

2026 Early Brass Festival Presentations  
Final Schedule (20 July 2026)

**FRIDAY, July 31 - Bands in America** (Elisa Koehler, moderator)

8:30 Registration

9:10 Welcome by Scott Muntefering, Conference Host

9:15-9:45 Michael O'Connor – *The Shadow Repertoire of the Dodworth Cornet Band*

9:45-10:15 Scott Muntefering - *The Corn Palace Festival and the Golden Age of Bands (1910, 1916-1918)*

10:15-10:45 Bryan Proksch – *Bands and the Passing of an Era in The Twilight Zone*

Short break (10:45-11)

11:00-11:30 Patricia Backhaus - *An Adamless Garden of Musical Eves*

11:30-12:00 Patrick Hennessey - *Heinrich Berger: Prussian Son – “Father of Hawaiian Music”*

**SATURDAY, August 1 – Instruments and Makers** (Scott Muntefering, moderator)

9:00 Informal social time

9:30 Historic Brass Society, brief updates

9:45-10:15 Bruce Gleason – *Cavalry Trumpeters and Kettledrummers*

10:15-10:45 Robert Apple – *A Closer Look at John F. Stratton's German Music Instrument Factories (1866-1880)*

10:45-11:15 George Foreman – *The Remarkable Journey of No. 3244*

11:15-11:45 John Nordell – *Ralph Kenny and The Kenny Band Instrument Company of Minneapolis*