

Jackie Tilles - Flute / Pic - 11-15 years

Teach instrumental music in public schools.

Besides music, I enjoy being in nature. I especially like studying and photographing birds.

Robert T. Couch – Trombone - 16-20 years

Mailman

Collect clocks and play accordion worse than I play trombone

Mary Cobb – Percussion - 0-5 years

Retired Chicago Public Schools teacher

Rebecca Levin - Flute / Pic - 0-5 years

Social worker

I have been playing the flute for about 16 years. I am a native of the Chicagoland area. I am currently a social worker in a community mental health center and work with many families and children who have experienced trauma.

Robert Taylor - Bb Clarinet - 16-20 years

CPA --A. ROBERT TAYLOR CPA, PC Firm provided tax and accounting services to small businesses, individuals and not -for-profit organizations, for 25+ years then started A. Robert Taylor Financial Advisory Services providing financial planning and investment management services to individuals for the next 10 years.

David Friedman - Alto Sax - 16-20 years

Field representative for the Chicago Teacher Union

Jim Norris - Bb Clarinet - 6-10 years

UNIX/Linux administration

I practice yoga. I am a member of several community bands.

Paul Isaacson - Tenor Sax - 11-15 years

IT at Northwestern University School of Medicine currently

I have a small website and computer help side business and have recently tried taking up photography.

Corky May – Euphonium - 16-20 years

Professional musician/entertainer.

I was on the road for 13 years, playing in 5 to 9-piece Los Vegas-type, show bands. We played 5 to 7 nights a week, and usually 2 weeks at each venue. I came to Chicago in 1982, formed a duo, and my partner and I worked local night clubs and lounges until 1993, working 5 nights a week. Since then, I work with my wife at home in an event planning business. I still identify as a musician and feel that playing in the community bands allows me to maintain that status.

Dennis Jasieniecki - French Horn - 16-20 years

Nurse Anesthetist

3 kids 1 grandchild lovely wife

David Beazley – Trombone - 0-5 years
Independent teacher, book author, and researcher (computer science).
I also play jazz piano--especially in small groups (quartets, quintets, etc.).

Ian Burke – Tuba - 0-5 years
I am a consultant for Axiom Consulting Partners
I played with Dave as my conductor at ETHS and joined the band after high school. In my occasional time off I love to travel

Amy Niemira - Alto Sax - 6-10 years
Youth Services Library Assistant
I started playing saxophone when I was 12 and continued through my first year of college, stopped for 20 years, and started again when my children started band in elementary school. I also used to play recorders and krumhorns in an early music group.

Jill Mihailovic - French Horn - 6-10 years
Now retired. Was a paralegal/office manager/bookkeeper at a law firm. Also worked as the bookkeeper at Frank's Drum Shop.
Played tambura in a classical Indian Music group. Also played keyboards in a Middle Eastern Music ensemble.

Christine Rhode - Bb Clarinet - 0-5 years
retired lawyer
Retired lawyer, live in Wilmette with children and grandchildren.

Jeff Urban – Trumpet - 26 or more years
Sales Rep
I'm more or less gregarious.

Elaine Steiner - Bb Clarinet - 0-5 years
Teacher and school administrator
Love to travel; have been all over the world. Love to crochet. Substitute teach and baby sit my grandchildren on a regular basis.

Elizabeth Shuttters - Bb Clarinet - 0-5 years
School administrator
I'm the Director of Curriculum and Innovation at Roycemore School, where I've been for 13 years. I grew up playing clarinet in a small town in western Illinois and also played in college. A few years ago I was in a clarinet choir in Chicago. I have missed playing and am glad to be part of this group.

Kelly McGowan - Bb Clarinet - 0-5 years
High school art and science teacher
Lived in Rogers park for 10 years, moved to the south side now. Degree in fine arts and biology and education. Work at an alternative high school near Pilsen.

