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### EDUCATION

#### **Master of Music in Trumpet Performance** **2020 - 2022**

Western Michigan University (Kalamazoo, MI)

Graduated April 2022

Overall GPA: 4.0

#### **Bachelor of Science in Instrumental and Classroom Music Education** **2015 – 2020**

Minnesota State University-Mankato (Mankato, MN)

Graduated May 2020 – Cum Laude

Overall GPA: 3.50      Major GPA: 3.88

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

#### **Zimmerman Middle High School** (Zimmerman, MN) **2024 – Present**

6 – 12 Band Director

- Classes taught:
  - o 3 sections of 6<sup>th</sup> grade band
  - o 2 sections of 7<sup>th</sup> grade band
  - o 1 section of 8<sup>th</sup> grade band
  - o High school group lessons
  - o 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade jazz band (*Extracurricular*)
  - o HS Modern Band Ensemble (*Extracurricular*)
- Teach students the fundamentals of their respective instruments to prepare for concerts and contests.
- Collaborate with music department colleagues to create a positive and inclusive culture for all students.

#### **Hazel Park Preparatory Academy** (St. Paul, MN) **2022 - 2024**

Band/Music Teacher

- Classes taught:
  - o 2 sections of beginning band
  - o 2 sections of intermediate band
  - o 2 sections of music explorations (6-8 general music)
  - o 1 section of world music
- Planning culturally responsive and student-centered lessons that engage student interests and accommodate various learning styles.
- Partnering with administrators, counselors, and other support staff to create and implement academic strategies and supports for individual students.
- Collaborate with music teachers in a PLC around the SPPS district.
- Managing music budget and instrument inventory.

**Wayzata High School (Plymouth, MN)****2022 - 2024**

Private Lesson Instructor

- Teaching weekly after school trumpet lessons to students grades 8-12.
- Communicating with parents and building a flexible lesson schedule.
- Partnering with full time band instructors to collaborate on best practices and strategies for individual students.

**Western Michigan University (Kalamazoo, MI)****2021 – 2022**

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Supervising professors – Dr. Mary Land, Brandon Mattson

- Courses taught/assisted:
  - o MUS 3440 – Instrumental Methods
    - Supervised and evaluated pre-intern music education undergraduate students in field experience placements.
    - Provided immediate feedback to undergraduates about improving teaching techniques and strategies.
    - Served as the liaison between the cooperating teacher in the assigned school and the university.
  - o MUS 1100 – University Concert Band
    - Rehearsed a piece for each concert.
    - Served as the assistant conductor under Dr. Land's supervision.
    - Served as the ensemble music librarian.
    - Created marketing materials such as posters, program notes, and social media graphics for concerts and other music education events taking place at WMU.
  - o MUS 1590 – Fundamentals of Music
    - Tutored students one-on-one on a weekly basis on the fundamental concepts of ear training and music theory.
  - o MUS 2400 – Music for Classroom Teachers
    - Taught select lessons to elementary education undergraduate students about reading basic music notation, ukulele, and performing children's music in an elementary school classroom.
    - Maintained student attendance and grades.
    - Provided individual assistance for students as needed.

**Saint Paul Schools Summer Learning Program (St. Paul, MN)****Summer 2021**

General Music/Orchestra Teacher

- Taught classes of 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> graders 5 periods a day
  - o 2 sections of intro to digital music
  - o 1 section of beginning guitar/ukulele
  - o 1 section of beginning orchestra
- Designed a 6-week digital music curriculum primarily using GarageBand on iPad
- Planned lessons and units that aligned with state arts standards
- Modified pre-written curriculum to meet the learning needs of my students
- Partnered with support staff to create individual student behavior plans

- Collaborated with fellow music teachers to align curriculum and coordinate the sharing of resources

**Minneapolis South High School (Minneapolis, MN)****Spring 2020**

Instrumental Music Student Teacher

Mentor teacher – Eric Sayre

- Co-taught 4 concert bands and a jazz ensemble
- Cooperatively and independently planned units & concert programs
- Managed music library, instrument inventory, and student records
- Served as music director for theatrical production of “Chicago”
- Received mentorship from cooperating teacher Eric Sayre on all aspects of teacher development

**Minnesota State University-Mankato (Mankato, MN)****2018 - 2019**

Lab Jazz Ensemble Director

- Led ensemble in rehearsal preparation and performance
- Programmed music that will challenge students and entertain audiences
- Incorporated historic context to inform correct performance practices
- Introduced students to beginning jazz improvisation techniques
- Received mentorship from professor of jazz studies Dr. Doug Snapp to develop rehearsal strategies and techniques.

