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EL PASOAN TROMBONIST WINS THE 2008 EASTERN TROMBONE WORKSHOP NATIONAL SOLO JAZZ COMPETITION

Washington, DC – Friday, March 14, 2008 – Paul Deemer, a trombonist from El Paso, Texas, is the winner of the 2008 ETW National Solo Jazz Competition. A student at the University of Arizona, Deemer studies with Moises Paiewonsky. As winner of the competition, Deemer will perform solo with The U.S. Army Blues, the premier big-band jazz ensemble of the U.S. Army.

A featured event in the annual Eastern Trombone Workshop, The National Jazz Solo Competition is an educational opportunity for young trombonists up to age 29. Finalists are selected from taped auditions. They are required to perform three contrasting selections, one chosen by the judges and the other two selected by the finalist. Finalists are given the opportunity to rehearse with the rhythm section, comprised of members of The U.S. Army Band, prior to the competition. The winner is judged on his/her talent as a jazz musician with creativity, originality, and spontaneity taken into consideration.

This year marks the 30th anniversary for the Eastern Trombone Workshop (ETW). The workshop has become one of the largest annual events for the trombone in the world. The workshop’s mission is to give students, performers, and educators an opportunity to meet and share ideas, talents, and opinions about the world of trombone.

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