



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

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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. 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 my passenger and I unsure we'd ever walk again, much less play any of my music again. In an instant, I had lost everything important in life - family, friends, and my personal identity as a musician.



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It was here I learned to lean on others, put forth action in recovery every day, and maintain hope for a brighter future. Through this process, I found a new voice in composing music to help cope with my situations.

The music I share at my concerts come from experiences in my life. Some are about loss, love, or triumphing over my trials, while others are simply about the beauty of nature. Over the years, I've found how relatable our walks of life are through nature's storms.

For many of us, Covid has been just that - a storm in our life. We have all been going through incredibly difficult times. "Through Life's Storms" offers a chance for us to reconnect with what is important. Finding hope in our future, become more accountable for our actions, and to connect with others again.

"Through Life's Storms" walks participants through my journey of overcoming a life altering car accident. Through short stories and music I've composed about the events, participants experience what it took for me to overcome my storm to live a life with deep meaning and fulfillment. Afterwards, everyone is invited to share a meal together and hear another person's story of resilience and perseverance from their own community.

Join with me to help impact our communities, charging us to pick ourselves up, and check in on each other.

Take care and stay safe!

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