

***Preston Trent Light, D.M.A.***

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**EDUCATION**

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**University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music (CCM)—2016-2019**

Doctor of Musical Arts: Music Performance

- Cognate in Chamber Music

Graduated: August 2019 (GPA: 3.96)

Major Professor: Timothy Northcut

Additional Studies with Christopher Olka (Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra)

**University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music (CCM)—2014-2016**

Masters of Music: Music Performance

Graduated April 2016

Major Professor: Timothy Northcut

**Tennessee Technological University (TTU)—2010-2014**

Bachelor of Music: Instrumental Music Education

Graduated May 2014, *magna cum laude* (3.89 GPA)

Major Professor: R. Winston Morris

**PROFESSIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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**Adjunct Professor of Tuba and Euphonium**

*Xavier University—August 2019-Present*

**Adjunct Professor of Tuba and Euphonium**

*Northern Kentucky University—August 2018-May 2019*

Duties include:

- Teach applied lessons in tuba and euphonium
- Actively recruit for the music department

**Sabbatical Replacement**

*University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music for Professor Timothy Northcut  
Spring 2018 Semester*

Duties include:

- Teach undergraduate tuba and euphonium fundamental lessons
- Teach tuba and euphonium studio class
- Teach undergraduate brass orchestral repertoire class
- Teach tuba and euphonium excerpt class

**Graduate Teaching Assistant**

*University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music—August 2016-2019*

Duties include:

- Teach undergraduate tuba and euphonium fundamental lessons

- Assist with tuba and euphonium studio class held twice a week focusing on solo and chamber repertoire
- Assist with weekly tuba and euphonium excerpt class
- Assist with the CCM tuba euphonium ensemble
- Coach undergraduate chamber music ensembles
- Coach undergraduate brass orchestral repertoire class
- Wrote grant in Spring 2017 for the tuba studio to purchase a cimballo

#### **Guest Artist Master Classes and Recitals**

- University of Kentucky, March 28, 2019
- Winthrop University, March 22, 2019
- UVA-Wise Tuba Euphonium Day, February 16, 2019
- Ohio University, October 21, 2018
- University of Virginia at Wise, March 16, 2018
- East Tennessee State University, October 11, 2017
- University of North Carolina at Pembroke, October 9, 2017
- Appalachian State University, April 23, 2017
- Tennessee Technological University, April 6, 2017
- University of Virginia at Wise, March 17, 2017

#### **Private Instructor**

*Cincinnati, OH—2014-Present*

*Cookeville, TN—2010-2014*

#### **Student Teacher**

*Algood Elementary School, Cookeville, TN—2013-2014*

*Algood Middle School, Cookeville, TN—2013-2014*

#### **Brass Tech**

*Dobyns Bennett High School, Kingsport, TN—2011—present*

*John Sevier Middle School, Kingsport, TN—2011—present*

*Kings High School, Kings Mills, OH—Fall 2018—present*

*Madeira High School, Cincinnati, OH—Fall 2019*

*Sycamore High School, Montgomery, OH—Fall 2018*

*Turpin High School, Cincinnati, OH—Fall 2017*

*Conner High School, Hebron, KY—Fall 2017*

*Athens High School, Athens, AL—Fall 2013*

Duties include:

- Teaching low brass music sectionals, focusing on fundamentals of brass playing and memorization
- Teaching basic marching techniques
- Setting and cleaning drill sets during band camp

## **PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE**

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### **Intern for Pedal Note Media**

*May 2019-Present*

- Assist with production of Pedal Note Media podcasts such as “The Brass Junkies” and “The Entrepreneurial Musician”
- Work to help develop new material for the brand

### **Adjudicator for the Wright State University Low Brass Festival**

*January 2019*

- Adjudicated the live final round for the WSU Low Brass Festival Solo Competition

### **Adjudicator for the Young Artist Solo Tuba Competition at the Midwest Tuba Euphonium Conference**

*April 2018*

- Adjudicated the live final round for the Midwest Tuba Euphonium Conference (MWRTEC)

### **Adjudicator for the Wright State University Low Brass Festival**

*January 2018*

- Adjudicated the recorded round of twenty trombone, euphonium, and tuba tapes for the preliminary round of the WSU Low Brass Festival

### **International Tuba Euphonium Association (ITEA)**

*August 2016-Present*

- “Back Row” Column Editor
  - Biannual publications of interviews with professional tubists, covering their background and experiences, as well as pedagogical teachings of excerpts
- Coordinator of the Orchestral Players Project
  - Interview professional orchestral tubists from across the world to be published on the ITEA website
- New Music Reviewer
  - Write reviews of new music and recordings submitted to ITEA to be published in the association’s quarterly journal

### **CCM Graduate Student Association—Treasurer**

*University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music—August 2017-August 2018*

Duties include:

- Attending advisory board meetings
- Scheduling workshops and guest speakers for CCM
- Planning and hosting fundraising events during the school year for CCM and in conjunction with other colleges within UC
- Approving travel grants for CCM graduate students

