Valero-Castells, Vine, vine Spanish Brass and Resurrección.

Spanish Brass has participated in such important events as the Festival de Musique de Radio-France, Granada International Festival of Music and Dance (Spain), Bonner Herbst (Germany), Muzyka w Starym Krakowie Festival (Poland), New York Brass Conference (USA), Santander International Music Festival (Spain), Lucerne Festival (Switzerland), Great American Brass Band Festival (USA), Alicante International Contemporary Music Festival (Spain), Cheju Summer Festival (Korea), Schleswig-Holstein Musik Festival (Germany), National Auditorium (Madrid, Spain), Palau de la Música (Barcelona, Spain), San Sebastian Music Fortnight (Spain), Wartburg Festival in Eisenach (Germany), Kalavrita



Festival(Greece), Merano Brass Festival and Trento Philharmonic (Italy), Barcelona Auditorium (Spain), Festival de Inverno de Brasilia (Brasil), Puerto Rico International Festival, International Trumpet Guild Conference (USA), International Trombone Association Festival (USA), Basilica Festival (Belgium), Lieksa Brass Week (Finland), among others.

Spanish Brass also organizes two international brass festivals: Spanish Brass Alzira Festival (www.sbalz.com) and Brassurround Festival (www.brassurround.com) where each year some of the most renowned international brass soloists, groups and musicians get together.

Spanish Brass plays Shires trumpets and trombone, Paxman French horn, Melton tuba and Romera Brass mutes and mouthpieces; they use the new BlackBinder application. Spanish Brass uses BAGS instrument cases and are the owners of the BAGS company.

Spanish Brass is sponsored by the Institut Valenci. de Cultura and by the Ministerio de Cultura-INAEM.

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"... poder disfrutar una vez más de la incomparable versión de Vectoriel a cargo de SPANISH BRASS Luur-Metalls", grupo de auténtica categoría internacional que está realizando una espléndida difusión de la música de nuestro tiempo".

Joan Guinjoan, compositor

"...avec le quintette espagnol SPANISH BRASS "Luur-Metalls", nous avons là le meilleur des Premiers Prix attribués à Narbonne depuis la création du concours en 1986. Nous avons assisté à un jeu collectif exceptionnel..."

Bernard Soustrot, trompetista

"Metàl.lics" ha sido una de las mejores experiencias de cuantas he tenido en estos meses.

Manuel Cañas Escudero, crítico musical

"Enhorabona nois, el que heu fet és molt gran: heu fet realitat el vostre somni adolescent de professionalitzar-vos en la música de cambra, en una formació no pas gens fàcil, i l'heu difós en programes originals e intel·ligents per arreu del món i amb molt d'èxit. Per molts anys".

Josep Pons, exdirector de la Orquesta Nacional de España

"To listen to a performance of the Spanish Brass "Luur Metalls" is to experience a blend of latin temperament, brilliant technique and outstanding musicality. May they continue to give their audiences much pleasure for many seasons to come".

Philip Jones

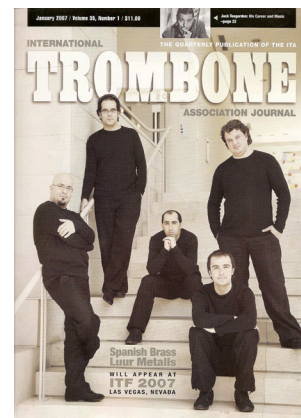
"Magnífica i la vostra interpretació senzillament magistral".

Salvador Brotons, compositor y director

"...grâce à votre concours cette saison 2002 fut un réel succès et a ravi plus de 5.000 spectateurs venus de tous horizons. (...) votre merveilleuse prestation... concert de très grande classe..."

Bravo, bravo, merci, merci".

Philippe Constant, exdirector artístico del Festival Cuivres en Dombes



Spanish Brass discography



Absolute (2004)



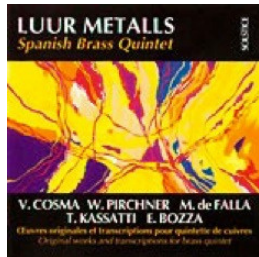
SBALZ Brass Ensemble (2007)



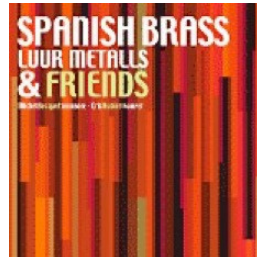
Brassiana (2008)



