**University Wind Ensemble**

**Pacific Lutheran University**

**Conductor Dr. Edwin Powell**

**2011 Winter Tour**

**Press Release – Palm Springs , CA**

The Pacific Lutheran University Wind Ensemble will perform a concert in Palm Springs as part of their winter tour. The concert will take place on **Friday, January 28 at 7:00pm** at the Church of St. Paul in the Desert, and will be free to the public.

The PLU Wind Ensemble is comprised of the some of the best performers of wind and percussion instruments at the University and is recognized as one of the finest groups of its kind in the entire Northwest. Following the philosophy of a player pool, adopting flexible instrumentation according to the composer’s intention, the full ensemble of approximately 50 players is a soloistic and technically proficient ensemble performing chamber music, selected transcriptions, concerti and original full ensemble repertoire spanning five centuries.

The ensemble performs four concerts on campus per season as well as appearing regularly at local schools, national conferences, festivals and special events.

Under the direction of [Dr. Edwin Powell](http://www.plu.edu/music/ensembles/wind-ensemble/Edwin-Powell.php) recent highlights have been the ensemble's 2009 International tour to China, with performances in major conservatories throughout the country and special concerts on the Great Wall and in an earthquake resettlement camp. In October of 2010, the Wind Ensemble performed the World Premier of a new work by the renowned composer Ola Gjeilo, included on the current tour repertoire.

Also in the tour repertoire will be a wide variety of works, from Rossini’s *Barber of Seville* and Gounod’s *Petite Symphony* for Chamber Winds to larger works both traditional and contemporary like Roger Nixon’s *Fiesta del Pacifico* and Franck Tichelli’s *Blue Shades.*For a complete list of the repertoire visit

<http://www.plu.edu/music/ensembles/wind-ensemble/on-tour-folder/On-Tour-January-2011.php> .