

Paul Hefner



Trained in music education and performance, along with 11 years of college teaching experience, Paul Hefner brings the highest level of quality to performance and instruction. He also has completed his Master's study in Business Administration. His extensive knowledge of classical and jazz literature is incorporated into his playing and instruction. Paul's music work often includes judging Jr. High and High School solo and ensemble contests as well as band, orchestra, and jazz contests.

Paul is also trained in woodwind technique, helping beginning woodwind students, and community members wanting to pick up their instrument again. In addition, Paul taught music for 11 years as adjunct faculty at the College of Lake County. There he instructed low brass, concert band, and jazz band. Also, Paul has been a featured soloist with national groups including Allegheny College in Pennsylvania, Windjammers Unlimited in Florida, as well as local groups including FullScore Chamber Orchestra, and the Lake Geneva Symphony Orchestra. Paul's students have successfully auditioned to become members of the CYSO (Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestra) and have gained entry to well regarded colleges studying music performance and education.

Paul is a member of the FullScore Chamber Orchestra where he is principal trombone. He is on the artistic advisory board for the music non-profit Young At Heart. His performance ensembles (Antioch Brass Ensembles), consists of a variety of groups performing at special events in the Illinois and Wisconsin areas.

Teaching at the Music Institute of Chicago, Paul is privileged to conduct the New Horizons Band, focusing on bringing the band to performance level with new repertoire for multiple concerts each season. In addition, he directs the Round Lake Community Band and is an active conductor for the College of Lake County summer musical orchestra. He free-lances often conducting various community bands and orchestras in the area.

"Music is capable of so many things. My favorite is how it can bring a diverse group of people together to share the same passion and accomplish the same goal; making great music and having fun doing it! My goal is promote this diverse collaboration. My hope is to pass on a legacy that brings people of many backgrounds together for the same purpose."