# Chris Fiol (they/them)

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### **Education**

- University of Wisconsin Madison (Madison, Wisconsin)
   Grad. May 2023
  - ❖ Master of Music in Music: Performance
- University of North Carolina Greensboro (*Greensboro, North Carolina*)
   Grad. August 2021
  - ❖ Bachelor of Music in Instrumental Music Performance

### **Related Work Experience**

❖ Facilities Technician (Madison, Wisconsin)

May 2022 - Present

- Communicating clearly with staff, faculty, and other facilities workers & trades to coordinate project timelines for general repairs, moving staff/faculty offices, and other various projects
- Overseeing and organizing incoming and outgoing mail for the music, art, history, and Jewish studies departments
- ❖ Trained and led tours to the general public of the Hamel Music Center
- ❖ Provided extra help as an usher for various large events put on by the music department
- ❖ Band Librarian (*Madison*, *Wisconsin*)

May 2022 - May 2023

- Created and distributed parts for the UW Madison Wind Ensemble and assisted with part distribution for multiple University Bands
- Scanned and cataloged physical music in the library into digital database
- Communicated with ensemble coordinators and conductors to ensure music was created and distributed within their timelines
- Trained student workers with digitizing music and procedure for preparing music for different concert cycles
- Event Registration Assistant for International Jazz Day (*Remote*)
  - March April 2021, February 2022 April 2022
    - ❖ Assisted with data entry for the International Jazz Day 2021 & 2022 website, including event entry and publishing media on the website
    - ❖ Handled communications with various organizations to ensure accurate entry of event information and followed through with various event edit requests

- ❖ Winds of Change Volunteer Manager (*Remote*) January 2022 May 2022
  - ❖ Actedas contact point between the directors of Diversify the Stand and the volunteer play testers for "Winds of Change", a book featuring solos by different composers created to give accessible educational pieces by living composers to players of all skill levels
  - Assisted with horn and trombone versions of book, acted as playtester for tuba version of the book
- JMU Summer Band Camp Logistics Crew Member (Harrisonburg, Virginia) July 2018
  - Set-up/tear-down of sound systems, podiums, and water for every morning and afternoon session for the 5 camps offered throughout the week
  - Communicated with the directors/staff from every camp to figure out what was needed each day
  - Assisted with administrative work, transported merchandise, and set-up/tear-down for social events

# **Related Teaching Experience**

- ❖ Freelance Brass Technician (Waunakee High School & Sun Prairie High School, Wisconsin)
  July 2022, January 2023, May 2023, August/September 2023
  - > Sun Prairie High School (August/September 2023): Led tuba sectionals for concert band and wind ensemble for upcoming assessment
  - ➤ Sun Prairie High School (January & May 2023): Led tuba sectionals with marching band music and music for concert and competition preparation
  - ➤ Waunakee High School (July 2022): Assisted with teaching drill, led full low brass sectionals with show music and stand tunes, led several full band music rehearsals
- JMU Summer Band Camp Marching Band Camp Counselor (*Harrisonburg, Virginia*) July 2019
  - Guided students through learning general musical concepts, tuba/sousaphone-specific musical technique, and music memorization
  - ❖ Worked with other counselors to teach marching fundamentals, how to read drill charts, execute drill, and upholding proper rehearsal etiquette
  - \* Responsible for hosting nightly hall meetings and carrying out bed checks to account for a portion of the campers
- ❖ Brass Technician (Colonial Heights, Virginia)

August 2017, 2018, 2019

- Planned and led sectionals for the tuba and low brass section throughout their band camp
- Worked with staff to evaluate students' music check-offs and provide relevant feedback
- \* Assisted with teaching marching technique and teaching drill over the course of the camp

- ❖ JMU Young Children Program String Project (*Harrisonburg, Virginia*) Fall 2018 Spring 2019
  - ❖ Worked alongside JMU String Faculty and several String Technique students teaching preschool and kindergarten age children the violin
  - ❖ Planned and led individual teaching, as well as paired and group teachings
  - ❖ Students performed two concerts for the students' families, one in December 2018 and one in May 2019
- Gemeinschaft Songwriting Project (Harrisonburg, Virginia)
   January May 2018
  - ❖ Collaborated with other Music Education Majors and Social Work Majors
  - ❖ Worked with residents of the Gemeinschaft Home to host weekly songwriting sessions
  - ❖ Led various discussions with residents about the meanings behind their songs, worked one-on-one with the residents to develop lyrics, form, and instrumentation, and assisted in performing songs alongside the residents
- ❖ Various Instrument Demonstrations/Petting Zoos
  - ❖ Instrument demonstrations at North Carolina Folk Festival, Richmond Symphony Youth Orchestra, and local libraries
  - ❖ Showcased basic playing capabilities on the tuba, trombone, trumpet, and double bass
  - Showed beginner playing technique to allow students to make sounds on the instruments including how to buzz, how to manipulate pitch, and using the valves to change notes

