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Quick Facts

- The Winthrop/Carolinas Wind Orchestra completed a CD recording during the American Bandmasters Association's 76th Annual Convention.
- To purchase the CD, call the Department of Music at 803/323-2255.

ROCK HILL, S.C. - For the second time in five years, Winthrop's acclaimed **Winthrop/Carolinas Wind Ensemble** performed at the prestigious **American Bandmasters Association's annual convention**.

During the **76th Convention**, held in Charleston, S.C., the wind ensemble made a CD recording of well-known compositions for band, including three pieces conducted by Winthrop music faculty and wind ensemble leadership. The compositions included "O Canada/Star Spangled Banner," **Lorrie Crochet**, Winthrop's associate director of bands; "Cuban Overture," **Stanley Michalski**, associate conductor of the wind ensemble; and "March" from Paul Hindreth's *Symphonic Metamorphosis*, **Bill Malambri**, professor of music and director of bands.

The \$10 CD, available for purchase from Winthrop's **Department of Music**, also includes compositions conducted by music professionals across the U.S. and Canada.

Rehearsing and performing at the March 3 convention is "very demanding on the players," who have little time to rehearse with the guest conductors, said Malambri. The ensemble was "very honored" to receive another invitation to perform for the ABA membership and guests – a rare and prestigious honor, added Malambri, who has served as Winthrop's director of bands for 33 years.

The **Winthrop/Carolinas Wind Orchestra** is an audition ensemble composed of approximately 85 professional musicians, music teachers, symphony performers, orchestra directors, Winthrop students and highly skilled amateur players, all dedicated to the performance of advanced wind literature. Recognized internationally, the orchestra has performed at prestigious festivals worldwide, including the 2007 International Music Festival at Malgrat de Mar, Spain.

To purchase a copy of the CD or to arrange an audition for the orchestra, contact the Department of Music at 803/323-2255.

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