Brent Mead

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Education

University of Kansas (KU) Lawrence, KS — Expected graduation: Spring 2027
Doctorate of Musical Arts with concentration in Trombone Performance
Trombone Studio Graduate Teaching Assistant
Major Professor: Dr. Michael Davidson

University of Missouri–Kansas City Conservatory (UMKC) Kansas City, MO — 2019
Master of Music in Trombone Performance
Graduate Fellowship in Volker Brass Quintet
Major Professor: Dr. JoDee Davis

University of Northern Iowa (UNI) Cedar Falls, IA — 2017
Bachelor of Music Education with Honors, *cum laude,* Honors with distinction
Major Professors: Dr. Chris Buckholz and Dr. Anthony Williams

Teaching Experience

University Teaching Experience

University of Kansas — August 2025 – Present
Graduate Teaching Assistant
Teach applied lessons to trombone majors, minors, and non-majors
Co-teach the trombone studio & trombone choir
Assist in recruiting events like "KU Brass Day" and "Prairie Winds Festival"
Presented "Principles of Practice" to KU trombone studio
Graded assignments as a TA grader for KU theory area (Fall 2025)
Music librarian for KU bands (Fall 2026–Spring 2027)
Trombone instructor, Midwestern Music Camp (2026)

MidAmerica Nazarene University — August 2021 – Present
Adjunct Professor of Low Brass
Teach applied trombone, euphonium, and tuba lessons to BME, BA, music minor, and non-major students
Taught recruiting masterclasses for local honor bands for both middle and high school trombone, euphonium, and tuba students
Increased the studio size from 1 student to 7 students (from 1 credit to 10 credits) at its largest
Redesigned, lead, & teach Music History curriculum
Teach Music History 1 & 2, Aural Skills 1, 2, & 3, Introduction to Music Theory
Presented 'Principles of Practice: A Research Based Approach to Musical Practice' and 'How To: Guide to Freelance Work' to the Music Forum class
Aid instruction for trombone unit of brass techniques class
Adjudicate juries in all applied areas
Implemented a Community Arts Academy to provide private lessons to pre-college students
Attended NASM accreditation meetings
Lead masterclasses and sectionals for large ensembles

University of Missouri–Kansas City Conservatory — Fall 2022
Adjunct Professor of Chamber Music
Coach weekly undergraduate brass quintet rehearsals
Select musically appropriate repertoire for performance
Develop self-rehearsal techniques and help students create a rehearsal plan

University Teaching Experience , cont.

Ottawa University August 2021 – May 2022

Adjunct Professor of Low Brass

Weekly tuba lessons with 1 BME student

Assist in recruiting students for music department

Clinics and Teaching Related Activities

University of Missouri Kansas City Conservatory

Lecture for trombone studio class with Crossroads Trombone Quartet on freelancing tips and how to get and keep freelancing work (2026). Guest lecturer for the graduate trombone pedagogy class: discussed freelancing, how to establish a studio, and answered questions on careers in music (2023). Ensemble coaching and masterclass with trombone choir & orchestra section (2021)

Wichita State University

Frequent visits to the WSU trombone studio. Alto trombone masterclass (2025), lessons from failure and struggles with identity panel (2024), chamber music 'how to' (2021), trombone masterclass (2019), lecture on practice techniques & audition prep (2019)

Kansas State University

Masterclass in KSU trombone studio: covered bass trombone excerpts, coached a student on a jury piece. Taught individual lessons (2024)

University of Northern Iowa

Guest Artist at "Low Brass Day" (2024). Coached warm up and fundamental session: discussed tone production, scaffolding warmups. Led a masterclass with students: coached bass trombonist on solo piece, tenor trombonist on college audition preparations.

Missouri State University

Masterclass for Trombone Studio, prepared students for upcoming orchestral auditions (2024)

Great Plains Composer Workshop

Trombone guest artist, lectured on how to effectively compose for trombone, suggested standard repertoire to learn from, participated on Q&A panel (2021)

Kansas City Trombone Workshop

Mentor & chamber music coach for a summer trombone intensive for middle school and high school trombone students across the KC metro area (2019 – Present)

Performing Experience

Orchestral

Wichita Symphony; Wichita, KS 2018 – Present

Principal trombone

A typical season includes 50–70 services in masterworks, pops, young people's concerts, and film performances

Kansas City Symphony; Kansas City, MO 2022 – Present

Substitute principal, substitute second, and assistant trombone

Performed on Classics, Pops, Film, Family, Ballet, and Opera series concerts

Recorded an unreleased CD and video project in September 2025, release date TBD, Matthias Pintscher, conducting

Performed substitute second trombone at the Midwest Regional Tuba Euphonium Conference 2026; orchestral excerpt demonstration and masterclass

Orchestral, cont.