**Waseca Senior High School (Waseca, MN)****2017 - 2019**

Marching Band Instructor

- Designed and implemented brass section music fundamentals routine
- Led students through visual basics rehearsals
- Collaborated with staff to design body movement that enhanced general effect of the field show production

**Madelia Junior/Senior High School (Madelia, MN)****Fall 2019**

Instrumental Music Teacher Candidate

Cooperating teacher – Eric Zimmerman

- Taught weekly private lessons to students grades 7-12 on all band instruments
- Planned and taught units on pre-selected concert works
- Received mentorship from cooperating teacher on all aspects of teacher development

**St. Peter Middle and High School (St. Peter, MN)****Spring 2019**

Instrumental Music Teacher Candidate

Cooperating teacher – Dave Haugh

- Assisted cooperating teacher in planning and preparation for rehearsals
- Planned and taught units on pre-selected concert works
- Taught weekly private lessons to students on all band instruments
- Co-taught a music theory elective course
- Led sectionals for various instruments with students each rehearsal

**Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp (Twin Lake, MI)****Summer 2018**

Cabin Counselor &amp; Sectional Instructor

- Instructed middle & elementary school trumpet sectionals
- Planned and taught a 2-week middle school jazz studies course
- Collaborated with faculty ensemble directors to plan and implement effective rehearsal strategies
- Performed in staff and faculty to ensembles to provide high level models for campers to observe

**Eden Prairie Senior High School (Eden Prairie, MN)****Fall 2016**

Marching Band Music Intern

Ensemble Director – Scott Palmer

- Supported students in need of additional individual instruction
- Assisted staff in music rehearsals with woodwinds and brass
- Prepared rehearsal facilities for each rehearsal

**PROFESSIONAL PERFORMANCE**

2024 – 2025	<b>High &amp; Mighty</b> (Minneapolis, MN) Lead trumpet
2023 – 2025	<b>Bill Simenson Orchestra</b> (Minneapolis, MN) Lead & section trumpet
2023 – 2024	<b>Kenwood Symphony Orchestra</b> (Minneapolis, MN) Principal trumpet
2016 – 2025	<b>The Snaps Jazz Ensemble</b> (Mankato, MN) Band leader/Trumpet
2022 – 2024	<b>Incarnation Lutheran Church</b> (Shoreview, MN) Trumpet
2023 - 2025	<b>K-Libre24 Salsa Band</b> (Minneapolis, MN) Lead trumpet
2023 – 2024	<b>La Clave Orchestra</b> (Minneapolis, MN) Lead trumpet
2024 – 2025	<b>Silver Alchemists Event Band</b> (Minneapolis, MN) Lead trumpet
2024	<b>Twin Cities Jazz Composers Workshop</b> (St. Paul, MN) Lead trumpet
2022 – 2024	<b>Riverside Entertainment Co.</b> (Minneapolis, MN) Lead trumpet
2022 – 2024	<b>Bluewater Kings Band</b> (Minneapolis, MN) Lead trumpet
2019 – 2024	<b>EZ Jazz Group</b> (Mankato, MN) Trumpet
2024	<b>Louis Pettinelli Entertainment</b> (New York, NY) Trumpet
2024	<b>Musicorum Choir</b> (Mankato, MN) Principal Trumpet
2024	<b>PiM Arts High School Theater</b> (Eden Prairie, MN) Trumpet
2024	<b>La Sonora Dinamita</b> (Minneapolis, MN) Trumpet
2023 – 2024	<b>College Street Brass Band</b> (Iowa City, IA) Trumpet
2019 - 2024	<b>Cedar Avenue Big Band</b> (Minneapolis, MN) Lead Trumpet
2024	<b>Red Rock Swing Band</b> (St. Paul, MN) Trumpet
2023	<b>The Macalester Orchestra</b> (St. Paul, MN) Trumpet
2023	<b>Janesville Choral Union LTD</b> (Janesville, WI) Principal trumpet
2022 - 2023	<b>McNasty Brass Band</b> (Minneapolis, MN) Trumpet
2023	<b>Fab 6 Beatles Tribute</b> (Minneapolis, MN) Trumpet
2023	<b>Bluehound Band</b> (Minneapolis, MN) Lead trumpet
2023	<b>Sister Species</b> (Minneapolis, MN) Trumpet
2022 – 2023	<b>Grand Symphonic Winds</b> (St. Paul, MN) Principal trumpet
2022 – 2023	<b>St. Luke's Lutheran Church</b> (Cottage Grove, MN) Trumpet
2023	<b>Linden Hills Chamber Orchestra</b> (Minneapolis, MN) Trumpet
2022	<b>Civic Orchestra of Minneapolis</b> (Minneapolis, MN) Trumpet
2022	<b>Cross View Lutheran Church</b> (Edina, MN) Solo Trumpet
2022	<b>Twin Cities Latin Jazz Orchestra</b> (Minneapolis, MN) Trumpet
2022	<b>Kalamazoo College Commencement Brass</b> (Kalamazoo, MI) Trumpet
2021 – 2022	<b>Kalamazoo College Jazz Ensemble</b> (Kalamazoo, MI) Lead trumpet

