

John-Thomas Burson, Trumpet

Performer, Educator, Writer

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Education

Master of Music in Performance
Stony Brook University
2015 - 2017 (expected)

Bachelor of Music in Performance
Kennesaw State University
2011 - 2014
Summa Cum Laude

Highlights

- Aspen Music Festival New Horizons Fellowship Recipient (2015)
- Substitute Trumpet, Georgia Symphony Orchestra (2011 - present)
- Concerto Competition Winner at Kennesaw State University (2015)
- Soloist with the Georgia Symphony Orchestra (Summer 2014)
- International Trumpet Guild Scholarship Winner (2014)
- Co-Founder and Trumpet Artist with Spectacle Brass (2012 - 2015)
- Over six years of private and group trumpet instruction
- Principal Trumpet, Georgia Music Educators Association All-College Band (2013, 2014)
- Selected to attend various national music festivals, including the Aspen Music Festival, Bay View Music Festival, YMF Balmat National Orchestra Camp, Sewanee Summer Music Festival, and the Bar Harbor Brass Week
- Principal Trumpet, Kennesaw State University Orchestra and Wind Ensemble (2011 - 2014)
- Three-time semifinalist at the National Trumpet Competition (Undergraduate Division)

Major Applied Instructors and References

- **Kevin Cobb**, *American Brass Quintet*
Graduate Applied Trumpet Study at Stony Brook University
Fall 2015 - Spring 2017
ABQCobb@aol.com / (917) 670-8081
- **Thomas Hooten**, *Principal Trumpet, L.A. Philharmonic*
Undergraduate Applied Trumpet Study at Kennesaw State University
Fall 2011 - Spring 2012
tomhooten@gmail.com / (404) 877-8741
- **Dr. Douglas Lindsey**, *Kennesaw State University*
Undergraduate Applied Trumpet Study at Kennesaw State University
Fall 2012 - Fall 2014
doug.trumpeter@gmail.com / (479) 790-6988
- **Michael Tiscione**, *Atlanta Symphony Orchestra*
Undergraduate Applied Trumpet Study at Kennesaw State University
Fall 2014 - Spring 2015
miketiscione@gmail.com / (770) 313-3933
- **Karin Bliznik**, *Principal Trumpet, St. Louis Symphony*
Undergraduate Applied Trumpet Study at Kennesaw State University
Fall 2012 - Spring 2013
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- **Jennifer Marotta**, *Trumpet*
Undergraduate Applied Trumpet Study at Kennesaw State University
Fall 2011 - Spring 2012
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Additional Applied Instruction

- **Scott Thornburg**, *Spectrum Brass Quintet*
Study during the 2014 Bay View Music Festival
- **Brian Buerkle**, *Spectrum Brass Quintet*
Study during the 2014 Bay View Music Festival
- **Jose Sibaja**, *Boston Brass*
Study during the 2013 Boston Brass Music Clinic

- **Peter Bond**, *Metropolitan Opera Orchestra*
Study during the 2012 Sewanee Summer Music Festival
- **Brian Miller**, *Trumpet*
Instruction 2005 - 2010

Performance Experience

Aspen Music Festival and School 2015

- New Horizons Fellowship Recipient
- Extensive orchestral and chamber music performance and training in Aspen, Colorado

Co-Founder and Trumpet Artist, Spectacle Brass 2012 - 2015

- Multiple world-premiere performances, including a recent commission from Washburn University Artist-in-Residence William Funk
- Finalist in the 2013 Calvin Smith Brass Quintet Competition
- Selected to attend the 2013 Boston Brass Music Clinic
- Performance at the 2013 Crested Butte Music Festival in Colorado
- Selected to attend the 2014 Bay View Music Festival
- Public masterclass performances for Robert Spano, American Brass Quintet, Chicago Symphony Brass Quintet, and Boston Brass

In addition to my trumpet responsibilities in Spectacle Brass, I served as the booking coordinator and business planner for the group, working to form the group as a recognized LLC in the State of Georgia and growing a web presence which consistently earns the group performances in multiple southeastern states.

Substitute Trumpet, Georgia Symphony Orchestra 2011 - present

- Multiple season performances alongside top Atlanta professionals
- Solo appearance in 2014

**Principal Trumpet, Kennesaw State University Wind Ensemble and Orchestra
2011 - 2014**

Notable Repertoire Performed as Principal Trumpet:

- Tchaikovsky *Symphony No. 6*
- Bartok *Concerto for Orchestra*
- Chen Yi *Symphony No. 3*
- John Adams *Tromba Lontana* (as soloist)
- Esa Pekka Salonen *Helix*
- Dvorak *Symphony No. 9*
- David Lang *Grind to a Halt*
- Tchaikovsky *Swan Lake*
- Stephen Sondheim *Into the Woods* (chamber orchestra)
- Hindemith *Symphony for Band* (Solo cornet)
- Grainger *Lincolnshire Posy*

**Trumpet Performer and Leader, Patriot Brass Ensemble Atlanta
2012 - present**

- National 501(c)3 Organization dedicated to bringing affordable live music to veterans
- As the Atlanta leader, I am responsible for hiring and organizing freelance musicians for regional performances of Patriot Brass Atlanta