Sunflower Music Festival; Topeka, KS 2021, 2024, 2025, 2026

Principal trombone (2024, 2025, 2026); second trombone (2021)

As a matter of information, The Sunflower Music Festival is staffed by musicians from the world's leading orchestras, chamber groups, and music schools, including, but not limited to, the Cleveland, Dallas, Detroit, Cincinnati, Milwaukee, San Francisco, Chicago, Colorado, Vancouver, Kansas City, Canberra, Calgary, and Grand Rapids symphonies; the Los Angeles, Metropolitan, and Pittsburgh opera orchestras; the Empire Brass; LA film studio orchestra personnel; and faculty from the University of Michigan, the Colburn School, the Shepherd School of Rice University, the University of Kansas, and the University of Maryland

Symphony of Northwest Arkansas; Fayetteville, AR 2021 – Present

Substitute second and substitute third trombone

Orchestra Iowa; Cedar Rapids, IA 2018

Substitute second trombone

Brass Band

Fountain City Brass Band; Kansas City, MO 2019 – 2024

Solo (principal) and second trombone

FCBB won 3 brass band competitions at Gateway Brass Band Competition (2022), and US Open Brass Band Competition (2019, 2021)

FCBB featured performances include the 2023 Missouri Music Educator Association's annual conference, and the International Trombone Festival in 2022 in Conway, AR as the accompanying ensemble for the ITF's concerto evening concert. Collaborated with Christian Lindberg (international soloist and conductor), Dr. Tony Baker (Professor of Trombone at the University of North Texas), Yu Tamaki (international soloist), Brian Hecht (Utility Trombone, Dallas Symphony)

Chamber Music

Crossroads Trombone Quartet 2021 – Present

Members: Dr. JoDee Davis (Professor Emeritus of Trombone, UMKC), Dr. Chris White (Principal Trombone, St. Joseph Symphony; Principal Trombone, Northland Symphony), Grant Morgan (Assistant Band Director, Shawnee Mission Northwest High School; Co-Founder, Kansas City Trombone Workshop)

Performances at MidAmerica Nazarene University, University of Missouri-Kansas City Conservatory. Panels and Masterclasses at UMKC.

Tone Forge Trombone Quartet 2025 – Present

Members: Dr. Dan Hinman (Assistant Professor of Trombone, Kansas State University), Alexander Theiss (NYC Freelancer), Dr. Zachariah Davis (Assistant Director of Bands, Trombone, Texas Women's University)

Performances at Big XII Trombone Workshop, Lubbock, TX

Applied for and received internal KU travel funding

Wichita Symphony Chamber Groups 2018 – Present

Performance groups of various instruments and projects. Several brass quintet performances (2024–2026), polka ensemble (2026), and children's shows at libraries, schools, and assisted living homes with varied instrumentation including violin, cello, flute, oboe, saxophone, horn, and percussion (2024, 2025, 2026).

Zen Brass 2021

Zen Brass is a brass septet made up of brass musicians from the Midwest that performs varied repertoire comprised of mostly arrangements of music for three trumpets, three trombones, and tuba. I performed as substitute second trombone on a recital in Olathe, KS in September 2021.

Chamber Music, cont.

Volker Brass Quintet 2017 – 2019

Graduate Assistant brass quintet at UMKC
Competed in several national chamber music competitions (MTNA, Coltman, Plowman), notably, a semi-finalist and American Brass Quintet Prize Winner at Fischoff Chamber Music Competition
Performed two recitals each semester and several outreach performances at local schools, clubs, hospitals, and nonprofit organizations
Runout and outreach tours to Iowa City, IA and Des Moines, IA
Applied for and received internal UMKC travel funding and grants

Solo

International Trombone Festival 2023, 2025

Invited to perform as a presenter on the Performing Artist Recital series, ITF 2023 Salt Lake City, UT and ITF 2025 London, Ontario and as a chamber musician on the Composer's Workshop ITF 2025 London, Ontario.