2021	<b>Armstrong Boulevard Brass Quintet</b> (Mankato, MN) Trumpet
2019 – 2021	<b>Schell's Brewing Hobo Band</b> (New Ulm, MN) Trumpet
2017 – 2021	<b>Christ the King Lutheran Church</b> (Mankato, MN) Trumpet
2020	<b>Martin Luther King Dream Orchestra</b> (Grand Rapids, MI) Principal trumpet
2017 – 2020	<b>Neon LIVE Event Band</b> (Mankato, MN) Lead trumpet
2019	<b>Powerhouse Pop, Rock, and Funk Band</b> (Mankato, MN) Lead trumpet
2019	<b>Twin Cities Catholic Chorale</b> (St. Paul, MN) Principal trumpet
2019	<b>Jerry Cerchia's Good News Big Band</b> (Bloomington, MN) Trumpet
2017 – 2019	<b>MNSU-Mankato Department of Theatre and Dance</b> (Mankato, MN) Trumpet <i>Shows Performed: Newsies, The Music Man, The Hunchback of Notre Dame, Ragtime: The Musical, Little Women</i>
2018	<b>Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp Staff Ensembles</b> (Twin Lake, MI) Trumpet
2017 – 2018	<b>Centenary United Methodist Church</b> (Mankato, MN) Solo trumpet
2016 – 2017	<b>Minne-Brass</b> (St. Paul, MN) Trumpet
2015	<b>Southern MN Real Big Band</b> (Waseca, MN) Trumpet

## PRIMARY TEACHERS

### Dr. Robert White

- Assistant professor of trumpet at Western Michigan University
- Former 2<sup>nd</sup> trumpet in the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra (Charlotte, NC)

### Professor Scott Thornburg

- Professor of trumpet at Western Michigan University
- Principal Trumpet of the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra (Kalamazoo, MI)

### Dr. Scott Cowan

- Professor of jazz brass & composition/arranging at Western Michigan University
- Conn-Selmer artist/educator & Fulbright scholar

### Dr. Jonathan Brandt

- Adjunct assistant professor of trumpet Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Cloud State University, and former adjunct professor of trumpet Minnesota State University-Mankato
- Novus Brass Quintet founding member

### Dr. Douglas R. Snapp

- Professor of jazz/contemporary instrumental & vocal ensembles, brass, and music technology at Minnesota State University-Mankato
- JazzMN Orchestra Founding Artistic Director (retired)

### Dr. Ramon Vasquez

- Former assistant professor of trumpet at Auburn University & University of Minnesota-Duluth
- Lopez High School Head Band Director (Brownsville, TX)

## ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCES

**Minnesota Music Educators Association** (Minneapolis, MN)

**2025**

All-State Jazz Ensemble trumpet section coach

- Spend a week with the All-State Jazz Ensemble leading sectionals, teaching lessons, and providing mentorship to the top high school jazz trumpet players in the state of Minnesota.

**New Prague Area High School** (New Prague, MN)**2025**

## Jazz Guest Artist

- Taught an educational clinic with the jazz band at NPHS, taught a trumpet masterclass, and performed an evening concert with the NPHS jazz band.

**Minnesota Music Educators Association** (Minneapolis, MN)**2022 - 2025**

## All-State Band Adjudicator: Classical trumpet

- Adjudicated and provided feedback of high school trumpet players eligible for the MMEA All-State band and orchestra.

**Whitehall HS Marching Band** (Whitehall, MI)**August 2023**

## Brass and Visual Instructor

**Wayzata High School Solo and Ensemble Festival** (Plymouth, MN)**January 2023**

## Brass and Woodwind Adjudicator

**Miami Music Festival** (Miami Beach, FL)**July 2022**

Orchestra Fellow: Selected from a pool of over 1,500 young artists to perform for a month in the Miami Beach Classical Music Festival orchestra performing the following works: ( \* indicates full opera)

- o **\*Britten** *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (Solo trumpet)
- o **\*Wagner** *Das Rheingold* (1<sup>st</sup> trumpet)
- o **\*Bizet** *Carmen* (2<sup>nd</sup> trumpet)
- o **\*Mozart** *Die Zauberflöte* (2<sup>nd</sup> trumpet)
- o **Schumann** *Symphony No. 3* (2<sup>nd</sup> trumpet)
- o **Verdi** *La Forza Del Destino Overture* (2<sup>nd</sup> trumpet)
- o **Tchaikovsky** *1812 Overture* (2<sup>nd</sup> trumpet)

