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PRESS RELEASE: Innovative new horn merges American ideals with German production.

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Bingen-Dromersheim, Germany -----After nearly 2 years of development, the new model L & D x5 double horn will be unveiled this June at the I.H.S. Symposium in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, USA. The L & D x5 has been hailed as a fantastic addition to the horn industry, sharing the praise already surrounding both horn makers' existing models.

Steven W. Lewis and Dietmar Dürk highly respect each others' efforts to build their horns with the best possible materials and hand craftsmanship. The new L & D x5 highlights these efforts by merging American ideals with German production. "It is about time we have a horn who's character melds the two schools of thought", says Scott H. Bacon, who play-tests every horn produced in the DürkHorns workshop for end quality control. The two craftsmen represent nearly 6 decades of combined experience, not including the experience from mentors such as Karl Geyer, and Hans Meier from Alexander. Thus, the L & D x5 incorporates this experience with technological advances, maintaining consistent results during the numerous handwork operation stages of the horn's manufacturing process. The new L & D x5 is built in the Karl Geyer tradition, is tuned to A=440hz with thick stable materials, a resonating F side, an extra Bb tuning slide, and a base material of yellow brass. Although assembled in the DürkHorns workshop, parts of the horn are made by Steve Lewis in Chicago.

The merger of American ideals with German production spawns a fresh, innovative horn that benefits horn players. The L & D x5 solves problems players are normally faced with when receiving horns directly from Germany. With the influence of Steven W. Lewis, the issues are now put to rest. Players will be able to purchase this horn directly at the I.H.S. Symposium, or by special order. You may contact Scott H. Bacon or Steven W. Lewis for more information. As both companies have a global reach, the horn will be available in North America, Europe, Japan, Korea, China, and Australia. Anyone interested in representing the L & D x5 feel free to contact us.

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