**Cornet, Georgia Brass Band
2014 - 2015 (Substitute 2012 - 2013)**

- Cornetist in the NABBA award-winning Georgia Brass Band
- Recent performance with Phil Smith, NY Philharmonic

Additional Classical Performance Experience

- Colorado Brass Band
- Barrington Brass
- Phoenix Brass Quintet of Columbus, Georgia (Founding Member)
- Georgia Festival Orchestra and Chorus
- Gwinnett Ballet Orchestra
- Sewanee Festival Orchestra
- Atlanta Trumpet League (ATL)

- Georgia All-College Band (Principal Trumpet 2013, 2014)
- Kennesaw State University Trumpet Ensemble
- Columbus State University Wind Ensemble
- Columbus State University Symphony Orchestra
- Columbus State University Trumpet Ensemble
- Atlanta Symphony Youth Orchestra (Principal Trumpet)
- Wildwood Celebration Orchestra (Lead Trumpet)

Jazz and Pop Performance Experience

- A-Town A-List (Hornline)
- Ryan Snow and the Bandits (Hornline)
- Greg Howlett (Live Orchestra Taping)
- Backline for Sheila Raye Charles and Ray Charles family
- Kennesaw State University Jazz Ensemble (Sam Skelton, Conductor)

Solo Experience and Recitals

Concerto Competition Winner at Kennesaw State University 2015

- Performance of the Arutunian Trumpet Concerto with the KSU Symphony Orchestra on April 15th, 2015

Guest Soloist, Georgia Symphony Orchestra Summer 2014

- Performance of the cornet duet *Friendly Rivals* by Charles Godfrey
- Collaboration with Justin Rowan (cornet) from Spectacle Brass
- Approx. 5,000 audience members for this outdoor June 2014 concert

Undergraduate Senior Recital Repertoire May 2014

- David Sampson *Breakaway* (for two trumpets and electronics)
- William Funk *Quartet for Flugelhorn, Viola, Soprano, and Saxophone* (World Premiere)
- Vincent Persichetti *The Hollow Men*
- Eric Ewazen *Trio for Trumpet, Violin, and Piano*
- Anthony DiLorenzo *Firedance*

Undergraduate Junior Recital Repertoire

April 2013

- Charpentier *Prelude from "Te Deum"* (with Spectacle Brass)
- Anthony Plog *Animal Ditties II*
- Hindemith *Concerto for Trumpet, Bassoon, and Piano*
- Bernstein *Selections from West Side Story* (with Spectacle Brass)

Music Festivals

- Aspen Music Festival and School (2015)
- Bay View Music Festival (2014)
- Boston Brass Music Clinic (2013)
- Sewanee Summer Music Festival (2012)
- National Brass Symposium (Excerpt Competition Finalist) (2011)
- Bar Harbor Brass Week (attended 2010 / accepted 2012)
- Georgia Governor's Honors Program for Music (2009)
- YMF National Orchestra Camp (2006)

Teaching Experience

Private Trumpet/Horn Instructor, West Georgia Arts Conservatory

2013 - 2015

- Responsible for teaching trumpet and horn students of various levels. West Georgia Arts also features a booking company, of which I am an active musician.

Independent Contractor, Cobb County and Fulton County Schools

2012 - present

- Coachings at multiple middle and high schools in Cobb County, GA. Responsibilities include sectional group instruction, demonstration of instruments for prospective students, and instruction during band camps.

Trumpet Instructor, Ponier Music (Acworth and Canton, GA)

2012 - 2013

- Private Instruction for students of all ages

**Marching Band Tech, Carlton J. Kell High School (Marietta, GA)
2010 - 2011**

- Group and individual instruction for marching band brass students.

Publications and Academic Presentations

**Undergraduate Research Presentation at Kennesaw State University
May 2014**

- I successfully submitted a research proposal and abstract to represent the School of Music in KSU's annual Undergraduate Research Presentations. Research focused on the development of the modern trumpet beginning with Vincent Bach and was presented to a panel of select faculty from the University.

**Program Notes Annotator, Bailey Performance Center
2014**

- Selected by faculty recommendation to prepare program notes for *Premiere Series* Concerts at Metro Atlanta's Bailey Performance Center. Published notes include those for David Coucheron (Concertmaster, Atlanta Symphony Orchestra) and the American Brass Quintet.

Community Involvement

**Music and Bugling Merit Badge Counselor, Boy Scouts of America
2013 - present**

- Organized and hosted a Music Merit Badge Clinic for the Atlanta Area Council

**Member, Bugles Across America
2007 - present**

- This national organization provides the live performance of Taps to military funerals at no cost to military families. It has been an extraordinary honor to sound Taps at dozens of services and special events over the last several years.

**Wildwood Baptist Church (Acworth, GA) Worship Team Member
2011 - 2015**

- Biweekly service as a trumpeter and coordination of hornline rehearsals/responsibilities

Academic and Professional Organizations

- Member, International Trumpet Guild (2011 - present)
 - Performance at 2015 Conference
- Member, Delta Epsilon Iota Honor Society (2012 - present)
- Member, Golden Key International Honour Society (2012 - present)
- Member, National Society of Collegiate Scholars (2011 - present)