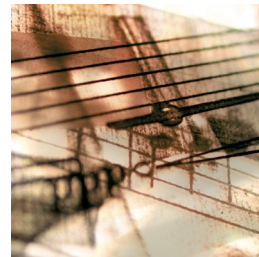
The Best of Spanish Brass (2009)



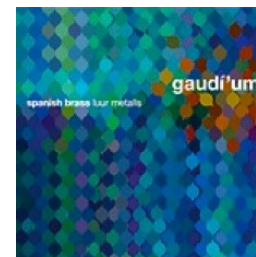
Luur Metalls (1996)



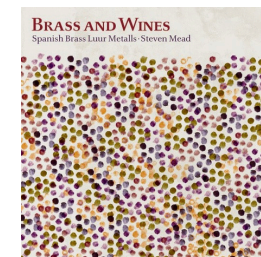
Spanish Brass Luur Metalls & Friends (2001)



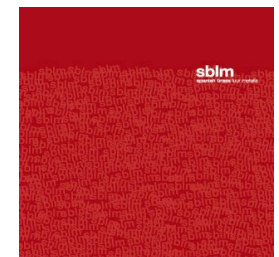
Delicatessen (2002)



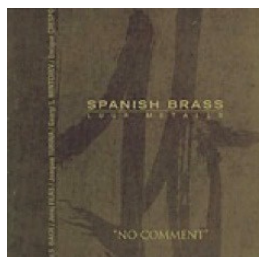
Gaudi'um (2005)



Brass and Wines con Steven Mead (2008)



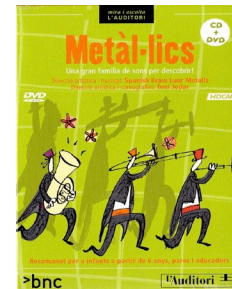
SBLM (2009)



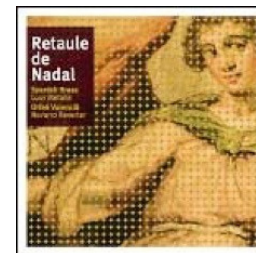
No comment (1998)



Caminos de España (2003)



Metà·lics (2006)



Retaule de Nadal con el OVNR (2006)



La Escalera de Jacob (2000)



XXX(2018)



Tell me a Brass Story (2011)



viBRASSions (2012)



25 (2014)



Puro de Oliva con Chano Domínguez y Bandolero (2018)



Music for Brass Quintet by Andrés Valero-Castells (2022)



Vine, vine Spanish Brass (2022)



Brass Brass Brass (2016)



Metalls d'Estil con Pep "Botifarra" (2013)



Sublime Christmas (2014)



Mira si hem corregut terres... con Carles Dénia (2019)



Resurrección (2022)



35 (2024)



de Vents i Terra con la Banda Municipal de Barcelona (2017)



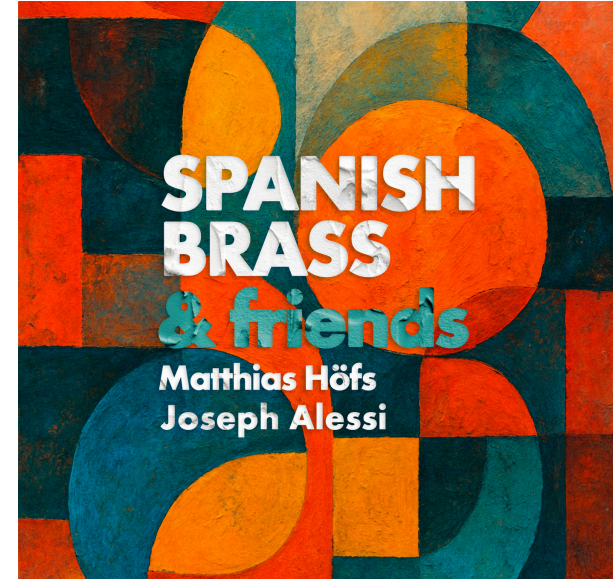
Top Secret (2024)



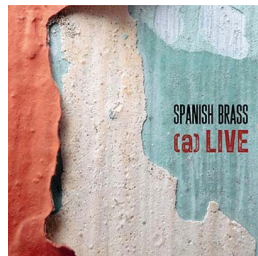
Music for Brass Quintet by Gregory Fritze (2021)



Les Aventures de Monsieur Jules con Albert Guinovart (2019)



Spanish Brass & Friends (2025)



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