



Member Biographies

Jeff Kresge, Trumpet

Jeff received his Master of Music in Trumpet Performance from Boston Conservatory and Bachelor's Degree in Music Education from SUNY at Fredonia. He is currently a member of the Roanoke and Shenandoah Symphony Orchestras and has performed with the Lynchburg and Charleston (WV) Orchestras as well as Opera Roanoke. Jeff also enjoys freelance work throughout southwestern Virginia and is currently adjunct professor of trumpet at Hollins University.

Steve Hedrick, Trumpet

Steve received his Master of Music Education Degree from the University of South Carolina, and Bachelor's Degree in Music with a Performance Certificate from Elon University. He is a member of the Shenandoah Symphony Orchestra and has performed with the South Carolina Philharmonic Orchestra, Columbia Lyric Opera, Charleston (SC) Symphony, Roanoke Symphony, Opera Roanoke, and Lynchburg Symphony. Steve was a band director for eleven years and has recently published two volumes of the [Band Fundamentals Book](#). He currently teaches music at The Bandroom Studios in Roanoke and is adjunct professor of trumpet at Roanoke College.

Dawn Chernault, Horn

Originally from Lynchburg, Dawn graduated from VA Tech with a Bachelor of Arts in Music Education. After her first year of teaching she moved to the beautiful Roanoke Valley to teach in the Roanoke County Schools. She is currently the Band Director at William Byrd Middle School. In addition to playing in Roanoke Chamber Brass, Dawn also plays as a freelance musician and has performed with the Roanoke and Lynchburg Symphony Orchestras, Opera Roanoke, Opera on the James, New River Valley Symphony, and the Shenandoah Symphony.

Erik Stegall, Trombone

Erik is a native of Martinsville, Virginia and an alumnus of Elon University. He served as a tenor and bass trombonist in the United States Navy Band performing a variety of musical genres. Some highlights of his 20 years as a professional trombonist are performing with Joe Williams, Clark Terry, Joe Henderson, J.J. Johnson, Slide Hampton, Art Farmer, John Fedchock, Phil Woods, Percy Sledge, The Impressions, Jerry Butler, Eddie Floyd, Archie Bell, North Carolina Jazz Repertory Orchestra, Jay Thomas Big Band, Roanoke Symphony and Opera Roanoke. As an active freelance trombonist, he appeared on "Good Morning America" with Percy Sledge on the morning of his induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame along with a performance at Lincoln Center in 2005. Erik and his wife Lynn have two daughters.

Charles Krause, Tuba

Charles received his Bachelor of Music Education degree from Virginia Commonwealth University with an emphasis in piano and tuba. He then taught public school music for the Richmond City Schools. In 1971 he moved to Roanoke and was the manager of Boykin's Music Shop. In 1977 he received his Master of Church Music degree from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. He was the first graduate of the school to serve in a full-time capacity as director of a church orchestra and was also the first graduate to complete 25 years as a Minister of Instrumental Music in a church. For the past three years he has served Grandin Court Baptist Church as their Minister of Discipleship and Senior Adults. He was the principal tubist with the Roanoke Symphony for 36 years and considers it a joy and privilege to play with the Roanoke Chamber Brass. Charles and his wife Fran, have three grown children and a grandson.