

**West Valley Symphony
Get To Know Your Musicians
Joshua Haake, Principal Trumpet**



Tell us about yourself:

Born in Grand Forks, ND and raised in St. Cloud, MN. Started playing piano at age 7, trumpet at age 10. My schooling includes:
Bachelors: Concordia College, Moorhead, MN (B.M. Music Education)
Masters: UW Milwaukee (MM Trumpet Performance)
Doctorate: ASU (DM Trumpet Performance)
I have studied with Albert Moore, Dale White, Russell Pesola, Kevin Hartmann, David Hickman

Have you read any good books lately?

I've recently been reading quite a few books by Stephen King, and am particular to 11/22/63 and the Bill Hodges Trilogy. However, my favorite book of all time would have to be the Count of Monte Cristo followed closely by the Lord of the Rings.

If you could start a charity/nonprofit, what would it be?

Already have! The Phoenix Brass Collective.

Our goal was to fill a niche and bring high quality brass performances to the Valley, but more than that, we wanted to inspire new generations by helping nurture and develop chamber music programs throughout the greater Phoenix area.

Your crush when you were a youngster?

My High School Sweetheart, Rachel Tims

Your crush now?

Same girl, now my wife, Rachel Haake

Star Wars or Star Trek

Why choose? When talking about Star Trek I prefer The Original Series,

The Next Generation, and Voyager... for movies I stick to the even ones:

Wrath of Khan, Voyage Home, Final Frontier, and First Contact. As for Star Wars, I prefer the original trilogy, but can't stomach much more (although Rogue One and Solo were fun). The Clone Wars show (later seasons) and the Mandalorian have been good as well. Super Geeky response, I know.





DC or Marvel: Marvel...DC takes itself too seriously

Favorite Binge Watch: The Office, or Parks and Rec

If not a musician, a: Furniture maker

Favorite color? Blue

Hobbies? Woodworking, painting, playing board games, skiing, snowboarding, riding my motorcycle.

Random Fact:

My wife and I are on a team that qualified for the world championship for escape rooms, mere weeks before the world closed down due to the pandemic. Still waiting to compete...

