

Paul Murray — Biography

A former trombonist with the touring ensemble The King's Brass, Paul Murray is a recent graduate of the DePaul University School of Music in Chicago where he had the privilege to study under internationally renowned teachers, Mark Fisher and Charlie Vernon while earning his Master of Music degree. He proudly received his Bachelor of Music degree in Trombone Performance from the University of North Dakota with Summa Cum Laude under the direction of Dr. Joel Pugh. He was the winner of the 2018 Bismarck-Mandan Symphony Orchestra (BMSO) Concerto Competition and the 2017 Greater Grand Forks Symphony Orchestra (GGFSO) Concerto Competition. He has been a member of numerous ensembles including the DePaul Concert Orchestra, DePaul Trombone Choir, UND Trombone Quartet, the North Dakota Trombone Choir, GGFSO, and UND Wind Ensemble. He has received the UND Department of Music Award for Outstanding Achievement in Brass Performance for three consecutive years during his undergraduate.

Paul has performed solos with the UND Wind Ensemble, BMSO, Minot City Band, Brass Band of Minot, and the GGFSO. He has also successfully given a sophomore, junior, senior, and a graduate recital. After his masters, he toured with The King's Brass in 2020-21 and received a great variety of performance experience while traveling coast to coast. He has also been an active performer and chamber musician throughout his college career. This includes an international tour with the UND Trombone Quartet in Shanghai, China. In the summer of 2018, he attended the MasterWorks Festival in South Carolina where he played many orchestral standards. Through music related events, Paul has been fortunate to travel to England, France, Italy, Switzerland, Germany, Austria, Liechtenstein, China, Canada and all over the United States.

While studying music in North Dakota, Paul met and married his wife Cassidy who has a M.M. in Euphonium performance. They welcomed their son, Jedidiah, into the world this past December. Alongside performing, Paul loves to teach. In Grand Forks, he currently has a small, private studio where he has taught trombonists of all ages. Presently, Paul works full-time as a missionary with UND's Chi Alpha Campus Ministries. He has a heart and compassion for students and loves sharing his passion for music and his faith.