



Name: David Carlton

City/Town of Residence: Milwaukee

Instrument: Tuba

How long have you been with Concord? Since 2006

What is your earliest musical memory? Listening to my Dad's Nat King Cole records and his collection of classical music.

What got you interested in music, and what was your involvement growing up?

I took piano lessons as a kid and started playing baritone in the 5th grade band. Playing musical instruments seemed a natural fit for me.

Why do you perform with Concord? I enjoy performing, especially with other talented musicians. I enjoy practicing, it's therapeutic for me, and having the goal of performing is an important motivator. Since I teach instrumental music it's important to stay fresh with what my students are experiencing.

What has been the high point of your involvement with Concord?

I always enjoy returning to the Basilica each Christmas and I love hearing young talent through the Concerto Competition. Many of our "seasoned" players are an inspiration for me to continue playing.

What do you do for a living? I teach instrumental music (both Band & Orchestra) at Eastbrook Academy.

Tell us about your family? My wife, Mary, and I have three grown children and two grandchildren: Thomas and Mariah. "Grandpa" is my favorite title.

What are your hobbies besides practicing and playing? I'm a runner (usually 5 a.m. on school days). I like to read (especially theology) and I like to garden.

What is your favorite recording? I'm a subscriber to Sirius XM so the classical music station is on constantly. I love both classical music and jazz, and I never get tired of hearing *Serenade for Strings* by Tchaikovsky.

Who is your favorite composer? Probably Brahms.

What is one thing most people don't know about you? In my younger days I was an official for football and basketball games.

What is your advice for kids who are interested in music? The answer the cab driver gave to the passenger who asked, "How do you get to Carnegie Hall?" "Practice, man, practice."