

ANDREW BENNETT

Instrumental Music Educator

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➤ Certification

- New York State Initial Certificate, Music (All Grades)

➤ Education

- Bachelor of Music, *summa cum laude*, May 2008
State University of New York at Fredonia
Dual Majors: Music Education and Music Performance
Specialization: Instrumental Music; Applied Instrument: trombone
Secondary Instruments: trumpet, French horn, euphonium, tuba, oboe, clarinet, flute, saxophone, bassoon, and percussion
- GPA: *Overall- 3.83; Within Major- 3.87*
- Master of Music, May 2010
Ithaca College
Major: Music Performance, trombone
Full Teaching Assistantship plus Stipend
- GPA: *Overall- 3.83*

➤ Teaching Experiences

- **Employer:** Fredonia Central School District **Location:** Fredonia, NY
Title: High School Band Director/AP Music Theory Instructor **Dates:** 2010- *present*
 - Directs the High School Band, Jazz Ensemble, Pep Band, Marching Band, and Pit Orchestra
 - Teaches AP Music Theory
 - Directed effort to earn NAMM Certification as one of 2013's Best Communities for Music Education
 - Successful NYSSMA Major Organization Gold and Gold with Distinction Evaluations
 - Implemented Chamber Music Program
 - Directed the Commissioning of Five World-Premiere Works for the FCSD Bands
 - Produced a Professional CD for Commercial Release of the High School Band
 - Increased size of High School Band by 40%, restarted Jazz Ensemble, and revived Spring Tour
 - Redesigned Recruitment Program: 80% of 5th Grade studied a Band/Orchestra Instrument (2011-2012)
 - Expanded participation in Solo Evaluations: 132 students evaluated at CCMTA/NYSSMA (2012)
- **Employer:** Villa Maria College **Location:** Buffalo, NY
Title: Adjunct Professor of Trombone **Dates:** 2012-present
 - Designed four year performance curriculum
 - Offers career counseling
- **Employer:** Ithaca College **Location:** Ithaca, NY
Title: Graduate Teaching Assistant **Dates:** 2008-2010
 - Designed and implemented curriculum for Music Education majors regarding trombone performance, maintenance, and pedagogy
 - Developed online component, created grading rubrics, and assessed each student
 - Employed as an Instrument Repair Center Assistant
- **Employer:** Ithaca College Trombone Troupe **Location:** Ithaca, NY
Title: Conductor/Director **Dates:** 2010
 - First non-faculty member to hold position in group's 30 year-plus history
 - Selected music for concert season, directed two weekly rehearsals, and conducted performances
 - Prepared clinic presentations for area schools
 - Directed the Middle/High School Choir at *Trombone Day 2010*
- **Employer:** Ferrwood Music Camp **Location:** Hazelton, NY
Title: Music Instructor/Low Brass Instructor **Dates:** Summers 2009 and 2010
 - Co-founded a Concert Band and Jazz Ensemble
 - Conducting Instructor
 - Taught group lessons and coached chamber ensembles
 - Assisted with Music Composition course
- **Employer:** Erie County Fair All-Star Marching Band **Location:** Hamburg, NY
Title: Intern Director **Dates:** 2005 Season
 - Led sectional rehearsals, organized repertoire library, and coached chamber groups
 - Assisted in direction of Parade and Concert Season

- **Employer:** New Horizons Program **Location:** Fredonia, NY
Title: Ensemble Director/Lesson Instructor **Dates:** 2006-2008
 - Planned and conducted mixed ensemble rehearsals
 - Provided private instruction
 - Coached student through stage fright to eventual solo performance
 - Created weekly lesson plans for program director's review
- **Employer:** SUNY Fredonia **Location:** Fredonia, NY
Title: Teaching Assistant **Dates:** 2005-2006
 - Instructed Music Education majors in trombone performance, maintenance, and pedagogy in both beginning and advanced course sections
 - Provided private instruction to students outside of class time
- **Professional Semester**
 - *Frontier School District* (Middle School and High School) from 9-3-07 to 12-21-07 with Mrs. Kyle Kohan and Mr. Michael Shaw

➤ Performance Experiences

- Guest Soloist with the Auburn Chamber Orchestra (Fall 2009)
- Southern Tier Symphony Orchestra (2009-present), *principal*
- Buffalo Brass Choir (2011-present), *principal*
- Colgate Symphony Orchestra (2009-2010), *bass trombone*
- Ithaca College Wind Ensemble (2009-2010), *principal*
- Ithaca College Symphony Orchestra (2008-2009), *principal*
- SUNY Fredonia Wind Ensemble (2004-2008) [*Including the Spring 2008 Tour to China*], *principal*
- SUNY Fredonia Symphony Orchestra (2004-2008), *principal*
- SUNY Fredonia Jazz Ensemble (2004-2005), *principal*
- Western New York Chamber Orchestra: *second trombone* (2007-2008 Season)
- Realignment: Trombone Quartet (2008-2009)
 - ***Second Runner-Up in the International Trombone Association's 2009 Quartet Competition***

➤ Honors

- Fredonia Award for Excellence
- Hillman Foundation Music Scholar
- 2006 Sol Schoenbach Memorial Award
- 2007 Margaret Schuler Wyckoff Award for Excellence in Music Education
- 2007 Herbert W. Harp Award for Excellence in Brass Performance
- SUNY Fredonia Performer's Certificate
- 2009 Ithaca Concerto Competition Finalist

➤ Professional Development

- Music Educators National Conference Member (2004-present)
- Chautauqua County School Music Association Member (2010-present)
 - CCMTA Solo Festival Co-Chairperson (2011-present)
- New York State Band Directors Association Member (2012-present)
 - Participant in NYSBDA 2012 Commission Project
- Advisor to the Ithaca College Trombone Troupe Executive Board (2008-2010)
- Founder and President of the SUNY Fredonia Brass Association (2005-2007)
 - Negotiated with professional musicians, SUNY Fredonia administration, and the Fredonia Student Association to provide masterclasses (held by such groups as the Boston Brass and the Buffalo Philharmonic Trumpet Section), concert trips, and performances within the community
- Developed and Coordinated Fredonia Brass Day (Spring 2007)
 - Created promotional materials
 - Negotiated with SUNY Fredonia administration to arrange facility and parking usage
 - Facilitated meals and t-shirts for all attendees, staff, and volunteers
 - Recruited and organized volunteer staff
 - Created personalized schedules for all attendees, volunteers, and faculty
 - Amusingly stalled for time during "*technical difficulty*"
- Attendee and Ensemble Player for the 2008 International Conductor's Guild Training Workshop

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