

NICK BRUNO

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BIO

Nick is a professional trumpet player and educator with extensive performance experience in touring productions, orchestras, Latin and corporate ensembles. Along with performance, Nick is an experienced educator and band director with a Masters of Music from Southern Illinois University, dedicated to teaching performance, and musical excellence.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- ❖ **Assistant Marching Band Director, Southern Nazarene University** Aug 2022 — Dec 2022
Bethany, OK
 - Director/Professor of Brass & Woodwind sections
 - Cataloguing Instrument Inventory
 - Instruction of 100+ students
 - Driving large vehicle hauling 15ft trailer
- ❖ **Jazz Band Director, Heartland Homeschool Bands** Jan 2022 — Dec 2022
Oklahoma City, OK
 - Management of Jazz Program
 - Cataloguing Instrument Inventory
 - Setting up performance showcases
 - Instruction of 25+ students
- ❖ **Middle School Band Director, Success Academy Charter Network** Aug 2024
Harlem, NY
 - Management of two middle school band programs
 - Starting a Band Program
 - Instrument inventory management
 - Running a Music Club
 - Holding audition placements for clubs and class assignments
 - Teaching beginning instruments (Woodwinds, Brass and Percussion)
 - Setting up Performance Showcase
- ❖ **Graduate Assistant - Athletic Bands, Southern Illinois University** Jan 2025 — Dec 2025
Carbondale, IL
 - Rehearsing Marching Band and Pep-Band ensembles
 - Communicating with athletic coordinators during live events
 - Operating an ensemble for large scale sports entertainment (NCAA Conference)
 - Teaching and distribution of marching drill
 - Sound equipment organization and set-up
 - Music librarian - printing, copying, editing, distribution
- ❖ **Graduate Assistant - Trumpet/Jazz/Directing, Southern Illinois University** Jan 2026 — Dec 2026
Carbondale, IL
 - Teaching collegiate level private lessons
 - Teaching individual jazz lessons from beginner to intermediate
 - Building personalized lesson plans for individual learning styles within jazz and classical pedagogy
 - Teaching jazz arrangement
 - Teaching jazz harmonic analysis
 - Conducting quartet trumpet ensembles to 10+ trumpet based ensembles
 - Leading and coaching national competing trumpet ensembles
 - Directing/Conducting world premiere trumpet ensemble pieces
 - Developing spreadsheets for lesson planning, equipment inventory, attendance forms
 - Writing code for spreadsheets
- ❖ **Assistant to Dean of Music, Citrus Community College** Aug 2017 — Jun 2019
Glendora, CA
 - Organization of large sound equipment & music.
 - Driving box truck of equipment; Driving 12 passenger van
 - Music librarian work

❖ Music Instructor/Counselor, Salvation Army	Jun 2021 — Jul 2021
• Taught trumpet, guitar, theory	Oklahoma
• Responsible for multiple campers ages 12-18 yrs	
❖ Trumpet Instructor, Norman Music Institute	Jan 2023 — Dec 2023
	Norman, OK
❖ Trumpet Instructor, Noble High School	Jan 2023 — Dec 2023
	Norman, OK
❖ Trumpet Instructor, Moore Middle School	Jan 2023 — Dec 2023
	Moore, OK
❖ Trumpet Instructor, Music and Arts	Aug 2018 — Jun 2019
	Glendora, CA