Recitals & Guest Soloists

Presented solo recitals at Kansas State University (2024), Missouri State University (2024), MidAmerica Nazarene University (2023, 2025), University of Northern Iowa (2024)
Guest soloist with the University of Missouri-Kansas City Conservatory Trombone Choir (2026), Missouri State University Trombone Choir (2024), MidAmerica Nazarene University Concert Band (2024), Oklahoma University Trombone Choir (2023), and Cedar Rapids Municipal Band (2017)
Performed on MidAmerica Nazarene University's Faculty Showcase Recitals in 2021, 2023, 2025, and 2026

Great Plains Composer Workshop

Trombone guest artist for the Great Plains Composer Workshop in 2021, performed on a recital premiering two new works for trombone

Commissions/Grants Awarded

Koch Cultural Trust Grant

Awarded $5,000 grant from Koch Cultural Trust to commission 5 new pieces and purchase electronic equipment
Commissioned 5 new pieces for solo trombone, trombone and fixed media, and optional effects pedals for a recital called *Stories*. The pieces reflect on topics that young people commonly struggle with like anxiety, social media, failure, uncertainty, grief, and depression.

Performing Experience

Orchestral (2021–Present)

- Wichita Symphony, *Family Holiday Concert*, December 8, 2026. [Upcoming].
  I performed as principal trombone on this concert.
- Kansas City Symphony, *Ballet 2: Nutcracker*, November 28–December 24, 2026. 19 performances. [Upcoming].
  I performed as substitute second trombonist on this concert series.
- Wichita Symphony, *Young People's Concerts 1*, November 17–18, 2026. 4 performances. [Upcoming].
  I performed as principal trombone on this concert series.
- Wichita Symphony, *Pops 2: Simply the Best: Tina Turner*, November 7, 2026 [Upcoming].
  I performed as principal trombone on this concert.
- Wichita Symphony, *Masterworks 2:* Overture, Jessie Montgomery; Piano Concerto No. 1, Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky; Symphony No. 5, Dmitri Shostakovich; October 24, 2026 [Upcoming].
  I performed as principal trombone on this concert.

Orchestral (2021–Present), cont.

- Wichita Symphony, *Masterworks 1*: *Fractures*, Polina Nazaykinskaya; Symphony No. 5, Ludwig von Beethoven; October 4, 2026.
  I performed as principal trombone on this concert.
- Kansas City Symphony, Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts, Helzberg Hall, *Special 1*: *Déserts,* Edgard Varèse; *Poem of Fire: Prometheus,* Op. 60, Alexander Scriabin. September 9, 2026.
  I performed as substitute second trombonist on this concert.
- Sunflower Music Festival, White Concert Hall, Topeka, KS, *Opening Concert:* Piano Concerto No. 1*,* Edward Grieg. June 19, 2026.
  I performed as principal trombone on this concert.
- Wichita Symphony, Botanica, The Wichita Gardens, *Symphony in the Gardens*, May 15, 2026.
  I performed as principal trombone on this concert.
- Kansas City Symphony, *Classics Series 11:* Piano Concerto No. 1, Edward Grieg; Symphony No. 1, Jean Sibelius. May 8, 2026.
  I performed as substitute second trombonist on this concert.
- Bales Chorale, Corpus Christi Church, Lawrence, KS: *Requiem*, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. May 3, 2026.
  I performed as substitute principal trombone and additionally performed the Tuba Mirum solo.
- Kansas City Symphony, Embassy Suites, Kansas City, MO, *Cabaret*, April 26, 2026.
  I performed as substitute second trombonist on this concert.
- Kansas City Symphony, Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts, Muriel Kauffman Hall, *Ballet 3: Stars and Stripes*. March 20–22, 27–29, 2026. 6 performances.
  I performed as substitute second trombone for this concert series.
- Wichita Symphony, Century II Concert Hall, Wichita, KS, *Masterworks 6: The Firebird*, *Flying Dutchman Overture*, Richard Wagner; *Stealing from Birds*, Dan Perttu (premiere); Firebird Suite 1945, Igor Stravinsky, March 15, 2026.
  I performed as principal trombone on this concert.
- Wichita Symphony, *Masterworks 5: Rhapsody in Red, White and Blue*: *Caprice*, Boyd Eagle; *Rhapsody in Red, White & Blue*, Peter Boyer; *Symphonic Dances* from *"West Side Story"*, Leonard Bernstein; *Rhapsody in Blue*, George Gershwin, February 22, 2026.
  I performed as principal trombone on this concert.
- Wichita Symphony, *Pops 1: Tango Caliente*, February 14, 2026.
  I performed as principal trombone on this concert.
- Wichita Symphony, *Masterworks 4: Voyage to Vienna*: Symphony No. 4, Johannes Brahms; January 24, 2026.
  I performed as principal trombone on this concert.
- Wichita Symphony, *Family Holiday Concert,* December 8–9, 2025.
  I performed as principal trombone on this concert.
- Kansas City Symphony, *Film 2: Elf,* November 26–30, 2025. 3 performances.
  I performed as substitute second trombonist for this concert series.
- Wichita Symphony, *Masterworks 3: What Music Is with Bill Barclay*: *Starburst*, Jessie Montgomery; *Nimrod* from *Enigma Variations*, Sir Edward Elgar; *Asteroid 4179*, Kaija Saariaho; *Jupiter* from *"The Planets,"* Gustav Holst, November 16, 2025.
  I performed as principal trombone on this concert.
- Wichita Symphony, *Masterworks 2: Beethoven's Emperor: Fate Now Conquers*, Carlos Simon; Symphony No. 5, Peter Tchaikovsky, October 25, 2025.
  I performed as principal trombone on this concert.
- Kansas City Symphony, *Film 1: Top Gun: Maverick,* October 16–19, 2025. 3 performances.
  I performed as substitute second trombone on this concert series.
- Wichita Symphony, *Masterworks 1: Symphonic Metamorphosis:* Overture to *La Forza Del Destino,* Giuseppe Verdi; Violin Concerto, Erich Wolfgang Korngold; *Rainbow Body*, Christopher Theofanidis; Symphonic Metamorphosis, Paul Hindemith; October 5, 2025.
  I performed as principal trombone on this concert.

