

# Michael Westbrook,

## Trumpet

Q: What instrument(s) do you play?

A: Trumpet (I can also play all woodwind, brass and percussion instruments)

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

A: Started music in church and elementary school. Started playing trumpet in 6th grade beginner band.

Q: When did you begin playing with the SOST?

A: My first year to play in SOST was 1987, and I became a core member in 1991.

Q: Educational background?

A: B.A. in Music Education (1990) and M.E. in Educational Leadership (2005) - both from Lamar University

Q: Who has been your greatest influence in music?

A: I have four, all for different musical reasons - Dr. Barry Johnson, Dr. Raul Ornelas, Dr. Jimmy Simmons and Dr. Wayne Dyess.

Q: What is your "day job?"

A: Band Director at Hardin-Jefferson HS

Q: Hobbies or activities outside of SOST?

A: Play around the area with the horn band "Eazy" and the "Spindletop" Brass Quintet. I also enjoy spending time with my wife and kids.

Q: Favorite music?

A: I really enjoy all kinds of music.