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Education

Master of Music in Trombone Performance and Literature

- Eastman School of Music, University of Rochester, Rochester NY (2008)

Arts Leadership Program Certificate

- Eastman School of Music, University of Rochester, Rochester NY (2008)

Bachelor's of Music in Music Education and Trombone Performance

- Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo MI (2006)

Principal Teachers

Mark Kellogg (mkellogg@esm.rochester.edu) 2006-present

- Principal trombone, Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra and Eastman School of Music

Dr. Steve Wolfinbarger (wolfinbarger@wmich.edu) 2001-2006

- Former Principal Trombone, Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra, Western Michigan University,

David Cleveland 1997-2001

- Former euphonium, Brass Band of Battle Creek

Professional Performing Experience

Orchestral Performing

- Syracuse Chorale Orchestra, solo trombone Mozart *Requiem*, April 2008

- Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, substitute trombone, 2007-present

- Cayuga Chamber Orchestra (Ithaca NY), second trombone, 2007

Wind Band Performing

- Eastman Wind Ensemble, 2006-2007 (including principal on 2008 recording "Manhattan Music")

- Western Michigan University Symphonic Band

Chamber Ensemble Performing

- Emerald Brass Quintet, Rochester NY, 2006-present (founding member, semifinalist 2008 Plowman Competition)

- PoBoys Brass Band, Rochester NY, 2007-present (lead trombone, New Orleans funk band)

- TWENTY21 New Music Ensemble, Rochester NY 2008-present

Jazz Performing

- 2008 Rochester International Jazz Festival ("Gillespiana" and Frank Sinatra Jr.)

- Eastman and WMU jazz bands, lead and section 2002-2008

Awards and Honors

- Eastman Honors Chamber Music Recital, with Emerald Brass Quintet, Fall 2007

- First Runner Up, 2007 International Trombone Association Frank Smith Solo Competition

- Finalist, 2003 International Trombone Association Larry Wiehe Solo Competition

Other Freelance Performing

- Rochester Broadway Theater League, Mercury Opera Rochester, Kalamazoo Civic Theater, Show Choir Camps of America, various small ensemble engagements, numerous scholastic recitals as soloist and chamber musician

Other Related Experience

Private Studio, 2002-present

University of Rochester, Charles Finney School, Hochstein School of Music, Trombone teacher 2006-present

Arrangements performed by, Syracuse Symphony Orchestra, Eastman New Jazz, WMU Jazz Orchestra, Eastman and WMU Trombone Choirs, Emerald Brass Quintet, PoBoys Brass Band, various MI, NY, and IL high school jazz bands

Interim Afternoon Drive Time Host of WXXI Classical 91.5 FM, March 2008-present, weekdays 2-7PM