Orchestral (2021–Present), cont.

- Sunflower Music Festival, Symphony No. 2, Robert Schumann; June 20, 2025.
  I performed as principal trombone on this concert.
- Kansas City Symphony, Flint Hills, Inc. Strong City, KS, *Symphony in the Flint Hills,* June 14, 2025.
  I performed as substitute second trombone on this concert.
- Kansas City Symphony, Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts, Helzberg Hall, *Film 9: Jaws,* May 24–25, 2025. 2 performances.
  I performed as substitute second trombone on this concert series.
- Wichita Symphony, Botanica, The Wichita Gardens, *Symphony in the Gardens,* May 16, 2025.
  I performed as principal trombone on this concert.
- Kansas City Symphony, Embassy Suites, Kansas City, MO, *Cabaret*, April 27, 2025.
  I performed as substitute second trombone on this concert.
- Wichita Symphony, Century II Concert Hall, Wichita, KS, *Masterworks 6: Beethoven 9; Umoja*, Valerie Coleman; Symphony No. 9, Ludwig van Beethoven; April 12, 2025
  I performed as principal trombone on this concert.
- Kansas City Symphony, *Ballet 3: Don Quixote,* Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts, Muriel Kauffman Hall, March 21–23, 28–30, 2025. 6 performances.
  I performed as substitute second trombone on this concert series.
- Wichita Symphony, *Masterworks 5: Dvořák Cello Concerto with Alban Gerhardt, To Spring*, Dan Perttu; Symphony No. 5, Felix Mendelssohn; Cello Concerto, Antonín Dvořák; March 16, 2025.
  I performed as principal trombone on this concert.
- Kansas City Symphony, *Family 3: Project Trio,* March 2, 2025.
  I performed as substitute second trombone on this concert.
- Kansas City Symphony, *Special 5: Cody Fry,* February 28, 2025.
  I performed as substitute principal trombone on this concert.
- Wichita Symphony, *Masterworks 4: Dust and Ions: Nimrod* from *Enigma Variations*, Sir Edward Elgar; Overture to *Leonore* No. 3, Ludwig van Beethoven; *Dust and Ions*, Alex Wakim (premiere); Piano Quartet, Op. 25, Johannes Brahms orch. by Arnold Schoenberg*;* February 23, 2025.
  I performed as substitute principal trombone on this concert.
- Wichita Symphony, *Pops 3: Remember When Rock Was Young: The Elton John Experience,* February 8, 2025.
  I performed as principal trombone on this concert.
- Wichita Symphony, *Young People's Concerts 2: Project Trio*, January 28–29, 2025. 4 performances.
  I performed as principal trombone on this concert series.
- Wichita Symphony, *Masterworks 3: Time for Three*: "Martin Luther King" from *Three Black Kings*, Duke Ellington; *Contact*, Kevin Puts; Selections from *Romeo and Juliet*, Sergei Prokofiev; January 25, 2025.
  I performed as principal trombone on this concert.
- Kansas City Symphony, *Christmas Festival,* December 18–22, 2024. 6 performances.
  I performed as substitute second trombone on this concert series.
- Kansas City Symphony, *Special 3: Texas Tenors*, December 13, 2024.
  I performed as substitute second trombone on this concert.
- Kansas City Symphony, *Corporate Holiday Concert*, December 12, 14, 2024. 3 performances.
  I performed as substitute second trombone on this concert series.
- Wichita Symphony, *Family Holiday Concert,* December 10, 2024.
  I performed as principal trombone on this concert.
- Wichita Symphony, *Young People's Concerts 1: Tchaikovsky Discovers America*, November 19–20, 2024. 4 performances
  I performed as principal trombone on this concert series.
- Wichita Symphony, *Masterworks 2: Joyce Yang Plays Grieg*: Piano Concerto in A minor, Edward Grieg, Symphony No. 2, Jean Sibelius; November 17, 2024
  I performed as principal trombone on this concert.

