

# **STONEBACK SISTERS**

## **Triplet Trumpeting Trio**

### **-Biography-**

Kristin, Mary and Sarah Stoneback are triplet sisters who are considered among the top trumpeters on the professional scene today. The trio has been featured with numerous bands, orchestras and artists throughout the United States such as; Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra, and the Saint Louis Symphony Pops, The Encore Band (on the mall-Washington, DC), the John Philip Sousa Band, Iowa All Military Veterans Band, South Dakota Symphony Orchestra, Interlochen Wind Ensemble, Arizona State University Symphony Orchestra and ASU Wind Ensemble as well as the Sioux Empire Brass Band, along with many municipal bands throughout the states. The sisters were featured soloists and clinicians at the Iowa Band Masters Conference in the spring of 2005. The Stoneback Sisters have worked with such artists as, Richard Hayman, Susan Slaughter, Doc Severinsen, Henry Charles Smith and other.

In May 2003, the sisters were featured artists at the International Trumpet Guild Conference in Ft. Worth, Texas where they soloed with the Texas Christian University Wind Ensemble and the United States Air Force Band of the West.

The triplets have performed in excess of 1,000 concerts with Stoneback Brass at churches, schools, community functions and conventions and have been featured as a trumpet trio with bands and orchestras throughout the United States in some 100 plus performances.

The trio spent their early years in Sioux Falls, South Dakota and Dubuque, Iowa. During these years, they competed individually, and scored top honors in numerous state, regional and national contests and competitions. Also during these years, the ladies studied trumpet with their father, trumpeter and music educator, Mr. Ronald Stoneback with additional mentoring offered by Mr. John Colson, trumpet professor at South Dakota State University. In 2000, they graduated with honors from the prestigious Interlochen Arts Academy for the Arts at Interlochen, Michigan where they studied with Dr. Stanley Friedman. The ladies each graduated Summa Cum Laude with a bachelor of Arts degree in Music and Trumpet Performance from Arizona State University. While attending ASU, they studied individually and as a trio with Regents Professor, Mr. David Hickman. They also worked out of the Rafael Méndez Library which is housed at ASU.

In 2002, while attending Arizona State University, the Stoneback Sisters performed in a Salute to Rafael Méndez with Doc Severinsen. Drs. Robert and Rafael, Jr. Méndez, twin sons of Rafael, were so impressed with the performance that they granted the Stonebacks full performance rights to all of the trios composed by the legendary Hollywood Trumpeter. These virtuoso works have greatly enhanced their repertoire which also includes turn-of-the-century cornet trios, modern works for three trumpets, and special arrangements of popular classics.