

William Rabun

Assistant Professor of Trumpet, DePauw University

Education

- Indiana University-** Bloomington, IN Spring 2025 Anticipated
Doctor of Music: Trumpet Performance and Literature
• Doctoral project: *A Comparison and Analysis of the Pedagogical Trumpet Literature of Peter Bond and Mark Gould*
- University of Alaska Fairbanks-** Fairbanks, AK 2016
Master of Music: Trumpet Performance
• Thesis: *The Influence of Paul Hindemith on Trumpet Repertoire*
- United States Army School of Music-** Virginia Beach, VA 2010
- Western State Colorado University-** Gunnison, CO 2009
Bachelor of Arts: Music
• Music Educators National Conference Chapter President (2007-2009)

Teaching Experience

- DePauw University-** Greencastle, IN 2021- Present
Assistant Professor of Trumpet, Chamber Music Coordinator
- **Trumpet Studio**
 - Leads a dynamic trumpet studio comprised of Music Education, Music Performance, and non-music majors, fostering a collaborative learning environment.
 - Mentored students to achieve a 100% job placement for Music Education majors upon graduation, demonstrating a strong commitment to student success.
 - Developed and facilitated weekly brass masterclasses, offering targeted instruction, and fostering a high level of technical and artistic development for students.
 - Coaches chamber music ensembles, including brass and mixed-instrument groups, encouraging collaboration and musical exploration.
 - Cultivates an inclusive studio environment, allowing students from diverse backgrounds, races, gender identities, and socioeconomic statuses to express themselves freely and grow as musicians.
 - Uses innovative problem-solving techniques to address and overcome individual performances challenges, enhancing student growth.
 - Liaised between faculty members to ensure consistency and quality across chamber music coaching, supporting interdisciplinary collaboration.

- Led recruitment efforts for the music department, conducting masterclasses across the Midwest and engaging prospective students through dynamic outreach initiatives.
- Coordinated a successful trumpet studio recruitment tour of Central Indiana in Spring 2023, actively involving current students in the recruitment process and increasing enrollment.
- **Tiger Pep Band Director**
 - Collaborated across multiple departments (Athletics, cheerleading, dance teams, and Alumni Engagement) to secure over \$45,000 in donations over three years, enhancing the Pep Band's visibility and resources.
 - Developed student leadership by inspiring students to take initiative, resulting in the creation of a student leadership team with defined roles, including a student director, secretary, librarian, and spirit coordinator.
 - Expertly managed the budget, overseeing travel reservations, catering, equipment, uniforms, and Alumni relations, resulting in a consistent annual budget surplus of over \$4,000 while maintaining high standards for equipment and program quality.
 - Increased membership by 300% within two years, transforming the Pep Band into a thriving student organization with growing participation and engagement.
 - Successfully prepared the ensemble for three nationally televised performances, including the prestigious Monon Bell Classic rivalry game
 - Coordinated and executed travel logistics for two high-profile away game performances, ensuring a smooth and professional experience for all participants.

Franklin Central High School- Indianapolis, IN 2021- 2023
Trumpet instructor/ marching band high brass caption head

- Students accepted into numerous college programs including Ball State University, Butler University, University of Indianapolis, and DePauw University

Martin University- Indianapolis, IN 2022
Visiting Adjunct Instructor of Music

- Delivered an engaging hybrid music appreciation course to a diverse group of non-traditional and adult learners, tailoring instruction to meet the unique needs of students from a wide range of cultural, socioeconomic, and educational backgrounds.
- Fostered a supportive and inclusive classroom environment, encouraging active participation both in the classroom and online.

Personal Trumpet Studio- Bloomington, IN and Indianapolis, IN 2019-2022
Trumpet lessons

- Guided students to successful college admissions as music majors, with multiple students accepted into prestigious programs at Ball State University, Butler University, and the University of Indianapolis.
- Fostered a high level of student achievement, with students consistently excelling in auditions, performances, and music competitions, securing scholarships and performance opportunities.