Orchestral (2021–Present), cont.

- Wichita Symphony, *Masterworks 1: Mozart & Rachmaninoff*: *Inspiration! A Festive Overture*, Quinn Mason; Piano Concerto No. 3, Sergei Rachmaninoff; October 1–5, 2024
  I performed as principal trombone on this concert series.
- Kansas City Symphony, *Film 1: Jurassic Park* September 22–24, 2024. 3 performances
  I performed as substitute third trombone on this concert series.
- Kansas City Symphony, *Classics Series 1:* Concerto in B Minor, Antonín Dvořák; *The Firebird* (1910 ballet), Igor Stravinsky; September 13–15, 2024. 3 performances.
  I performed as substitute second trombone on this concert series.
- Symphony of Northwest Arkansas, *Star Wars: Episode VI Live in Concert,* September 6, 2024.
  I performed as substitute third trombone on this concert.
- Sunflower Music Festival, *Opening Concert*: Symphony No. 1, Robert Schumann; June 21, 2024.
  I performed as principal trombone on this concert.
- Sunflower Music Festival, *Finale Concert:* Symphony No. 1 – Johannes Brahms; June 29, 2024.
  I performed as principal trombone on this concert.
- Kansas City Symphony, *Pops 5: Sci-Fi Spectacular*, May 17–19, 2024. 3 performances.
  I performed as substitute second trombone on this concert series.
- Kansas City Symphony, *Special 4: Cathie Ryan,* March 16, 2024.
  I performed as substitute second trombone on this concert.
- Kansas City Symphony, *Family Concert 3: Around the World in 80 Days,* March 10, 2024.
  I performed as substitute second trombone on this concert.
- Wichita Symphony, *Masterworks 6: Choral Sensations: Dances in the Canebrakes*, Florence Price; *Gloria*, Francis Poulenc; *Te Deum,* Antonín Dvořák; Symphony, Tim Hinck (premiere); March 9, 2024.
  I performed as principal trombone on this concert.
- Kansas City Symphony, *Pops 4: Symphonic Genesis,* February 23–25, 2024. 3 performances.
  I performed as substitute second trombone on this concert series.
- Wichita Symphony, *Masterworks 5: Gabriela Martinez Plays Rachmaninoff: Mathis der Maler*, Paul Hindemith; Piano Concerto No. 2, Sergei Rachmaninoff; February 18, 2024.
  I performed as principal trombone on this concert.
- Wichita Symphony, *Pops: John Williams: Oscar Legend,* February 10, 2024
  I performed as principal trombone on this concert.
- Thin Air Productions, *Mozart's Requiem*, January 13, 2024.
  I performed as principal trombone on this concert.
- Wichita Symphony, *Young People's Concerts 2: M is for Music!*, January 24–25, 2024. 4 performances.
  I performed as principal trombone on this concert series.
- Kansas City Symphony, *Christmas Festival,* December 14–17, 2023. 6 performances.
  I performed as substitute second trombone on this concert series.
- Wichita Symphony, *Masterworks 3: S'Wonderful: The Music of George Gershwin,* December 9, 2023.
  I performed as principal trombone on this concert.
- Wichita Symphony, *Masterworks 2: Spirituals & Symphonies: Three Spirituals*, Adolphus Hailstork; Symphony No. 3, Roy Harris; Symphony No. 2, Sergei Rachmaninoff; November 15–19, 2023.
  I performed as principal trombone on this concert.
- Wichita Symphony, *Masterworks 1: Suite Tributes: Fanfare for the Common Man,* Aaron Copland; *Tributes*, Jim Stephenson; Spartacus Suite No. 2, Aram Khachaturian; *Der Rosenkavalier* Suite, Richard Strauss; October 29, 2023.
  I performed as principal trombone on this concert.
- Kansas City Symphony, *Pops 2: Bond and Beyond* with Morgan James, October 13–15, 2023. 3 performances.
  I performed as substitute third trombone on this concert series.

