

Thomas Biggs

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EDUCATION

Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL
Masters in Nonprofit Management Expected May 2026

Bachelor in Music Performance August 2021-May 2025

- Minor in Commercial Music Business
- **Awards and Recognitions:** Bright Futures Scholarship, College of Arts and Letters Scholarship, College of Arts and Letters Dean's List (2022-Present)

COLLEGIATE EXPERIENCE

Ensembles

Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL Aug. 2021-Present

- Wind Ensemble, *Principal*
- Symphony Orchestra, *Soloist*
- Florida Atlantic Jazz Orchestra, *Soloist*
- Chamber Brass
- Opera and Musical Theater Departments

Florida All-State Intercollegiate Band, Tampa, FL Jan. 2023, 2024, 2025
Section member in the FMEA Intercollegiate Band.

VOLUNTEER WORK

FAU Annual Concert Band Festival Feb. 2022-2025

Assisted in the largest band event in the south with 2400 music students, acting as a practice for MPA with renowned clinicians and judges.

- Responsibilities include band check-in/tour, clinic room set-up, stagehand, and announcing.

FAU Annual Brass Day Jan. 2022-2025

An all inclusive series of seminars centered around brass technique and music.

- Responsibilities include room set up/break down, band check-in, performing, and ensuring delivery of provided meals.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

ORCHESTRAL EXPERIENCE

Symphony of The Americas, Fort Lauderdale, FL April 2023-Present
Utility trumpet.

OPERA AND MUSICAL THEATER ENGAGEMENTS

Florida Atlantic University Department of Theater and Dance, Boca Raton, FL Jan. 2025

1776, Pit Orchestra, Lead trumpet. Feb. 2024

9 to 5, Pit Orchestra, Lead trumpet. July 2023

A Chorus Line, Pit Orchestra, Lead trumpet. July 2023

Cardinal Gibbons High School, Fort Lauderdale Nov. 2024

Shrek The Musical, Pit Orchestra, Trumpet.

Florida Atlantic University Opera Theater, Boca Raton, FL Feb. 2024
L'Orfeo, Orchestra, Trumpet II.

Palm Beach Atlantic University, West Palm Beach, FL April 2023
Into The Woods, Pit Orchestra, Trumpet.

POP AND ENTERTAINMENT

Making Faces, Hollywood, FL April 2022-Present
Current trumpet player for rock band "Making Faces."

- Notable venues include Margaritaville Hollywood Beach, Clematis By Night, fundraisers with nonprofit *Go Build Love* and various seafood and music festivals.

Seafarers International Union, Ft. Lauderdale, FL Oct. 2022-2024
Performer and entertainer at Seafarers International Union performing in jazz and corporate bands.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

High School Assistant Jazz Instructor Aug. 2024-Present
Boca Raton High School, Boca Raton, FL

- Conducts and directs jazz big band two to three times a week.
- Students receive mentorship and guidance on many aspects of their playing such as technique, improvisation, ensemble cohesion and performance preparation.
- Received SUPERIOR ratings at Palm Beach County Jazz MPA.

Brass Instructor and Consultant Aug. 2024-Present
Highland Elementary, West Palm Beach, FL

- Responsibilities include providing pedagogical instruction for 20+ brass players.

Trumpet Summer Camp Instructor June-Aug. 2022, 2023, 2024
Elementary, Middle and High School Band Camp, Florida Atlantic University

- Responsibilities included group and private trumpet instruction.

Private Trumpet Instructor Jan. 2022-Present

- Instructs students via weekly hour-long lessons
- Personalized lesson plans centered around student's skill level and goals.

AWARDS & HONORS

The National Trumpet Competition, Texas Christian University March 2025
Solo division, preliminary, *on-going*.

The National Trumpet Competition, Texas A&M University March 2024
Solo division, semi-finalist.

Florida Atlantic University Concerto & Aria Competition, Boca Raton, FL Oct. 2023
Winner, (Lars-Erik Larsson - Concertino for Trumpet, Op. 45 No. 6).

The National Trumpet Competition, Newark, DL March 2022
Florida Atlantic University trumpet studio small group semi-finalists.