## GIST Holds 10th Anniversary Performance of Citizen Orchestra... Efforts to revitalize local culture have paid off

- Founded 10 years ago with the support of GIST... also to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the establishment of GIST



 ${\color{blue}\blacktriangle}$  Gwangju Citizen Wind Orchestra's 10th anniversary concert poster

The Gwangju Citizen Wind Orchestra (Director Jong-myung Kim), the only amateur urban and provincial wind orchestra in the Honam region, is drawing attention by celebrating the 30th anniversary of the establishment of the Gwangju Institute of Science and Technology (GIST, President Kichul Lim) and by holding a concert to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the orchestra.

In particular, this performance has a special meaning in that this group was founded 10 years ago thanks to free support from GIST for practice space. It is also said to be significant in that it is the result of GIST's efforts in various ways to revitalize local culture by holding large and small cultural performances.

GIST announced a concert "Ten Years Together, Ten Years Together" to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the establishment of the institution and the 10th anniversary of the establishment of the Gwangju Citizen Wind Orchestra\* will be held at 5 p.m. on December 2 (Saturday) at the CT Art Hall on the first floor of the administrative building.

\* Wind Orchestra: An orchestra composed of woodwind, brass, and percussion instruments. Depending on the instrumentation of each orchestra and the performance characteristics of the orchestra, it is also called a Symphonic Band or Wind Ensemble.

The Gwangju Citizen Wind Orchestra plans to present a wide range of repertoire, including high-class works such as 'Battle of Myeongnyang' and 'Ross Roy for Concert Band', as well as popular songs such as Disney movie suites and medleys by Yong-pil Cho and Gwang-seok Kim.

Conductor Hyeon-ryong Jang, who has led the orchestra for 10 years, said, "At the time of our foundation in 2013, we started as a brass ensemble, but due to the nature of brass instruments, which are not easy to learn, the number of members was drastically reduced to six to seven, making it financially difficult. Without GIST's support, such as the free use of practice space, the current Gwangju Citizen Wind Orchestra would not have been possible."

Currently, the Gwangju Citizen Wind Orchestra has expanded to a wind orchestra including woodwinds, with 50 members presenting a magnificent and colorful sound. As for representative activities, the orchestra has performed at the 2015 Gwangju Summer Universiade, the 2019 Gwangju World Swimming Championships, the Baramil Nursing Home Filial Piety Concert, and the 2023 Wind Music Festival.