Orchestral (2021–Present), cont.

- Wichita Symphony, Botanica, The Wichita Gardens, *Symphony on the Grand Lawn,* September 29, 2023.
  I performed as principal trombone on this concert.
- Symphony of Northwest Arkansas, *Star Wars: Episode V Live in Concert*, September 9, 2023.
  I performed as substitute second trombone on this concert.
- Ad Astra Music Festival, *Symphony No. 9 – Ludwig van Beethoven,* July 30–31, 2023. 2 performances.
  I performed as principal trombone on this concert.
- Kansas City Symphony, *Symphony in the Flint Hills*, June 11, 2023
  I performed as substitute second trombone on this concert.
- Wichita Symphony, *Symphony in the Gardens,* May 19, 2023.
  I performed as principal trombone on this concert.
- Kansas City Symphony, *Special 7: Michael Feinstein*, May 13, 2023.
  I performed as substitute third trombone on this concert.
- Kansas City Symphony*, Special 6: Disco Inferno*, May 5, 2023.
  I performed as substitute second trombone on this concert.
- KC Lyric Opera featuring the Kansas City Symphony, Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts, Muriel Kauffman Hall, *Opera 4: Sondheim on Sondheim*, May 5–6, 2023. 2 Performances.
  I performed as substitute second trombone on this concert series.
- Kansas City Symphony, Embassy Suites, Kansas City, MO, *Cabaret,* April 30, 2023.
  I performed as substitute principal trombone on this concert.
- Wichita Symphony, Century II Concert Hall, Wichita, KS*, Masterworks 7: Prokofiev 5:* Arrival of the Guests from *Tannhäuser*, Richard Wagner; *Perú Negro*, Jimmy Lopéz Bellido; Symphony No. 5, Sergei Prokofiev; April 18–22, 2023.
  I performed as principal trombone on this concert.
- William Baker Festival Singers, *Brahms' Requiem*, April 16, 2023.
  I performed as substitute principal trombone on this concert.
- Wichita Symphony*, Masterworks 6: All Things Majestic:* All Things Majestic, Jennifer Higdon; Enigma Variations, Sir Edward Elgar, March 26, 2023.
  I performed as principal trombone on this concert.
- Kansas City Symphony, *Classics Series 8:* Concerto in G Major, Maurice Ravel; *Rapsodie espagnole*, Maurice Ravel; *The Poem of Ecstasy,* op. 54, Alexander Scriabin; March 3–5, 2023. 3 performances.
  I performed as substitute second trombone on this concert series.
- Wichita Symphony, *Pops: Aretha: A Tribute,* February 18, 2023
  I performed as principal trombone on this concert.
- Wichita Symphony, *Masterworks 5: Blue Electra featuring Anne Akiko Meyers, Serene*, William Grant Still; *Blue Electra,* Michael Daugherty; Symphony No. 3, Robert Schumann; February 11, 2023.
  I performed as principal trombone on this concert.
- Kansas City Symphony, *Pops 3: Uptown Nights with Byron Stripling,* January 6–8, 2023. 3 performances.
  I performed as substitute second trombone on this concert series.
- Wichita Symphony, *Family Holiday Concert,* December 6, 2022.
  I performed as principal trombone on this concert.
- Wichita Symphony, *Masterworks 3: Christmas Fantasies,* Prelude to *Hansel and Gretel*, Engelbert Humperdinck, *The Nutcracker* (Overture & Act 2) – Tchaikovsky, December 4, 2022.
  I performed as principal trombone on this concert.
- Wichita Symphony, *Masterworks 2: Mozart Requiem,* November 19, 2022.
  I performed as principal trombone on this concert.
- Wichita Symphony, *Young People's Concerts 1*: *Gershwin's Magic Key*, November 8–10, 2022. 6 performances
  I performed as principal trombone on this concert series.

Orchestral (2021–Present), cont.

