

Mark Nelson is a native of East Grand Forks, MN. He began playing the trumpet in the 4th grade and studied with Herb Thompson. As a high school senior, he began studying with UND professor Einar Einarson. After completing his Bachelor's Degree in Music at UND, Mark continued his studies at DePaul University in Chicago. While in Chicago, he studied with John Hagstrom of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. His trumpet career has offered many wonderful opportunities. Mark has served as principal trumpet of the Greater Grand Forks Symphony Orchestra for 10 years. In 2012, Mark was appointed principal trumpet of the South Dakota Symphony Orchestra and continues in that position. He has also had experience performing with the Bemidji Symphony, the Fargo-Moorhead Symphony and was also the 2nd/assoc. principal trumpet of the Honolulu Symphony in 2009. His experience covers a wide range of styles including classical, orchestral and Broadway. Mr. Nelson has also done many solo recitals and master classes. He enjoys working with students at all levels.