

BIOGRAPHIES
OF THE
PICKAWAY BRASS

The following are personal bios of the current members of **The Pickaway Brass** as of July 2007.

Please feel free to use any of this information as you need in your advertisement of our upcoming concert.

DIRECTOR:

CLIFF KERNS:

Mr. Kerns is a life-long music educator in the Circleville area. He has literally taught thousands of music students over his career, many of who are still active in music, and who still come up to say hello when we are out doing concerts.

Mr. Kerns has also arranged many of the numbers used by The Pickaway Brass.

TUBA:

ERIC R. DIETERICH:

Eric graduated from Lorain Catholic High School in Lorain, Ohio.

Eric also graduated from the University of Toledo with a Bachelors in Music Ed, and from the University of Toledo College of Law.

Eric has been playing Tuba since 1970, and has performed with:

- University of Toledo Marching Band, Concert Band, Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band, Concert Band, and the Frackenkrasse Brass Quintet
- Circleville Pumpkin Show Band periodically since 1988
- The Pickaway Brass since 2005
- Back-up tuba with the Adelphi Community Band

Eric plays a Conn 2J 4 valve CC Tuba, that he states is “as old as he is”.

Eric has also arranged many of the numbers used by The Pickaway Brass.

French Horn:

BECKY OHLINGER:

Becky graduated from both Teays Valley High School and the Ohio State University.

While in high school, Becky performed with the marching band, concert band, and brass ensembles.

While at Ohio State, she performed with the concert band.

After college, Becky played with the Rockwell Band for 13 years, which later became the Westerville Band. She has played in various church ensembles, the Circleville Pumpkin Show Band since 1991, and played with **The Pickaway Brass** for many years as an interim until playing with us full-time since 1999.

Becky is currently a 5th grade teacher at Walnut Elementary in the Teays Valley School District.

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TROMBONE:

JARRAD MATHEW:

The newest member of **The Pickaway Brass**, Jarrad is a graduate of Zane Trace High School in Chillicothe. After attending the Ohio University-Chillicothe for a year, Jarrad auditioned and was accepted to be a euphonium player in the United States Marine Corps.

During his enlistment in the Marines, Jarrad completed Boot Camp, Combat Training, six months of intensive music school training at the Armed Forces School of Music in Little Creek, Virginia and was then assigned to the First Marine Division Band in Camp Pendleton, California where he completed his enlistment.

While with the First Marine Division Band, Jarrad performed in hundreds of concerts each year covering much of the western United States, participated in two Rose Bowl Parades, played for the President of the United States on two occasions, performed for the Salt Lake City Winter Olympics in 2002 as the only Marine Band invited to perform, and subsequently did a tour of Iraq in 2003 attached to the Marine Command **Battalion**.

Jarrad is currently in the last two quarters of the Nursing Program with the Ohio University-Chillicothe.

Jarrad has also performed:

- with the Adelphi Community Band for 17 years
- with the Circleville Pumpkin Show Community Band
- for several churches and events in the Circleville area

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- Bb cornet
- Euphonium

Although his primary instrument has been the euphonium, Jarrad currently performs with **The Pickaway Brass** on a unique trombone called a Superbone Trombone, made by Holton. This instrument probably received the majority of its popularity by the late jazz trumpeter Maynard Ferguson, who regularly performed on it in both recording sessions and live concerts. This trombone is a combination of both a valve trombone and slide trombone, and both the slide and valves be utilized at the same time which gives Jarrad an almost unlimited number of options in how to achieve any specific note.

Trumpet:

LAURA BETHEL:

Laura graduated from both Logan Elm High School, has a BS in Education from Ohio University, a Masters of Education from Ohio University, and is Nationally Board Certified.

Laura has performed with the Marching 110 from the Ohio University, and currently plays with the Circleville Pumpkin Show Band and the Kerns Quartet.

Laura is an elementary school teacher with the Amanda School District.

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- Flugelhorn
- Eb Trumpet
- Euphonium

Trumpet:

JEFF MATHEW:

Jeff graduated from Zane Trace High School in Chillicothe, and the Ohio State University.

Jeff is currently enjoying retirement after 30 years working in both the adult and juvenile corrections systems.

Like the other members of **The Pickaway Brass**, Jeff stays active musically in the community, and regularly gets to perform for high school musicals and area churches.

Jeff has also played in the:

- Adelphi Community Band for 41 years
- Circleville Pumpkin Show Community Band for 17 years
- **Pickaway Brass** for 17 years
- Aladdin Shrine Band
- Carson and Barnes Circus Band, as well as other community and dance Bands.

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- Holton 307, Maynard Ferguson Model, Bb trumpet-large bore,
- Getzen Eterna, 4 valve piccolo trumpet,
- Getzen Eterna, Eb trumpet,
- Getzen Eterna, Flugelhorn,
- Getzen Eterna, Severinsen model, Bb trumpet,
- and has recently completed an arrangement for the **Brass** utilizing an LA Sax slide trumpet (soprano trombone/slide trumpet).

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Percussion:

DAVID DILLBECK:

The addition of percussion is one of the latest changes to **The Pickaway Brass** and it certainly adds a unique element and sound to a small brass group like our quintet.

Dave was raised in German Village in Columbus, and is the son of Charles and Wanda Dillbeck.

Dave became interested in music at an early age when he would be at his

grandparent's house on a Sunday afternoon playing and singing gospel music with his aunts and uncles who were gathered around Granpa's piano.

Dave first started learning percussion in the sixth grade in Columbus, and was a sound technician and singer for two country bands.

Dave retired after thirty years with the Department of Natural Resources where he was a Facility Services Manager. He has been with the Circleville Pumpkin Show Band for 13 years and has been with **The Pickaway Brass** for 5 years.

Dave is married to Debbie (Shae) Dillbeck, and has three children: Mannie (36), Kim (28) and Jared (22). He also has two grandchildren: Alyssa Neal (8) and Mathew Neal (3).

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