

Max Briggs, Tuba

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Education

- *Northwestern University Bienen School of Music*, DMA Brass Performance, Tuba, ABD, expected 2018
- *Northwestern University Bienen School of Music*, MM Brass Performance, Tuba 2014
- *Illinois Wesleyan University*, BM Orchestral Instruments, Tuba 2012

Teaching Experience

- **Teaching Associate of Tuba at Lake Forest College**, 2016-present
 - Teacher tuba, euphonium, and trombone at Lake Forest College School of Music
- **Taught solo music seminar at Lake Forest College**, 2016
 - Coached eight different students during an hour-long seminar and worked on solo repertoire
 - While the seminar was intended for brass, the students attending were flute, clarinet, and bassoon players.
- **Solo and Ensemble Competition Judge, Low Brass at Naperville Central High School**, 2017
 - Listened, cored, recorded comments, and coached performers of solos and chamber groups on low brass instruments.
- **Solo and Ensemble Judge, Low Brass for Unit 5 schools, hosted at Normal Community West High School**, 2017
 - Listened, scored, and relayed comments to tuba, euphonium, and trombone solos and chamber groups.
- **Recital and Master Class given at Illinois Wesleyan University**, 2015
 - Performed a solo recital, working with staff accompanist
 - Taught an hour-long masterclass to tuba and euphonium students at IWU
- **Private lessons teacher to Northwestern University Tuba and Euphonium undergrads**, 2015-17
 - Through the DMA program, I meet with undergraduate students from the tuba-euphonium studio to teach lessons in addition to those they take with the primary professor.
- **Private lessons teacher to high-school tuba, euphonium, and trombone players**, 2014-present
 - Traveled to several high schools in the Chicago area, teaching as many as 15 students
- **Normal Community West Marching Band Camp low brass teacher. Summers**, 2012-17
 - Work with tuba-euphonium, trombone, trumpet, and low reed sections in sectionals
 - Assist with instructing marching basics
 - Assist with teaching drill on the field
- **Maine East High School Marching Regiment Tuba and Marching Instructor**, 2016
 - Lead marching instructor in marching basics and teaching drill
 - Coach tuba section with low reeds in sectional rehearsals
- **Normal Community West Wind Ensemble Symposium Low Brass Master Class Practitioner**, 2012-14
 - Teach masterclass to tuba and euphonium section

Professional Performance Affiliations

- **Temperance Brass Quintet**, 2015-present
 - www.temperancebrass.com
 - Founding member of a brass quintet dedicated to mixing classical and popular music, expanding

the audience for classical chamber music.

- Received a grant through the Civic Orchestra of Chicago in order to work with Lincoln Park High School over several days performing, and teaching students through our own arrangement of *Symphonie Fantastique* for brass quintet.
- Musical entrepreneurship through social media promotion, community outreach, and performance innovation
- **Substitute for Second City Brass, 2017**
- **Substitute for UW Milwaukee Wind Ensemble, 2017**
- **Substitute for Kenosha Symphony Orchestra, 2017**
- **Chicago Symphonic Winds, 2015-16**
 - A volunteer wind ensemble in Chicago run by and occupied by current and recently graduated college students in Chicago.
 - Gave several performances, dedicated to community outreach and public engagement
- **42nd Parallel, 2015-16**
 - A volunteer orchestra in Chicago run by and occupied by current and recently graduated college students in Chicago
- **Alternate for the Tanglewood Music Center 2016**
- **Chicago Civic Orchestra Community Engagement Ensemble, 2015**
 - Part of Yo-Yo Ma's Bach Marathon.
 - Played with a brass quintet of Civic Fellows
 - Met with students from high school in South Side of Chicago in order to engage their interests in a musical visit. Presented Bach's music in an accessible way that involved students in the performance.
- **Chicago Civic Orchestra, Associate Tubist, 2014**
 - Was selected based on audition to be an associate of the Civic Orchestra of Chicago
- **Evanston Symphony Orchestra, 2013**
 - Joined the Evanston Symphony Orchestra for one concert cycle featuring *Bolero* and *Pictures at an Exhibition*.

Honors and Awards as a Soloist

- **Winner, Tuba Artist, *Leonard Falcone International Tuba Euphonium Festival*, 2015**
- **Lake Forrest College Faculty Recital, 2017**
 - Entitled "I've Got Rhythm," displaying twentieth century works for solo instrument with central emphasis on rhythm
- **Quarter Finalist Porcia Tuba Solo Competition, Pordenone, Italy, 2017**
- **Solo Recital at the Army Band Tuba-Euphonium Workshop, 2016**
 - As a winner of the 2015 *Leonard Falcone International Tuba Euphonium Festival* tuba solo competition, I was invited to perform in a shared recital with the winner of the Euphonium Division.
- **Winner of the *Chicago Brass Festival Solo Competition*, 2015**
- **Second Place, Tuba Artist, *Leonard Falcone International Tuba Euphonium Festival*, 2014**
- **Winner of the *Illinois Wesleyan Wind Ensemble Solo Competition*, 2010**
- **Winner of the *Illinois Wesleyan Civic Orchestra Concerto Aria Competition*, 2010**
- **Semi finalist, Tuba Student, *Leonard Falcone International Tuba Euphonium Festival*, 2009**
- **Alternate, Tuba Student, *Leonard Falcone International Tuba Euphonium Festival*, 2008**

- **Semi-finalist, Student Level Solo Competition, International Tuba Euphonium Conference, 2008**

Solo Performances with Band and Orchestra

- Northwestern University Brass Ensemble under the direction of Gail Williams, 2016
 - Verne Reynolds Signals
- Doctoral conducting recital of Dominic Talanka
 - Vaughan Williams Tuba Concerto arranged for band by Dennis Wick, 2016
- Illinois Wesleyan Civic Orchestra, 2010
 - Vaughan Williams Tuba Concerto
- Illinois Wesleyan Wind Ensemble, 2010
 - Gregson Tuba Concerto

International Performance Experience

- Porcia Tuba Solo Competition, 2016
 - Was invited to compete in the 2016 Porcia International Tuba Solo Competition in Prodenone, Italy.
- Bulgaria Chamber Music Festival, 2011
 - Traveled to Bulgaria with IWU Tuba-Euphonium Quartet. Traveled throughout Bulgaria giving several performances with other chamber groups on the trip. Collaborated with a local Municipal band

Graduate Assistant for Athletic Bands at Northwestern University, 2015-2016

- Rehearse and direct athletic band at basketball games as well as at other arena sports from volleyball to lacrosse.

Graduate Assistant for the Northwestern University Tuba Euphonium Studio, 2016-2017

- Coordinate lesson times and studio class performances
- Liaison for incoming performers and lecturers