

Byron Ward is a recent graduate of North Dakota State University where he earned a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Trumpet Performance and a Master of Music degree in Music Theory Pedagogy. In addition, Ward holds a Master of Music degree from The University of Arizona and a Bachelor of Music degree from Weber State University (Ogden, UT), both in Trumpet Performance. Currently he serves as the adjunct trumpet teacher and interim jazz director at the University of Minnesota, Morris. Ward has a diverse performing background, having played in orchestras, concert bands, jazz bands, brass quintets, operas, and musicals everywhere he has lived. Most recently Ward has performed with the South Dakota Symphony, Fargo Moorhead Symphony Orchestra, and Fargo Moorhead Opera. At NDSU as a graduate student, Ward performed with the NDSU Jazz Ensemble, Trumpet Ensemble, and graduate brass quintet (Bolley Street Brass). He also taught music theory I and II, Ear Training I and II, and fulfilled other teaching duties as assigned in brass methods, jazz ensemble, and small ensemble coaching. Ward has been a clinician and judge for region solo and ensemble competitions at various Jr. High and High Schools throughout northern Utah and northwest Minnesota. He currently teaches private trumpet lessons in the Fargo-Moorhead area. His major trumpet teachers include Dan Rich, Reed LeCheminant, Jason Carder, Ed Reid, and Dr. Jeremy Brekke. Ward and his wife Sidney have a year and a half old son (Finneas) who they love dearly, with whom they enjoy playing and staying active.