Jim Skelton - French Horn - 16-20 years

Electrical engineer

Sing in a choir, play in two bands, aspiring writer. Have a wife if 46 years, a daughter and two granddaughters. Genealogy is a hobby.

Cole Jacques - Bb Clarinet - 0-5 years

ESL Instructor (to adults)

I'm originally from Iowa. I have lived in Chicago for almost 5 years. In my first career, I was a college librarian. I am a member of the Chicago Architecture Center and love going on tours about Chicago history. I enjoy doing yoga and pilates in my free time. I started playing the clarinet in junior high and played through high school.

Pat Mihalec - Oboe / English Horn - 26 or more years

Computer Programmer, System Support

Switched to oboe from flute in 1989. Played with Northeastern Alumni Band, the Do It Yourself Orchestra for Messiah.

James Swinger – Trumpet - 21-25 years

Product Management

Retired

Alice Magos - Flute / Pic - 26 or more years

Editor, Sr. Writer for CCH Inc/WoltersKluwer: global accounting, law & business publisher.

Wilmette native. BA Washington Univ St. Loius MS Northwestern Former honnies; sailing, church choir Current hobby: art Pet: crabby old tuxie cat

Kathy Rundell - Flute / Pic - 0-5 years

Retired, was a scientist at Northwestern.

Rob Linsenmeier - Bb Clarinet - 0-5 years

Professor, Biomedical Engineering and Neurobiology, Northwestern University. Formally retired, but very active.

Terry Fertig - Flute / Pic - 26 or more years

Teacher/Textbook Editor

I joined the WCB in 1987 after not playing since high school graduation. I've been a member ever since. I taught 1st and 2nd grade until my children were born. Then I did freelance writing and editing for textbooks for 13 years. Finally went into publishing full time after my children were older. I am now retired and on the board of the Ray Bradbury Experience Museum, a start-up museum honoring the Waukegan native that will open in downtown Waukegan in 2020.

Danica Dagg - Bb Clarinet - 0-5 years

Music Teacher

I've been teaching band around Chicagoland for the past 6 years. I spend my summers working at a bike store.

Stuart Schweidel - Bass Clarinet - 0-5 years

Actuary

I like to play super-complicated board games with wife and children (ages 13 and 11)

Dan Mendelson - Alto Sax - 0-5 years

Accreditation of medical schools for the American Osteopathic Association

Helen Campbell - Flute / Pic - 0-5 years

I am a college student.

I started playing flute in 5th grade and played in band and orchestra at New Trier High School. I am majoring in chemistry and math at Mount Holyoke College.

Lisette DuFore - Bb Clarinet - 0-5 years

Project Coordinator for an AV company.

I've been playing clarinet for about 15 years, and play piano and saxophone as well. In addition to music, I have a huge passion for theatre and reading!

Dan Freedman - Bass Clarinet - 6-10 years

Financial Systems Analyst

After taking a hiatus (from playing in ensembles) for many years, I was very appreciative to find many musical opportunities in our area (especially our wonderful band that has grown in size, musicianship, and sense of community since I joined). I look forward to playing a part in expanding "music for life" opportunities in the future.

Cheryl Filipek - Oboe / English Horn - 0-5 years

Technical Account Manager (IT Trainer)

Maddie Jones - Bb Clarinet - 0-5 years

I'm a Medical Terminology Analyst (linguist) for a Health IT company.

I'm a big college football fan (go Dawgs!) and I also enjoy horseback riding and soccer in my free time.

Ray Bolton – Trombone - 0-5 years

Bank Examiner at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago

I love the Lord of the Rings, board games, craft beers, and (obviously) music. I'm always interested in playing in different ensembles, such as brass quintets and trombone choirs, so if anyone's interested I'm definitely in!

Chris Thomas – Trumpet - 0-5 years

Architect

Taking lessons at an advanced age is a gas, and you're never too old or good to take them.

Sally Nador - French Horn - 26 or more years

Psychologist

Activist