**PROFESSIONAL PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE**

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**Springfield (OH) Symphony Orchestra**

- Springfield, OH; substitute musician, November 2018-Present

**Charlotte Symphony Orchestra**

- Charlotte, NC; substitute musician, November 2018-Present

**Queen City Opera**

- Cincinnati, OH; October 2018-Present

**St. Louis Symphony Orchestra**

- St. Louis, MO; substitute musician, September 2018
- Semifinalist for the Principal Tuba Audition, November 2018

**Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra**

- Cincinnati, OH; substitute musician, June 2018-Present

**Finalist for the Kansas City Symphony Principal Tuba Audition**

- June 4-6, 2018

**Blue Ash Montgomery Symphony Orchestra**

- Blue Ash, OH; May 2018-Present

**Runner Up for the West Virginia Symphony Principal Tuba Audition**

- April 15, 2018

**Solo Recital at the Midwest Regional Tuba Euphonium Conference**

- April 13-15, 2018, Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne Fort Wayne, IN

**Solo Recital at the Mid-Atlantic Regional Tuba Euphonium Conference**

- March 9-10, 2018, University of North Carolina Greensboro, Greensboro, NC

**Runner Up for the Baltimore Symphony Principal Tuba Audition**

- February 23-26, 2018

**Canterbury Brass Quintet**

- Guest artists with the Cincinnati Vocal Arts Ensemble “Candlelit Christmas” concerts, December 16-17, 2017

**Youngstown Symphony Orchestra**

- Youngstown, OH; substitute musician, October 2017-Present

**Seven Hills Brass Ensemble**

- September 2017-Present

**Richmond (IN) Symphony Orchestra**

- Richmond, IN; substitute musician, September 2017-Present

**Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra**

- Cincinnati, OH; substitute musician, August 2017-Present

**Hans Zimmer Live on Tour**

- August 3, 2017, US Bank Arena, Cincinnati, OH

**Summit Brass (Extra Tuba)**

- July 15, 2017, Denver, CO as part of the Rafael Mendez Brass Institute

**Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra**

- Dayton, OH; substitute musician, August 2014-Present

**The United States Army Band “Pershing’s Own” Tuba Euphonium Workshop**

- Guest artist, performed on Falcone Winner’s Recital, February 2, 2017, Ft. Myer Army Base, Fort Myer, VA

**Opera Project Columbus**

- Columbus, OH; January 2016

**South Bend Symphony Orchestra**

- South Bend, IN; substitute musician, November 2016-Present

**Cincinnati Ballet Orchestra**

- Cincinnati, OH; substitute musician, September 2016

**Substitute for the Johnstown Symphony Orchestra**

- Johnstown, PA; substitute musician, September 2016-Present

**Brevard Music Center**

*Brevard, NC—Summer 2016*

- Brevard Music Center Orchestra
- Brevard Sinfonia
- Brevard Festival Orchestra

**Finalist for the Erie Philharmonic Principal Tuba Audition**

- Erie, PA

**Bryan Symphony Orchestra**

- 2012-2013 Season, Cookeville, TN

## **OTHER PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE**

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### **CCM Graduate Brass Quintet**

- 2017-2019, Cincinnati, OH

### **St. Therese Brass Quintet**

- 2015-2017, Cincinnati, OH

### **CCM Graduate Tuba Euphonium Quartet**

2014-Present, Cincinnati, OH

- Semi Finalist, 2016 International Tuba Euphonium Conference, Knoxville, TN
- Performance, 2015 Ohio Music Educators Conference performance, Cincinnati, OH

### **All Stars Tuba Euphonium Ensemble**

May 2014, Bloomington, IN

- Performance at the 2014 International Tuba Euphonium Conference at Indiana University with soloists Steven Mead and Sergio Carolino, under the baton of R. Winston Morris

### **Tennessee Tech Tuba Ensemble**

2010-2014, Cookeville, TN

Highlights include:

- Performance, 2014 International Tuba Euphonium Conference—May 2014
  - Featured soloist on Vivaldi's "*Winter*" from *the Four Seasons*
- Performance, Carnegie Hall—March 2014
  - Featured soloist on Vivaldi's "*Winter*" from *the Four Seasons*
- Performance, United States Army Band "Pershing's Own" Tuba Euphonium Workshop—January 2014
  - Featured soloist on Vivaldi's "*Winter*" from *the Four Seasons*

### **Tuphonium Tuba Quartet**

2010-2014, Cookeville, TN

- First Place Quartet Competition

### **Soloist with The Orchestra at Maryville College**

March 2013, Maryville, TN

- Winner, Showcase of Area Artists. Performed Ralph Vaughan Williams *Concerto for Bass Tuba*