# **Related Performing Experience**

### **Freelance Playing**

- Principal Eb Bass with Milwaukee Festival Brass
- Principal Tuba for Madison Community Orchestra
- ❖ Eb Bass/Bb Bass for Madison Brass Band
- ❖ Park Street Tuba-Euphonium Quartet
  - ➤ Allen Centennial Garden Fundraiser (September 2023)
  - ➤ UW-Madison School of Music Commencement (May 2023)
  - ➤ UW-Madison Chancellor's Investiture (April 2023)
  - ➤ Various High School Performances
    - La Follette High School (December 2022)
    - Madison West High School (December 2022)
    - Vel Phillips Memorial High School (November 2022)
    - Sun Prairie High School (November 2022)
- Brass Quintets
  - Columbus Chamber Spring Concert (May 2023)
  - ➤ Easter Mass (April 2023)
  - ➤ UW-Madison Veteran's Day Event (November 2022, November 2023)
  - ➤ Christmas Masses (December 2021, December 2022)
- ❖ Madison Symphony Orchestra, Tuba Sub (February 2023)
- ❖ NYChillharmonic, Tuba Sub (December 2021, December 2022)
- Wisconsin Youth Symphony Orchestra, Tuba Sub (November 2021-May 2022, October 2023-December 2023)

### **Ensemble Involvement in College**

- UW-Madison
  - ❖ Symphony Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, Concert Band, University Bands, Low Brass Ensemble, Brass Quintets, Tuba-Euphonium Quartet, UW Med School Orchestra
- UNC-Greensboro
  - Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, TubaBand, Pep Band
- ❖ James Madison University
  - Concert Band, Marching Band, Pep Band

#### **Pep Band Musician**

- **❖** UNC-Greensboro Sousaphone and Baritone Player (September 2019 March 2020)
  - ➤ Performed with band at Men's and Women's Basketball games and Women's Volleyball games
  - > Chosen to travel with band to SoCon, NIT, and WNIT tournaments
  - > Performed with small ensemble at a spirit event downtown
- **❖** James Madison University Sousaphone Player (November 2016 May 2019)
  - > Performed with the band at Men's and Women's Basketball games
  - ➤ Chosen to travel with band to multiple CAA, NIT, and WNIT tournaments
  - > Hosted various spirit events to create signs for the band to use during the game
  - > Assisted with roster creation for tournament travel and other tournament travel logistics

### **Performance Information**

#### **Past Private Instructors**

- **❖ Tom Curry** University of Wisconsin Madison
- ❖ Justin Worley University of North Carolina at Greensboro
- **Kevin Stees** James Madison University
- **Tom McGrady** Former Tuba Instructor for Army, Navy, and Marines

# **Competitions/Masterclasses/Awards**

### **Competitions**

- ❖ International Artists Competition, Finalist (August 2023)
- Great Plains Regional Tuba Euphonium Conference Competition, Tuba Artist: 3rd place (May 2022)
- ❖ Tuba Euphonium Charity Series Competition, Tuba Artist: 1st place (January 2022)

### **Performances in Masterclasses**

- Chance Trottman-Huiet (February 2023)
- Seraph Brass & Sam Lake (January 2022)
- Steven Darling (March 2022)

#### **Awards**

- ❖ Jim and Jamie Self Stevens Tuba Award (Spring 2022)
- ◆ Daniel Myers Memorial Scholarship (Spring 2022)

# **Professional Memberships**

- ♦ Mu Phi Epsilon, Alpha Xi Chapter (UNCG)
  - Initiated May 2020
    - ❖ Co-ed International Professional Music Fraternity
    - Member of service committee
    - Member of fundraising committee
- Kappa Kappa Psi, Eta Omicron Chapter (JMU)

Initiated May 2017

- ❖ National Honorary Co-ed Band Service Fraternity
- Served as Vice President of Service (Fall 2018 Spring 2019)
- Served as Music Director (Spring 2018)
- ❖ NAfMEC

Joined August 2016

- ❖ National Association for Music Education (Collegiate)
- ❖ I.T.E.A

Joined August 2016

International Tuba and Euphonium Association