



University of North Texas  
College of Music

Guest Artist Recital | Sunday, March 2, 2025 | 2:00 p.m. | Paul Voertman Concert Hall

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**Kent Eshelman, tuba**  
**In-Ja Eshelman, piano**

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Concert Piece for Tuba and Piano (1995) ..... Libby Larson  
(b. 1950)

Adagio, Theme, and Variations, Op. 102 (1824)... Johann Nepomuk Hummel  
(1778–1837)

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Fantasia No. 3 in F-Sharp minor, TWV 40:4 (1735) ..... Georg Philipp Telemann  
(1681–1767)

“Mache dich, mein Herze, rein,”  
from *St. Matthew Passion*, BWV 244 (1727) ..... Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685–1750)  
arr. Kent Eshelman  
Glenn Eshelman and Jay Eshelman, violin

Three Tangos (n.d.) ..... Ástor Piazzolla  
(1921–1992)  
I. Milonga del Angel  
II. Invierno Porteño arr. Niklas Sivelöv and Øystein Baadsvik  
III. Adiós Nonino

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**Program three hundred fifty-seven of the 2024–2025 season**  
**Photography and videography are prohibited**

## Biographies

**Dr. Kent Eshelman** is Professor of Euphonium and Tuba at Baylor University, where he has taught since 2009. He received his education at the University of Michigan (BM in Tuba Performance, BFA in Jazz Studies–Piano), the University of Wisconsin-Madison (MM in Tuba Performance), and Michigan State University (DMA in Tuba Performance). At UW-Madison he held the Prize University Fellowship and at Michigan State the University Distinguished Fellowship. As a soloist, he is a first-place winner of many competitions including the Jeju (South Korea) and Leonard Falcone (USA) international solo competitions, the Midland-Odesa Symphony national young artist competition, and the Rich Matteson international jazz competition, and he has premiered solo works by Bruce Broughton, John Cheetham, Frank Lynn Payne, and Anthony Plog. The *American Record Guide* wrote about his first solo album, "Tuba players are making fine recordings these days, but this one really stands out." His recordings include two solo albums, *Message in a Tuba* and *Flavors*; two chamber albums, *Firm Foundation* (with QuinTuba) and *Four American Stories* (with Baylor Brass); a jazz album, *Life is Good*; and a boogie-woogie and stride piano album, *In the Pocket*. He is Principal Tuba of the Waco Symphony Orchestra and has performed with the orchestras of Grand Rapids, Toledo, and San Antonio. A Denis Wick Artist and a Yamaha Performing Artist, he was the featured guest artist for the 2022 Falcone Festival and has appeared regularly at euphonium-tuba conferences, including as soloist with the Ventoscala Symphony Orchestra in Budapest and the U.S. Army Blues Jazz Ensemble in Washington, D.C. He is a recipient of the Roger Bobo Award for Excellence in Recording from the International Euphonium-Tuba Association and the Outstanding Professor award from Baylor University.

**Dr. In-Ja Eshelman** is Lecturer in Piano at Baylor University. She received her doctorate and master's degrees in Piano Performance from Michigan State University, where she studied with Deborah Moriarty, Ralph Votapek, and Dai-Uk Lee. A native of Seoul, South Korea, she earned a bachelor's degree in Piano Performance from Kyung-Hee University and a diploma from the prestigious Sun-Wha Art High School. She had additional studies with Christopher Harding. Teaching applied piano and class piano in the Keyboard Division, she also serves as a collaborative pianist and has taught courses in the Academic Studies Division. She has served as a faculty member at Baylor's Summer Piano Institute and as an adjudicator for the Baylor/Waco Piano Competition and the Waco Music Teachers Association Young Artist Festival, and previously she taught at Northern Arizona University and McLennan Community College. As a collaborative pianist, she has performed with internationally renowned soloists including Michel Debost, Øystein Baadsvik, Steven Mead, Dr. Brian Bowman, and David Childs. She has released two albums with her husband, Dr. Kent Eshelman, and the *American Record Guide* referred to her as an "outstanding collaborator." She also maintains a private piano studio and resides in Waco, Texas with her husband and two sons.