

# MASTERCLASS DE EUPHONIUM/TUBA

CON MISA Y STEVEN MEAD

CPR LICEO “LA PAZ”

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## Misa Mead



Misa was born in the city of Kumamoto, in the south west of Japan.

She graduated from Tokyo College of Music in 2008.

At both high school and university she was a scholarship student.

Misa won the unanimous Gold Medal at the European Solo Competition for Young Soloists in Luxembourg 2011, as well winning the first prize at the 4th All-Japan Junior High and Senior High School Students Wind Instruments Solo Contest, 2000, and the 25th All-Kyushu Music Competition Gold Award 2001.

At the highly prestigious Jeju International Wind and Percussion Solo Competition 2012 and 2014, South Korea, she won third prize.

Misa graduated with Honors at the Conservatory at regional radiation of Paris 2012.

Misa appeared as a guest artist in March 2013 at Tubamania Festivals in Thailand and May 2013 at the South West Region Tuba Euphonium Conference (SWRTEC) in California, USA, performing her own compositions.

In 2013 she was appointed High School Performance Assistant at the Tokyo College of Music. She also worked closely with the Tokyo-based Spiel Kammerensemble.

Since July 2013, Misa moved to the UK, and performed many concerts in more than twenty countries. She married the famous British euphonium artist Steven Mead in March 2014, and changed her name from Misa Akahoshi to Misa Mead Her debut CD Journey, was released to great critical acclaim.

Misa is an active as freelance composer and orchestrator.

Many of her works are published by ASKS Winds (Japan) and Bocchino Music (UK) distributed world-wide.

Misa is a Besson Euphonium Artist representing the Buffet Crampon around the world with her solo activities.

### **Steven Mead**

Steven Mead is known as one of the world's leading brass soloists, having played with many of the world's finest wind and brass bands and orchestras.



As a professional soloist Steven continues to win admiration the world over, with over seventy five solo performances a year. He is Professor of Euphonium at the Royal Northern College of Music and also at teaches at several specialist schools across Europe including Augsburg University and the Alicante Brass Academy. His remarkable solo career followed on from success he achieved as a member of several of the UK's leading brass bands, including Sun Life, Desford, GUS and CWS Glasgow.

He has also given concert tours and recorded with several leading professional chamber ensembles in Europe, including Sound-Inn-Brass, Classic Quintet, Trombonisti Italiani, London Brass, Spanish Brass Quintet. He is a founder member and principal euphonium of the Brass Band of Battle Creek (USA).

As an innovator for the low brass world in general, he has been the Artistic Director of all six of National Tuba/Euphonium Conferences held in the UK and was Artistic Director of the ITEC in Linz, Austria 2012. He is currently Artistic Director of the Jeju International Wind Festival Festival (South Korea).

His innovation is also evident with his premiere performances of over 350 new concerti and major works.

He has been described as one of the world's most recorded solo brass artists with over 70 CDs to his credit, with many of them winning international awards. This year 2016,

Steve had released two new albums, Dream Times and Lyrical Virtuoso, both of which are available at this concert!

Steven has been an artist, designer and clinician with Besson for many years.