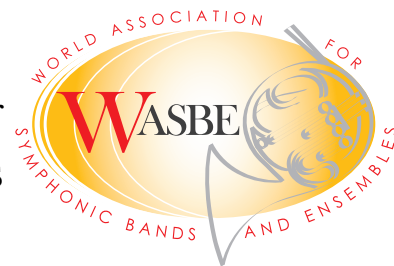


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Dear Björn,

On Tuesday, July 14, 2015, The Landesblasorchester Baden-Württemberg performed a concert in the California Theatre for the 16th International Conference of the World Association for Symphonic Bands and Ensembles (WASBE) in San Jose, California. I know I speak for the large crowd in attendance when I tell you that your performance was nothing short of stunning as evidenced by the tremendous ovation you received.

The sonorous grandeur with which your ensemble played the Lencen the sensitivity of the Stert and the whirlwind of color and brilliance you achieved in the van der Heide was incredible. Personally I was very moved, not only by the magnificent musical product your group created, but also the great love and integrity you demonstrated in its preparation. We all relish those moments when music opens the heart and exposes the soul. You're not just a wonderful conductor, you're an amazing conduit -- an unobstructed channel through which the music flows!

As the President of WASBE, I want to thank you for sharing your gifts with all of us. We are all aware of the enormous effort your ensemble made to travel to San Jose for this important event. I know I speak for all of WASBE when I say thanks.

I do hope that you will continue to be a strong member of WASBE. We are the only international association in the world dedicated to the enhancement of today's wind band. Please inform your musicians that our website is www.wasbe.org

Your performance in San Jose will long be remembered.

With Admiration,

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