

**IN THEIR OWN WORDS**  
**Get to Know THE WVS Musicians**  
**Scott Werner, Percussion**



Scott Werner is from Joliet Illinois and graduated from Joliet Central High School. I received Bachelor's of Music from the University of Illinois and a Masters degree in music from Arizona State University.

I began playing with the West Valley Symphony in 1990, when it was called the Sun Cities Symphony and performed at the Sundome in Sun City West.

My wife and I, Tracy Werner (also a band director) have three children Emma, Samantha and Ava.

**Does your family have a "motto"?** "Here's to good friends, tonight is kind of special."

**What's your favorite way to spend time with your family?** Disneyland

**What's the first concert you remember attending?** My first Orchestra Concert was the Chicago Symphony - they played Pictures at an Exhibition.

**Have you ever been on TV?** I was in the Mannheim Steamroller Christmas Special

**If you had a yacht, what would you name it?** Cuica (Portuguese pronunciation: [ku'ike]) is a Brazilian friction drum with a large pitch range, produced by changing tension on the head of the drum.



**Teaching:** I have been teaching at Corona del Sol High School since 1990. At Corona I am one of the directors of the Marching Band, Percussion Ensemble, Guitar Ensemble and the Steel Band.

Below is a photo of the Marching Band at a competition in 2022.



Above is the Steel Drum Band performing at Disneyland.

Here are some photos of the percussion set up for the March 2023 West Valley Symphony American Greatness concert.



**How do you like to spend your free time?** I don't have free time - I teach and play music!

Here is a photo of my fellow WVS musicians: Lonnie Slawson (percussion), Gene Cervantes (timpani) and myself taken while working a concert by the rock band The Who, taken in the Fall of 2022.

**What skill would you like to master?**  
Playing percussion - There are so many different instruments to play in percussion. You can never master them all!