TOURS/RECORDINGS/NOTABLE PERFORMANCES

❖ A Christmas Story - Big League Productions	Nov 2025 — Dec 2025
First Trumpet	
❖ How the Grinch Stole Christmas - CrossRoads Live North America	Oct 2024 — Dec 2024
First Trumpet	
Bb/Piccolo/Flugelhorn	
❖ The Cher Show - Big League Productions	Nov 2023 — Jul 2024
First Trumpet	
❖ A Christmas Story - Big League Productions	Nov 2021 — Jan 2022
First Trumpet	
❖ Melissa Manchester Album Release Concert	Sept 2017
Third Trumpet	Torrance, CA
❖ Resident Musician - Sheraton Hotels	
Big Band and Top 40's	Waikiki, HW
July - 2018	
June/July - 2019	
❖ European Big Band Tour	Jul 2014
• Montreux Jazz Festival - Switzerland	
• Vienne Jazz Festival - France	
• Umbria Jazz Festival - Italy	
❖ New Years Eve Bash - Starr Pass Resort	Dec 2014
Big Band with featured vocalist Crystal Stark and featured instrumentalist Rick Braun	Tucson, AZ
❖ La Sonora Santanera Los Angeles	Jan 2018 — Dec 2019
Fiesta Broadway's Cinco de Mayo Festival at The Million Dollar Theatre	Los Angeles, CA
❖ Rocio La Dama de la Cumbia	Aug 2024
Trumpet	Los Angeles, CA
❖ Recording: Featured Soloist on Kamasutra by Alto Moon, American Idol	2023
Golden Ticket recipient and Contestant	
Flugelhorn Soloist	

❖ **Recording: Featured Soloist on record by band Watch Your Tone** 2021
Trumpet Soloist

REGIONAL PRODUCTIONS/OTHER PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

❖ **Marion Civic Center** Jan 2025 — Jan 2027

- Anything Goes - Trumpet 1
- West Side Story - Trumpet 1
- Standard Issue - Trumpet 1 (World Premiere and original cast recording)
- The Sound Of Music - Trumpet 1
- Shrek The Musical - Trumpet 1
- Guys and Dolls - Trumpet 1
- The Addams Family - Trumpet 1
- Cabaret - Trumpet 1
- Frozen - Trumpet 1/2
- The Wizard of Oz - Trumpet 1

❖ **The Drowsy Chaperone , Shenandoah Summer Music Theatre** Jun 2024
First Trumpet

❖ **The Wizard of Oz, Shenandoah Summer Music Theatre** Jun 2024
First Trumpet

❖ **Hello Dolly!, Shenandoah Summer Music Theatre** Jun 2023
First Trumpet

❖ **Ground Hogs Day, New Jersey Community College** Sept 2024
First Trumpet

❖ **Oklahoma Chamber Symphony** Sept 2023
Second Trumpet

❖ **The Wild Party (Andrew Lipka), University of Oklahoma** Feb 2022
First Trumpet

❖ **Party Bus Band** Apr 2022
Trumpet

❖ **White Christmas, Pasadena High School of the Arts** Nov 2018
First Trumpet

❖ **Celebrate Christmas, Citrus College** Dec 2018
First Trumpet

❖ **Beauty and The Beast, Citrus College** Oct 2018
First Trumpet

❖ **Celebrate Christmas, Citrus College** Dec 2017
First Trumpet

❖ **Night Owl Productions** Jan 2018 — Jul 2019
Trumpet
Los Angeles, CA

❖ **Wayne Foster Entertainment** Oct 2018
Second Trumpet
Los Angeles CA

❖ **LALA Brass** Mar 2018 — Jul 2018
Trumpet

EDUCATION

❖ **Southern Illinois University - Carbondale** Jan 2025 — Dec 2026
Master of Music Carbondale, IL

❖ **Morehead State University** Aug 2021 — Dec 2022
Bachelor of Music Morehead, KY

❖ **University of Oklahoma** Aug 2019 — May 2021
..... Norman, OK

❖ **Citrus Community College** Aug 2017 — Jul 2019
..... Glendora, CA

❖ **Azusa Pacific University** Aug 2016 — May 2017
..... Glendora, CA

REFERENCES

❖ **Dr. Ricky Spears**
Professor of Trumpet at Southern Illinois University

❖ **Kyle Knepper**
Trumpet Player on Sound of Music National Tour

❖ **Andrew Smithson**
A Christmas Story Music Director