### **Tuba a Tre Tuba Trio**

2010-2011, Cookeville, TN

- Quarterfinalist, Fischhoff National Chamber Music Competition, South Bend, IN

## **COMPETITONS, HONORS, AND MEMBERSHIPS**

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### **Competitions**

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#### **Music Teachers National Association (MTNA)**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner National Young Artist Brass, Lake Buena Vista, FL, March 19, 2018
- Winner, East Central Division Young Artist Brass, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, January 7, 2018
- Winner, Ohio State Level Young Artist Brass, Capital University, October 22, 2018

#### **The United States Army Band “Pershing’s Own”**

February 2018, Ft. Myer, VA

- Winner, Solo Tuba Competition, January 31, 2018

#### **Rafael Mendez Brass Institute**

July 2017, Denver, CO

- First Place, Tuba Mock Audition

#### **International Women’s Brass Conference**

June 2017, Rowan University: Rowan, NJ

- Honorable Mention, Category 2 Susan Slaughter Solo Competition
- First Place, Category 2 Solo Tuba Competition

#### **Falcone International Euphonium and Tuba Festival**

August 2016, Twin Lakes, MI

- First Prize Winner, Tuba Artist Division

#### **Jan and Beattie Wood Concerto Competition**

July 2016, Brevard Music Center, Brevard, NC

- Performed Ralph Vaughan Williams *Concerto for Bass Tuba* with the Brevard Music Center Orchestra

#### **International Tuba Euphonium Conference**

May 2016, University of Tennessee

- Winner, Mock Band Tuba Competition
- Finalist, Arnold Jacobs Mock Orchestral Competition
- Semifinalist, Tuba Artist Solo Competition
- Semifinalist, Tuba Euphonium Quartet Competition

#### **Ernest N. Glover CCM Brass Choir Competition**

April 2016, University of Cincinnati

- Performed Edward Gregson *Tuba Concerto* with the CCM Brass Choir

**Midwest Regional Tuba Euphonium Conference**

May 2015, Bowling Green State University

- Runner up, Mock Orchestra Competition

**Southeast Regional Tuba Euphonium Conference**

March 2013, University of North Florida

- Winner, Artist Solo Tuba Competition
- Winner, Quartet Competition (Tuphonium Tuba Quartet)
- Runner up, Mock Orchestra Competition

**Fischhoff National Chamber Music Competition**

May 2011, South Bend, IN

- Quarterfinalist, Tuba a Tre Tuba Trio

### **Honors**

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**Captain William Anderson Music Scholarship**

Awarded September 2012

**James Allen Garrett Tuba Scholarship**

Awarded September 2010

### **Memberships**

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**International Tuba Euphonium Association (ITEA)**

2011-Present

**Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia**

2016-2019

**Pi Kappa Lambda- National Music Honors Society**

May 2014

Zeta Xi Chapter at Tennessee Technological University

**Phi Kappa Phi-National Collegiate Honor Society**

April 2013

Tennessee Technological University Chapter

### **CREATIVE ACTIVITY**

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#### **Published Materials**

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- *Orchestral Etudes for Contrabass Tuba* by Benjamin McMillan, edited and supplemented by Preston Light. To be published by Cimarron Music, August 2019.

#### **Commissions**

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- Untitled piece for tuba, euphonium, and electronics by Ben McMillan. To be premiered Fall 2019.
- *Mandelbrot's Dream* for euphonium and electronics by Ben McMillan.



- *My Home Shall Be Eternal* for tuba and piano by Evan Zegiel. Premiered October 21, 2018 at Ohio University.
- *Tomes III* for tuba and electronics by Benjamin McMillan. Premiered October 21, 2018 at Ohio University.
- *Onwards and Upwards* by Frank Gulino. To be premiered by Dr. Chris Combest at The 2018 United States Army Band “Pershing’s Own” Tuba Euphonium Workshop.
- *Zero to Sixty* for tuba and piano by Steve Darling. Premiered at the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music on October 23, 2017
- *Dialogues of Hades: Concerto for Tuba* by Lucas Garner. Premiered at Tennessee Technological University on April 6, 2017
- *Rituals and Awakenings* for Tuba and Timpani by Benjamin McMillan. Premiered at Appalachian State University on April 23, 2017
- *Dualities* for Euphonium, Tuba, and Piano by Benjamin McMillan. Premiered at Tennessee Technological University on April 6, 2017
  - Recorded on Steven Darling’s album “Dualities”
- *Nomadic Dances* by Benjamin McMillan, premiered at the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music on April 3, 2015

### **Recordings**

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- “*Voyage*” (CD), Label: © 2019 Fanfare Cincinnati- Cincinnati Pops Orchestra
- “*Dualities*” (CD), Label: © 2018 Co-Op Press/Emeritus Recordings- Steven Darling
  - Recorded *Dualities* on Steven Darling’s solo CD.
- “*Evolutions (Carnegie VIII)*” (CD), Label: © 2015 Mark Records- Tennessee Tech Tuba Ensemble

**REFERENCES**

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