

MAXWELL DEFOREST

Trumpet Performance Major

ABOUT ME

Passionate musician with ten years of musical experience playing trumpet in solo Ensemble and orchestra settings.

EDUCATION

New England Conservatory -Trumpet Performance
BFA Class of 2027

Newman Central Catholic High School, Sterling, IL
High School Diploma - May 2023
National Honor Society Member Class of 2023
Newman Cross Country Team Member 2019-2023
Newman Track and Field Team Member 2019-2021
Psychology 101, Sauk Valley Community College, Sterling IL

SCHOLARSHIP

Phidian Art Scholarship 2023
Chicago Federations of Musicians 2023

INSTRUCTORS

Mr. Benjamin Wright

Second Trumpet Boston Symphony Orchestra
Trumpet
May 2023 to Present

Dr. Mark Ponzo

Professor Emeritus, Northern Illinois University
Trumpet
August 2014 – August 2023

Dr. Karl Sievers

Professor, University of Oklahoma
Trumpet
March 2019 – August 2023

CONTACTS

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SKILLS

Trumpet
Piano
Finale
Pro Tools
Proficient Audio Engineer

AWARDS

Illinois Summer Youth Music
Featured Soloist
(Top Player Award)
June 2019

Solo and Ensemble Perfect
Score for Trumpet and Piano
(Original Composition)
November 2019

Ictus Trumpet Competition
Finalist, Junior Division, 2019

Rock Valley College Concerto
Competition
Honorable Mention,
Hummel Concerto - Johann
Nepomuk Hummel
January 2019

National Trumpet Competition
3rd Place, Junior Division
March 2016
Finalist 2019 - 2023
Semi-Finalist 2023

International Trumpet Guild
Finalist 2019 - 2020

Rockford Symphony Youth
Orchestra
Newcomer of the Year
May 2014
Conductors Award 2023

MASTER CLASSES

Dr. Ponzo, Trumpet Studio August 2018 - March 2019

Dr. Ponzo, Studio Class, September 2017 - May 2018

ENSEMBLES

Boston Philharmonic Youth Orchestra

August – June 2023 Second Trumpet European Tour 2023

New England Conservatory Symphony Orchestra

Trumpet

August 2023 – Present

Symphonic Brass Quintet- Manager/Founder

Trumpet

August 2023 – Present

Kishwaukee Symphony Orchestra

Substitute Musician, Trumpet

2021 – Present

Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestra (CYSO)

Symphony Orchestra,

Principal Trumpet

August 2019 – June 2023

CYSO Classical Orchestral Repertoire Ensemble

Principal Trumpet

August 2022 – June 2023

Northern Illinois University, Comm. School of the Arts, Sinfonia

Principal Trumpet

August 2015 – June 2023

Rockford Symphony Youth Orchestra

Principal Trumpet

August 2014 – June 2023

Rockford Symphony Youth Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra

Principal Trumpet

August 2015 – June 2023

PERFORMANCES

CYSO, Symphony Orchestra – November 2022

Fall Symphony Orchestra, Principal Trumpet

Caribbean, The Dark Knight, Star Wars, Harry Potter, Star Trek,
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CYSO, European Tour - June 2022

West Side Story, Principal Trumpet

Sinfonia, Back to the Movies— May 2022

Music From Apollo 13, Pirates of the antom of the Opera.

Sinfonia, Back to the Movies — December 2017

Music from Apollo 13, Pirates of the Caribbean, The Dark
Knight, West Side Story.

Gloria Patri, Newman Central Catholic High School – May 2016

Choir Accompanist- Trumpet

VOLUNTEERING

Music Director, Newman Central Catholic High School Piano

Accompanist for Mass, Graduation and Other religious events

Trumpet accompanist for Sporting events