



A performance at the First Presbyterian Church, Grand Island, NE

# Justin Brown

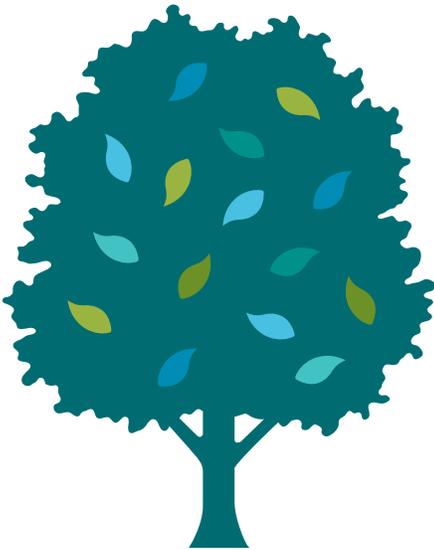
Musician, Trombonist, Pianist, Composer

Born and raised in Grand Island, Nebraska, music became a big part of my life at a young age. From the first time I touched a piano, I knew it was something I wanted to do with my life. I have found that music has a way of getting through to people that often times, words can not. It has been my greatest pleasure to share these experiences with anyone willing to listen. However, the journey I set forth on, was one filled with more than a fair share of twists and turns.

## Embracing Life's Storms

Shortly after earning my Master's and Bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in Trombone Performance, I got into a car crash that left me and my passenger unsure we'd even walk again, much less ever play any of my music again. In the blink of an eye, I had lost everything I had held so dear.

Through this incredibly difficult time in my life, I found a new voice in composing music to help cope with my situations. The music I share at my concerts all come from experiences in my life. Some are about loss, others love, triumphing over our trials, while others are simply about the beauty of nature. One thing I really enjoy is finding how relatable nature is in all of our walks of life, nothing more so than a storm. We've all had them, and no matter which way we go about it, we all have to face them from time to time.



Nature is a big part of my inspiration  
in music.

For many of us, the Covid19 outbreak has been just that - a storm in our life. We didn't do anything to deserve it, and some of us took the brunt harder than others. The truth though, is that we are all facing storms all the time. It is my hope that my music and message can inspire you to persevere anything that life has thrown at you lately, and I challenge you to use your faith, family, and inner-soul strength to get to the other side. No storms must be weathered forever. We can get through them together, and when we do, we are all better for the trials we have experienced and the wisdom gained to share and encourage others.

I hope you take the opportunity to join us as we come together not only to improve ourselves, but also to help combat (local cause). Donations will be made during the concert/ticket sales go to the (local cause)/etc.

Please consider wearing a mask for the concert for others around you. Seating will be designated to help enforce social distancing. Bring your own snacks and beverages for a meet a greet after the concert! Not only would I love to meet you all, but it is a wonderful opportunity to commune with one another during these very isolating times!

Take care and stay safe!

Justin Brown