Percussion in the Valley Studio- Palmer, AK 2016-2019
Trumpet lessons

Fairbanks Community Band- Fairbanks, AK 2015
Interim Director

- Rehearsed for, and directed in all concert series performances
- Programmed music for all the concerts in the series

Guest Artist/ Adjudicator

National Trumpet Competition- Fort Worth, TX 2024-2025
Adjudicator- College Small Ensemble Division

DePauw University Jazz Festival- Greencastle, IN 2021-2023
Adjudicator, Clinician

Valley Jazz Festival- Palmer, AK 2016, 2017
Guest Artist, and Adjudicator

University of Alaska Fairbanks Jazz Festival- Fairbanks, AK 2015
Guest Artist

Broadway-style Musical Experience

Beef and Boards Dinner Theater- Indianapolis, IN 2023-Present
Trumpet

- Performs 9 shows weekly, delivering high-quality performances across a diverse range of productions.
- Featured in major productions including *A Beef and Boards Christmas*, *A Christmas Story: The Musical*, *Beautiful: The Carol King Musical*, *Disney's Beauty and the Beast*, *Duke Ellington's Sophisticated Ladies*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Grumpy Old Men: The Musical*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, *Kinky Boots*, *Legally Blonde*, *Saturday Night Fever: The Musical*, *The King and I*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *White Christmas*.

Beef and Boards Dinner Theater- Indianapolis, IN 2019-2023
Substitute Trumpet

- Provided professional trumpet performances as a substitute musician for numerous productions including *A Christmas Story: The Musical*, *Addams Family: The Musical*, *An American in Paris*, *Newsies*, *Phantom*, *Saturday Night Fever*.

Vive Les Arts Center- Killeen, TX 2010-2011
Trumpet

- Played in multiple productions including *Anything Goes*, *Civil War: The Musical*, *Grease*, *The Man of La Mancha*, showcasing versatility across varied musical theater genres.

Military Band/ Chamber Music Experience

- HotHorns-** Indianapolis, IN 2023
Trumpet
- 38th Infantry Division Band-** Indianapolis, IN 2019-2020
Trumpet/ Music Performance Team Leader
- 9th Army Band-** Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson, AK 2012-2019
Trumpet/ Music Performance Team Leader
- Conducted rehearsals for Concert Band
 - Brass Quintet Musical Director
 - Trumpet Section Leader
 - Planned and coordinated travel for all Brass Quintet, and Trumpet (Taps) performances resulting in over 400 successful performances
 - Featured soloist with Concert Band
 - Arranged 27 new song selections for the Brass Quintet to make our musical selections more relevant and inclusive to marginalized groups of composers
- International Trumpet Guild Conference-** Anaheim, CA 2016
Prelude Trumpet Ensemble
- Arctic Chamber Orchestra-** Fairbanks, AK 2015-2017
Principal Trumpet
- 1st Cavalry Division Band-** Killeen, TX 2010-2012
Trumpet
- Performed with the brass quintet in 3 different states, and 4 different countries including Germany, Ireland, and Kuwait, and Afghanistan
 - Led weekly sectionals for the Concert Band and Ceremonial band
 - Performed Lead Trumpet in the Jazz Ensemble, and Salsa/Latin Band

Recordings

- Wood and Rodin Music Producers-** Indianapolis, IN 2021- Present
Trumpet
- Randall Standridge Music Publications- 2022 catalogue
 - Carl Fischer- Concert Band
 - Hal Leonard- Marching Band
 - National Christian Choir

Orchestral Experience

- Carmel Symphony Orchestra**- Carmel, IN 2023
Trumpet II- Serpentine Fire Concert
Off Stage Trumpet- Verdi Requiem
- Contributed to the ensemble's successful performance in these diverse repertoires, demonstrating versatility in classical and contemporary orchestral music.
- Fairbanks Symphony Orchestra**- Fairbanks, AK 2013-2017
Principal Trumpet
- Featured in a professional recording of the Mozart *Piano Concerto in D Minor* with renowned pianist Alexander Kobrin, showcasing technical mastery and artistic collaboration.
- Opera Fairbanks**- Fairbanks, AK 2013, 2016
Assistant Principal Trumpet
- Performed under the baton of Gregory Buchalter, Maestro di Banda for the Metropolitan Opera, contributing to the high-caliber performances of Opera Fairbanks.
 - Played a crucial role in the brass section for productions, ensuring precision and stylistic fidelity to the operatic repertoire.

Solo Performances

- Mat-Su Concert Band**- Palmer, AK 2018
Manhattan by Philip Sparke
- 9th Army Band**- Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, AK 2017
Trumpet Concerto by Alexander Arutunian
- University of Alaska Fairbanks Wind Symphony**- Fairbanks, AK 2015
Nexus by James Curnow

Awards and Honors

- Army Commendation Medal 2011, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2019
- Joint Service Achievement Medal 2011
- Army Achievement Medal 2011, 2015
- NATO Medal 2012
- Meritorious Unit Commendation 2015
- Global War on Terrorism Service Medal 2012
- Afghanistan Campaign Medal 2012
- Western State Colorado University, George F. Damson Concerto Competition- Co-Winner 2008
- Western Wyoming College Jazz Festival, Outstanding Improvisation Soloist 2007