

## Benjamin J. Yates

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### Education

Master of Trombone Performance  
Cumulative GPA: 3.91  
Student of Elliot Chasanov

University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana  
(UIUC)  
Graduation: May 2011

Bachelor of Arts  
Major: Music  
Minor: K-12 Instrumental/General Music  
Cumulative GPA: 3.6 Cum Laude  
Student of Michael Smith

Luther College, Decorah, IA  
Deans List of Academic Achievement  
Weston Noble Music Scholarship  
Presidential Scholarship  
Graduation: May 2008

### Selected Performance Activities

Urbana Pops Symphony\*  
Baroque Artists of Champaign  
Wheatland Community Band, Substitute  
C.U. Symphony, Substitute\*/\*\*  
Vintage Brass Band, Trombone\*  
UIUC Graduate Brass Quintet  
UIUC Wind Ensemble\*\*  
UIUC New Music Ensemble\*  
UIUC Philharmonic Orchestra\*  
UIUC Symphony Orchestra\*/\*\*  
UIUC Brass Choir  
UIUC Trombone Choir  
Luther College Concert Band\*  
Luther College Symphony Orchestra\*\*  
Luther College Jazz Orchestra\*  
Luther College Trombone Choir  
Luther College Wind Ensemble\*  
Luther College Trombone Octet\*\*  
Luther College Trombone Quartet  
Luther College Brass Quintet

\* Principal Position \*\* Bass Trombone  
2010-2011  
2010-2011  
Summer 2010  
2009-2011  
2009-2010  
2009-2010  
Fall 2009  
2009-2010  
Fall 2009, Spring 2011  
2010-2011  
2009-2010  
2009-2011  
2005-2008  
2005-2007  
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2007-2008  
2007-2008  
2005-2007

## **Teaching Experience**

Luther College	2011-present
Adjunct Low Brass Faculty	
Calamus-Wheatland Community Schools	Spring 2009
Band Department	
Independence Community Schools	2008-2009
(Student Teaching- Substitute) Band	
Department	
John Cline Elementary Schools	Spring 2008
(Practicum) Kindergarten Music	
Cunningham Elementary School	Fall 2007
(Practicum) Elementary Music	

## **Employment**

Trombone Studio (Present 22 Students)	2002-present
Cedar Falls Utilities, Energy Specialist	Summer 2009
Waterloo Municipal Band, Waterloo, IA	Summer 2005- 2010
Cedar Falls Band, Cedar Falls, IA	Summer 2003- 2009
Luther College, Dorian Music Camp	Summer 2007
Instrument Repair, Merlin Grady	Summer 2006
Cedar Valley Jazz Camp, Instructor	Summers 2002-2007

## **Memberships**

University of Illinois, Trombone	2010-2011
Association (President 2010-11)	
International Trombone Association	2003-present
Music Educators National Conference	2005-2010
Future Music Educators Association	2004-2008
Office: Treasurer (2007)	
Iowa Bandmasters Association	2005-2010