- Wichita Symphony *Masterworks 1: Symphonie Fantastique: Fanfare for Rosa*, Tim Hink; Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini, Sergei Rachmaninoff; *Symphonie Fantastique,* Hector Berlioz. October 30, 2022.
  I performed as principal trombone on this concert.
- Wichita Symphony, *Kristin Chenoweth: For the Girls* starring Kristin Chenoweth, October 8, 2022.
  I performed as principal trombone on this concert.
- Wichita Symphony, Botanica, The Wichita Gardens, *Symphony in the Gardens*, September 29–30, 2022. 1 live performance and 1 video recording session for public broadcast.
  I performed as principal trombone on this concert series.
- Te Deum Chamber Choir, *Mozart Requiem*, September 17–18, 2022. 2 performances.
  I performed as substitute principal trombone on this concert series
- William Baker Festival Singers, *Elijah*, Felix Mendelssohn, August 14, 2022
  I performed as substitute principal trombone on this concert.
- Wichita Symphony, *Twilight Pops,* June 3, 2022
  I performed as principal trombone on this concert.
- Kansas City Symphony, *Pops 4: Music of Queen,* May 20–22, 2022. 3 performances.
  I performed as substitute second trombone on this concert series.
- Kansas City Symphony, *Classics Series 11: El Salón México*, Aaron Copland; Concerto No. 4 in G Minor, Sergei Rachmaninoff; Suite from *The Miraculous Mandarin*, Bela Bartók, April 22–24, 2022. 3 performances.
  I performed as substitute second trombone on this concert series.
- Symphony of Northwest Arkansas, *The Black Panther Live in Concert*, April 15, 2022.
  I performed as substitute second trombone on this concert.
- Wichita Symphony, *Masterworks 7: The Rose of Sonora:* Cowboys Overture, John Williams; *The Rose of Sonora*, George Clinton (premiere); Suite from *Rodeo*, Aaron Copland; April 9–10, 2022. 2 performances.
  I performed as principal trombone on this concert.
- Symphony of Northwest Arkansas, *The World of Heroes,* February 25, 2022.
  I performed as substitute second trombone on this concert.
- Wichita Symphony, *Masterworks 5: A New World Masterpiece*: Symphony No. 1, Florence Price; Piano Concerto in G Major, Maurice Ravel; Romeo & Juliet Overture, Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky; February 20, 2022.
  I performed as principal trombone on this concert.
- Wichita Symphony, *Pops 1*: *Movie Music!,* February 5, 2022.
  I performed as principal trombone on this concert.
- Wichita Symphony, *Masterworks 4: Universe at an Exhibition: Seven O'Clock Shout*, Valerie Coleman; *Masquerade*: Suite, Aram Khachaturian; *Pictures at an Exhibition,* Modest Mussorgsky, January 22, 2022.
  I performed as principal trombone on this concert.
- Symphony of Northwest Arkansas, *Christmas Concert*, December 11–12, 2021. 2 performances.
  I performed as substitute second trombone on this concert series.
- Wichita Symphony, *Masterworks 2: Composer at the Keys:* Symphony No. 2, Johannes Brahms; November 7, 2021.
  I performed as principal trombone on this concert.
- Wichita Symphony, *Masterworks 1*: *Old Cowtown Suite*, George Clinton (premiere); October 9–11, 2021. 3 performances & 1 video recording.
  I performed as principal trombone on this concert series.
- Sunflower Music Festival, *Opening Concert: Fanfare for the Uncommon Women*, Joan Tower; Beethoven Symphony No. 5, June 18, 2021.
  I performed as second trombone on this concert.
- Sunflower Music Festival, *Closing Concert:* Symphony No. 2, Johannes Brahms; June 26, 2021.
  I performed as second trombone on this concert.

Orchestral (2021–Present), cont.

- Wichita Symphony, Botanica, The Wichita Gardens, *Symphony in the Gardens,* May 14, 2021.
  I performed as principal trombone on this concert.

Commercial

- Music Theater Wichita, *"Red, White, & Broadway,"* July 1–4, 2023. 6 performances.
  I performed as substitute second trombone on this concert series.
- Heartland Men's Chorus, *Music of Whitney Houston,* March 27–28, 2022. 2 performances
  I performed as lead trombone on this concert series.
- Amy Grant & Michael W. Smith, *Holiday Concert,* December 8, 2017.
  I performed as second trombone on this concert.
- Cirque Musica, (Independence, MO), *Holiday Wonderland,* December 5, 2017
  I performed as second trombone on this concert.
- Bill Shepherd Big Band, Cedar Falls, IA, "Christmas Time", a 2015 album.
  I performed as substitute third trombone on this recording session.

