

**Will Martin** grew up in a musical family on the South Coast of England, learning trumpet from the age of 8 and later also taking up percussion. He spent his early musical career playing regularly in many different Wind Ensembles, Symphony Orchestras, Big Bands and Brass Bands before moving to Greater Manchester in 2001 to complete a B.A. Hons degree in music at the University of Salford, under the tutelage of Prof. David King, Peter Graham and Dr. Roy Newsome.

Will has been a member and performed with some of the finest bands in the world including Yorkshire Building Society Band, Grimethorpe Colliery Band, Besses o'th' Barn, Brighouse and Rastrick and the Fairey Band. During this time he won many honours including two European Championships, The National Championships of Great Britain, The All England Masters, The British Open, The Brass In Concert title, two Yorkshire Area titles in addition to touring extensively across the UK, Europe and North America.

Will moved to Canada in 2007 and now resides in Saskatoon where he works as a Strategic Facilitator for Arts Education within the Prairie Spirit School Division, while also performing clinics and adjudicating across the province. Will has been a member of the Saskatoon Symphony Orchestra and various other local ensembles, conducts the Saskatoon Brass Band and also founded the 'Bridge City Brass Band' in 2008. Since its inception in 2013, Will has also been the artistic director for the annual Prairie Music Residency held at the University of Saskatchewan.