

Tristann Rieck



City of Residence: Glendale

Instrument: French Horn

How long have you played with Concord? Two and a half years

What is your earliest musical memory?

Singing in the church youth choir directed by my father, Alan Gaulke.

What is your musical background?

My father started Brass Bell Music Store, which I now own and run. I grew up in the store and around music all my life. I played E-flat alto horn in 5th grade, and transitioned to French horn in 6th grade. It never occurred to me not to be involved in music.

Why do you perform with Concord?

Music is my career. Playing my horn reminds me how music can change your life. It is definitely something that pushes me on the creative side. It touches a part of me that doesn't come naturally but gives me a great sense of pride and accomplishment, which keeps me coming back for more. My favorite thing about playing music is that chill when everything just goes right.

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

Getting to know the many new musicians that I hadn't previously worked with.

What do you do for a living?

I am the owner of Brass Bell Music Store in Glendale.

Tell us about your family?

My father started his career as a choir director and music teacher. He had a huge influence on his children. My younger sister teaches choir at Dominican HS. My husband sings in a German men's choir and plays trumpet in the Cardinal Stritch Orchestra.

What are your hobbies besides practicing and playing?

I enjoy traveling when I can, particularly if I can go to some place warm to escape the winter. I am also very focused on improving my fitness.

What is your favorite recording – any genre?

This is a difficult question. I go through phases where I listen to one album almost exclusively for a few months, and then move on to another. The one consistency in my choice is they are powerful symphonic works.

Who is your favorite composer?

John Williams

What is one thing most people don't know about you?

With the recent addition of two adorable black kittens, my veterinarian husband and I now live with four cats.

What is your advice for kids who are interested in music?

If there is an instrument that you have always wanted to play, speak up and let people know. While being forced to practice the instrument chosen by your parents can be a chore, learning and playing the right instrument -- the one that is your dream -- is a joy and can become a lifelong passion.