Commissions, Consortiums, and Premieres

"we look upon the waves" by Dayla Spencer, bass trombone and piano, consortium member, 2025
"Ctrl+Alt+deFreak" by Zoe Cutler, trombone and fixed media, consortium member, 2024
"SOC1AL" by Ian Lester, trombone and fixed media with optional effects pedals, commission, 2021
"Frigid Envy" by Chris Evan Hass, trombone and fixed media with optional effects pedals, commission, 2021
"100 Sighs" by Anne Guzzo, solo trombone, commission, 2021
"Into the Light" by Molly Joyce, trombone and fixed media, commission, 2021
"Resilient" by Logan Jungman, trombone and fixed media with optional effects pedals, commission, 2021
"Atmospheric Oscillations" by Brayden Carr, solo trombone, premiere, 2021
"Maximus, to himself" by Vance Maverick, solo trombone, premiere, 2021
"If you insist…" by Jonathan B. McNair, solo trombone, premiere, 2020
"Prayer and Rapture" by Reynolds Simpson, solo trombone and trombone ensemble, premiere, 2018

Service

Committees

Wichita Symphony, orchestra committee — Fall 2021–Spring 2025

I served on the musician's committee for the Wichita Symphony. We were the liaison between musicians, management, and the board. In this role, I served as chair of the committee for 3 seasons (Aug 2022–May 2025). I was on the Collective Bargaining Agreement negotiating committee in January 2022 and January 2025, successfully negotiating two new three-year contracts.

Adjudication

Kansas Sousa Honor Band, trombone adjudicator — October 2022–2026
Olathe Northwest Area Middle School Solo & Ensemble Festival — March 1, 2023
Olathe Northwest Area Middle School Solo & Ensemble Festival — March 2, 2022
Shawnee Mission East High School Virtual Festival — November 2020

Professional Affiliations

American Federation of Musicians, Local 297 and 34-267
International Trombone Association

Student Successes

Brooks Beckman, private student 2022–present
- Kansas Sousa Band 2023, 2024

Owen Beckman
- Kansas Sousa Band 2024
- KSHSAA Solo Contest I Rating 2025, 2026

Cody Cagle, private student 2024–present
- Kansas Sousa Honor Band 2026

Roman Feydash, private student 2022–2024
- ECKMEA All-District Band 2022 (alternate), 2023
- KMEA All-State Band 2024 (alternate)
- KSHSAA Solo Contest I Rating 2024, 2023, 2022

Harrison Fymbo, private student 2023–2026
- Kansas Sousa Honor Band 2026

Gavin Hawkins, private student 2020-2021
- KSHSAA Solo Contest I Rating 2021
- Awarded a full-ride scholarship to Friends University for trombone performance and music education, graduated BME Spring 2025

Maddie Lauffer, private student 2021–2023
- ECKMEA All-District Band 2021, 2022, 2023
- KMEA All-State Band 2021, 2022, 2023
- KSHSAA Solo Contest I Rating 2021, 2022, 2023
- Attends the University of Kansas, BME expected graduation 2027

Hannah Stelzer, private student 2025–present
- Kansas Sousa Band 2026

Jarsley Sibson, private student 2022–2026
- ECKMEA All-District Band 2024, 2025
- KSHSAA Solo Contest I Rating 2024, 2025, 2026

Student Successes, cont.

Zachary Sonsthagen, private student 2023–2026

- KMEA 56A All-State Band 2025 (first chair euphonium)
- ECKMEA All-District Band 2023, 2024, 2025 (first chair euphonium), 2026 (first chair euphonium)
- KSHSAA Solo Contest I Rating 2025, 2026
- Member, Olathe Civic Band 2023–2024
- Arts Council of Johnson County Shooting Stars Scholarship Finalist 2026
- Attends the University of Kansas for Bachelor of Music Education with music scholarships

Grant Sturm, private student 2022–present

- Kansas Sousa Honor Band 2025, 2026
- KSHSAA Solo Contest I Rating 2026

Kiersten Truax, private student 2013–2016

- Iowa All-State Ensemble 2014, 2015, 2016
- Competitive offers for BME programs, awarded full ride scholarship at University of Iowa & graduated 2020
- IHSMA Solo Contest I Rating 2014, 2015, 2016 (awarded best in center in 2016)

Alexis Wood, MidAmerica Nazarene University, BME, expected graduation 2028

- 2026 KIB Intercollegiate Band at KMEA In-Service Workshop
- 2026 MNU Concerto Competition Finalist

Christopher Winton, MidAmerica Nazarene University, BA, expected graduation 2027

- 2026 KIB Intercollegiate Band at KMEA In-Service Workshop