

Steven Schoppert, Trombone



Q: What instrument(s) do you play?

A: Trombone is the only instrument I play in public.

Q: When and how did you get started in music?

A: My mother was a piano teacher, and I was always involved in choirs. However, I wasn't hooked until 6th grade band. By 11th grade, I had a spot in a local symphony.

Q: When did you begin playing with the SOST?

A: I started subbing in 2008. Apparently, I haven't worn out my welcome yet.

Q: Educational background?

A: Bachelor's in Music Education from The University of North Texas, Master's in Trombone from The University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music

Q: Who has been your greatest influence in music?

A: Vern Kagarice, longtime Professor of Trombone at UNT, made me a musician. His manner of teaching changed my life completely.

Q: What is your "day job?"

A: I am a Band Director at Little Cypress-Mauriceville High School in Orange.

Q: Hobbies or activities outside of SOST?

A: I run, read, travel, and check items off of my dining bucket list.

Q: Favorite music?

A: I am partial to vocal music, especially the sacred works of Morten Lauridsen, John Tavener, Arvo Pärt and Eric Whitacre. I also love gospel and 20th century opera.