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AWARDS & HONORS

July 2004 Australian Band and Orchestra Director's Association Sound's Great!

Conference (Clinician/Presenter: Pedal Points – Low Brass Education for Young and Intermediate students) Part of a personal Australian performance and educational tour. Yearly conference gathering musicians of Melbourne and the greater state of Victoria, Australia.

The Grainger Wind Symphony

(bass trombone; June-July 2004) Served during part of a personal Australian tour. Included performances under Roland Yeung (Australia) and James Kroft (retired, FSU).

Rick White's Monster Big Band

(first call sub: bass/tenor trombones; fall 2003-present) Professional jazz ensemble in the city of Austin, TX (features artists Freddy Mendoza and Thad Scott).

Jim Widner Big Band

(2nd/3rd trombone) Professional jazz ensemble of Midwest artists; appeared at the 2003 Missouri Music Educators' Association Conference (included instrumentalists Paul McKee, Jeff Jarvis, Shelly Berg, and others)

2002 Delta Symphony

Orchestra Concerto Competition Finalist; Ewazen *Concerto for Bass Trombone or Tuba*; Arkansas State Univ

2002 Texas Music Festival

(bass trombone) Summer orchestral music festival, Univ of Houston

2001 Rome Festival Summer

Orchestra Invited to attend/perform for summer; declined due to financial cost

2000 Missouri Music Teachers' Association Solo Competition

Collegiate Brass Solo Winner (bass trombone)

Interlochen Center for the Arts

2000 & 2001 (bass trombone) Faculty/Staff Orchestra, Jazz Band, Wind Band, Sousa Band, Orchestra Brass Sextet, Staff Trombone Quartet

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

- **Candidate** Master of Music, Performance; GPA 4.0/4.0
- **Bass Trombone** Symphony Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, Chamber Winds, New Music Ensemble, Jazz Orchestra, Jazz Ensemble, Trombone Choir
- **Tenor Trombone** New Music Ensemble, Jazz Orchestra

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI-COLUMBIA

- **Graduate** Bachelor of Music, Performance; May 2003
- **GPA** 3.762/4.00 (Cum Laude)
- **Bass/Tenor Trombone** Wind Ensemble (principle/bass, Philharmonic Orchestra, Jazz I (lead/bass)
- **Euphonium** Symphonic Band, Tuba Ensemble
- **Piano** Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, accompanying

EXPERIENCE

- **6 Week Freelance Tour – Melbourne, Australia** June/July 2004; master classes and performances for K-12 (equivalent) schools in Melbourne and surrounding area. Also: Low Brass Tutor/Coach for the 2004 Victoria State Honours Band w/ guest conductor James Kroft - retired, Florida State Univ.
- **Lyndon Baines Johnson High School, Bowie High School, Clint Small Middle School – Low Brass Specialist/Conductor** Fall 2003 - present; private instructor and sectional coach (Austin Independent School District schools), Conductor of the Bowie High School Trombone Choir.
- **Interlochen Center for the Arts – Organizational Librarian** Summers 2000, 2001; music librarian for three student orchestras and auditioned/performed with staff ensembles
- **Missouri Summer Music Institute – Counselor, Staff** Summers 1999, 2002, 2003; Counselor, Organizational Manager/Librarian, Trombone Instructor, Equipment Manager
- **Compositions Performed by** Interlochen Arts Camp Faculty/Staff Orchestra, Univ of Texas at Austin Trombone Choir, Univ of Missouri Trombone Choir, Zeta Chapter of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Men's Chorus
- **Other Skills** music composer & arranger; **proficiencies include** Coda *Finale*, Microsoft & Adobe tools, IBM/Mac/UNIX, Sonic Foundry *SoundForge*

REFERENCES

- **Dr. Nathaniel Brickens** Professor of Trombone, Univ of Texas at Austin; Brickens@mail.utexas.edu
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