

Biography

Michael Becker was named Principal Trombone of the Tucson Symphony in 2000 and 2nd Trombone of the Arizona Opera Orchestra in 2008. In 2009, he was appointed Bass Trombone of the Britt Festival Orchestra in Oregon.

Prior to his engagement with the Tucson Symphony Orchestra, he was 2nd Trombone of the Honolulu Symphony Orchestra (now the Hawaii Symphony Orchestra) Mr. Becker has performed, recorded and toured with orchestras across the U.S. and world including the Chicago Symphony, London Symphony, Detroit Symphony, St. Louis Symphony, Lyric Opera of Chicago, the World Orchestra with Sir Georg Solti in Geneva, Switzerland and Baden Baden, Germany, the Savannah Symphony, the Malaysian Philharmonic, the Charlotte Symphony, the Alabama Symphony and the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra.

In the summer, he has performed at the Grand Teton Music Festival, Grant Park Symphony Orchestra, Ravinia Festival and Arizona Opera's Wagner Ring Cycle.

Mr. Becker has performed and toured as Bass Trombonist with Yo-Yo Ma's Silk Road Ensemble.

He received his Bachelor of Music in Trombone from Indiana University and his Masters Degree in Trombone Performance from Arizona State University.

As a dedicated teacher, Mr. Becker has performed and presented clinics at major universities throughout the US. He has also served as adjunct in Trombone at the University of Hawaii, Manoa and Visiting Professor of Trombone at the University of Arizona, Northern Arizona University and the University of Georgia, Athens.

In 2005, Mr. Becker created and launched the first of his annual Becker Low Brass Boot Camp in Tucson, AZ. This week long intensive workshop is geared for students and young performers pursuing a career in Symphony Orchestras.

Michael Becker can be heard on his solo CD, "Songs and Dances" available at CD Baby or other digital store outlets including iTunes.