

# Brian Shook, Trumpet



Q: What instrument(s) do you play?

A: Trumpet

Q: When and how did you get started in music?

A: My older brother played the trumpet and like every other younger brother, I wanted to do whatever he did. The summer before my 5th grade year I started tooting around on his trumpet, chomping at the bit to get started once school commenced. My first band director, Mr. Mark Taylor, was also a trumpet player and he gave me lessons.

Q: When did you begin playing with the SOST?

A: 2009

Q: Educational background?

A: Doctorate of Musical Arts in Trumpet Performance and Pedagogy, Arizona State University; Master of Music in Trumpet Performance, Arizona State University; Bachelor of Music in Trumpet Performance, Cedarville University

Q: Who has been your greatest influence in music?

A: First and foremost, my teachers: David Hickman, Charles Pagnard, Mark Taylor, Andrew Balio, and Patrick Sheridan. Other strong influences are William Vacchiano, Bud Herseth, Maurice Andre, Canadian Brass, Empire Brass, and the list goes on!

Q: What is your "day job?"

A: Assistant Professor of Music at Lamar University

Q: Hobbies or activities outside of SOST?

A: Spending time with wife and daughter, swimming, reading, BBQ, movies, and TV shows.

Q: Favorite music?

A: My first love is classical music, but I've fallen head-over-heels for folk rock. I've been known to say, "There are two types of music: Simon & Garfunkel, and NOT Simon & Garfunkel."