## RECITAL PERFORMANCES

2022	<b>WMU Master's Degree Capstone Recital</b>
2021	<b>WMU Joint Masters Non-Degree Recital</b>
2020	<b>WMU Brass Area Recital</b>
2019	<b>MNSU-Mankato Senior Recital</b>
2017	<b>MNSU-Mankato Sophomore Recital</b>
2015	<b>High School Senior Recital</b>

## SELECTED PERFORMED WORKS

Large Ensemble Works ( \* indicates orchestra):

<b>*Respighi</b> <i>Pini di Roma</i> (Principal trumpet)	<b>*Debussy</b> <i>La Mer</i> (1 <sup>st</sup> cornet)
<b>*Stravinsky</b> <i>Firebird Suite</i> (2 <sup>nd</sup> trumpet)	<b>*de Falla</b> <i>Three Cornered Hat Suites 1 &amp; 2</i>
<b>*Saint-Saens</b> <i>Symphony No. 3</i> in C minor (1 <sup>st</sup> trumpet)	<b>Hindemith</b> <i>Symphony in Bb</i> (Principal trumpet)
<b>*Tchaikovsky</b> <i>The Nutcracker</i> Ballet (1 <sup>st</sup> trumpet)	<b>*Adam</b> <i>Giselle</i> ballet (1 <sup>st</sup> trumpet)

**Bernstein** Symphonic Dances from *West Side Story* (1<sup>st</sup> trumpet)

## Solo Works:

**Haydn** Trumpet Concerto in Eb Major**Arutunian** Concerto for Trumpet in Ab major**Honegger** *Intrada* H. 193**Purcell** Trumpet Sonata in D major Z. 850**Bitsch** Variations on a Theme by D. Scarlatti**Kennan** Sonata for Trumpet and Piano**Ewazen** Sonata for Trumpet and Piano**Enescu** *Légende***Desenclos** *Incantation, Thrène et Danse***Peaslee** *Nightsongs*

## CONFERENCE PERFORMANCES

2024	<b>Minnesota Music Educators Association Midwinter Clinic</b> (Minneapolis, MN) - Guest artist with the Maverick Machine Athletic Band from MSU-Mankato.
2019	<b>Jazz Education Network Conference</b> (Reno, NV) - Performed as member of the Snaps Jazz Sextet
2018	<b>Minnesota Music Educators Association Midwinter Clinic</b> (Minneapolis, MN) - Performed as principal trumpet of Minnesota CBDNA Intercollegiate Honor Band
2017	<b>Minnesota Music Educators Association Midwinter Clinic</b> (Minneapolis, MN) - Performed as section trumpet of Minnesota CBDNA Intercollegiate Honor Band
2017	<b>Jazz Education Network Conference</b> (New Orleans, LA) - Performed as lead trumpet of the MNSU-Mankato Jazz Mavericks Big Band
2016	<b>Minnesota Music Educators Association Midwinter Clinic</b> (Minneapolis, MN) - Performed as section trumpet of Minnesota CBDNA Intercollegiate Honor Band
2015	<b>Minnesota Music Educators Association Midwinter Clinic</b> (Minneapolis, MN) - Performed as member of the MMEA All-State Jazz Ensemble

## MASTERCLASSES ATTENDED AND PERFORMED

Tine Thing Helseth*	Allen Vizzutti*
Wayne Bergeron*	Terence Blanchard
John Raymond	Terrell Stafford
Marcus Printup	Charles Lazarus
Dr. Douglas Snapp*	Dr. Thomas Strait
Joseph Burgstaller	Ingrid Jensen
Dr. Ryan Noe*	Michael Tiscione
Raymond Mase*	Marissa Benedict
Tim Hagans*	Michael Sachs

\* *Indicates Performance*

## SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

2024	<b>Save the Music MMEA Scholarship</b> Awarded to music teachers in the state of Minnesota to attend the MMEA Midwinter Clinic.
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2022	<b>Howard Luckey Endowed Scholarship</b> Awarded to student at the discretion of the director of the WMU School of Music.
2020 – 2022	<b>Edwin E. Meader Scholarship</b> Awarded to a student at the discretion of the director of the WMU School of Music.
2020 – 2022	<b>WMU School of Music Scholarship</b> Awarded to a student at the discretion of applied studio teachers in the WMU School of Music.
2016 – 2019	<b>Herbert E. Owen Scholarship</b> Awarded annually to an outstanding undergraduate brass student from the MNSU-Mankato Music Department.
2015	<b>MNSU-Mankato Freshman Music Talent Grant</b> Awarded to an incoming freshman for demonstration of exceptional performance ability.

## LANGUAGES

English: native language  
Spanish: basic phrases and vocabulary

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

Elk River Education Association  
Minnesota Band Directors Association  
Pi Kappa Lambda – National Music Honor Society: Beta Sigma Chapter  
National Education Association  
International Trumpet Guild  
National Association for Music Education  
Minnesota Music Educators Association