

Josh Decker, a central Ohio native, attended Ohio Wesleyan University where he majored in music education and studied trumpet with Dr. Larry Griffin. In 2014, Josh moved to the Steel City, Pittsburgh, PA, where he attended graduate school at Carnegie Mellon University. At CMU, Josh studied orchestral performance and trumpet with former Principal trumpet of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, George Vosburgh. In Pittsburgh, Josh had the opportunity to meld his interests, by freelance performing in classical ensembles and in his brass funk group, The Employees of Funk.

Today, Josh is back in central Ohio where he holds a section seat with the symphonies of Newark-Granville and Westerville. Additionally, he can also be heard playing trumpet in the Garden Theater in the Short North and with his brass quintet, Utopia Brass.

In addition to his freelance work, Josh teaches motivated brass students, many of whom play in the city's illustrious youth ensembles. His recent appointment at Ohio Wesleyan University has allowed him to get his foot into the collegiate teaching world, where one day he aspires to make a big impact.

Josh is married to a lovely woman named Clare and has two cats, Mac and Roo. Clare and Josh are adventurous folks who love to hike, bike, eat flavorful food, travel, and photograph amazing sites on their journeys.

Josh is a proud 2009 IMC Alumni!

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