

Noblesville Band Department
Instrumental Private Instructors 2021
“World Class Performance and Instruction”

ALL STUDENTS are strongly encouraged to take private lessons. It is the single best way to improve their instrumental technique and musical ability. Private lessons take place during the school day. Private instructors have background checks through the school corporation. Parents and private instructors work out their own payment and lesson schedules. Contact one of our amazing teachers and get signed up today!

Katie McDermitt – FLUTES – katie.mcdermitt@gmail.com



Katie McDermitt is an accomplished flute instructor and performer with a degree in flute performance from Butler University. She is a flautist with the Indianapolis Symphonic Orchestra, Fisher Chamber Orchestra and wind symphony, and Indiana Wind Symphony. Katie has extensive teaching experience with students of all ages and abilities. Her students receive Gold ratings at ISSMA Solo and Ensemble contest at regional and State. She takes pride in working with each individual's learning needs to help them succeed.

CECILY TERHUNE – Clarinets / Saxophones - cecilyterhune@gmail.com



Woodwind performer Cecily Terhune has been described as having “the heart of a musician - an engaging performer and a natural teacher”. Terhune has performed internationally and holds a master's degree in music performance from the College-Conservatory of Music, University of Cincinnati. A dedicated educator, Terhune teaches private lessons and small ensembles and enjoys working with various ages and skill levels. She specializes in flute, clarinet, and saxophone and loves many types of music, especially jazz and classical.

PETER LUTRULL – Saxophones / Jazz Improvisation - pjlutrull@gmail.com



Peter Lutrull is an Indianapolis based saxophonist, educator, and arranger. He teaches saxophone, flute, and clarinet as well as improvisation, and composition. Peter received his Bachelor's degree in Classical Saxophone Performance from Indiana Wesleyan University and his Masters degree in Jazz Studies from Michigan State University. While at Michigan State, Peter performed with Christian McBride, Peter Bernstein, Brian Lynch, Kenny Barron, and Louis Hayes. Peter has performed throughout the United States and can currently be seen playing in the Indianapolis area.

DR. CRYSTAL BARRETT – Oboes - oboelian@hotmail.com



Dr. Crystal Barrett is currently Principal Oboe with the Owensboro Symphony Orchestra and the Lafayette Symphony Orchestra. Additionally, she has an active career as a freelance musician in the Greater Indianapolis area where she is a frequent recording studio musician and extra musician with ensembles such as the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra.

Dr. Barrett received her Doctorate and Performer Diploma from Indiana University under the accomplished oboists Roger Roe and Linda Strommen. Additionally, she completed a Master of Music from Louisiana State University and a Bachelor of Arts in Music Cum Laude from the University of South Carolina Honors College.

CHRISTY SANTANGELO – Bassoons - cmsantangelo@gmail.com



Christy Santangelo has been teaching bassoon for 19 years. Originally from Virginia, she earned a Bachelor of Music degree in Music Education from East Carolina University and has completed post-graduate work at Shenandoah University and Old Dominion University. Christy has taught middle school orchestra and band, while maintaining an active bassoon studio over the years. In Virginia, she was a member of various groups including the Virginia Wind Symphony. Over the years, Christy's groups have consistently earned Superior ratings at festivals and her bassoon students have earned positions in honor's, district, regional, and All-State bands and several have gone on to have careers in music as well.

JENNIFER SIUKOLA – Trumpets - trumpet.jen@gmail.com



Jen has extensive experience as a freelance and studio musician in Indianapolis and the surrounding area. A few performance highlights include playing with the Four Tops, The Platters, the Anderson Symphony Orchestra, and the Lafayette Symphony Orchestra. Her debut Albumn “Lighthouse Reverie” climbed to #2 on the Roots music Jazz Charts and has received excellent reviews. As an educator, Jen keeps busy teaching jazz trumpet at Butler University, and trumpet lessons at Noblesville High School and in her home studio. She is a regular ensemble director for the Butler Youth Jazz Program.

Benjamin Hottensmith – Horn - benjaminhottensmith@gmail.com



Dr. Benjamin Hottensmith recently completed his Doctor of Musical Arts degree as a Graduate Associate to the Horn Studio at The Ohio State University under the tutelage of Professor Bruce Henniss. Prior to Ohio State, Ben attended Kent State University and the University of Akron. Ben is a member of the Ashland (OH) Symphony and has performed with groups throughout Northeast and Central Ohio including City Music Cleveland, the New Albany Symphony, and the Ohio Light Opera. Ben has also performed as a soloist with the Brunswick High School Wind Ensemble at the 2017 OMEA Convention and with the University of Akron Symphonic Band as a winner of the 2016 UA Concerto Competition. Outside of music Ben enjoys fishing, coffee, cooking, and spending time with his wife and two cats.

John Huntoon – Trombone / Euphonium – jrhuntoon9@gmail.com



John is a graduate of Millikin University and Bowling Green State University and holds degrees in Music Education and Trombone Performance. From 1998 until 2017, John served on the faculty at Anderson University in Indiana as Director of Low Brass, Brass Ensembles, and Jazz Ensemble. During that time, he was also Assistant Director and Director of Bands. Currently, Mr. Huntoon is the Program Director for Just Press Play, an after-school music academy serving the youth in Madison County, Indiana, and the Madison County Youth Orchestra Project. In addition, he is the Music Director for Central Christian Church in Anderson. He serves as the Principal trombonist for many symphonies and has played with the Indianapolis Symphony. He also is a member of Bone Appetit, a trombone jazz sextet. John has performed with such artists as Ray Charles, George Benson, the Moody Blues, Michael Feinstein, Marie Osmond, Johnny Mathis, and Sandy Patti. He resides in Cicero, Indiana, with his wife, Diana, and Golden Retriever, Binkley.

Anthony Kniffen – Tuba / Euphonium – akniffen@butler.edu



Anthony Kniffen was appointed Principal Tuba of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra in September 1997 and Tuba Instructor at Butler University in 2018. ISO highlights include performing a concerto for a 2004 Symphony on the Prairie concert, another on the classical series in 2008, and being a featured soloist on Yuletide Celebration. Other highlights include recording a brass CD with the Chicago Symphony Brass section in 2010, substitute teaching the tuba studio for his alma mater Indiana University and being the ‘play-along’ tuba player on the Hal Leonard educational project: “Essential Elements 2000”.

MURRAY MAST – Percussion - murraymast@gmail.com



Murray Mast has led a varied performing and teaching career, specializing in steel drums, new chamber works, and orchestral performance. He has also been a member of the Canton Bluecoats Drum and Bugle Corps. As an educator, Murray has served on the faculty of several universities as well as serving as the Director of Percussion and Jazz at Tomball High School in Texas. He is currently performing and teaching Indianapolis, where he has been doing recording work for such clients as Disney, Hal Leonard, and Alfred Music. Murray is the Percussion Director for Noblesville Band Department.