

Dan's Bio

DAN JOHNSON is one of the busiest free-lance trombonists in Chicagoland. Since moving to Chicago in 1985, Dan has played over 2,000 musical shows and additionally, over 2,000 corporate events, shows, weddings, television and radio commercials.

Favorite musical theater productions Dan has performed lead trombone with include: "A Chorus Line", "A West Side Story", "Chicago", "City of Angels", "Crazy For You", "Forum", "42nd Street", "Gypsy", "How To Succeed In Business...", "The Music Man", "Singin In The Rain", "Sophisticated Ladies", and "Sweet Charity".

Favorite show performers Dan has played lead trombone with include: Ray Charles, Natalie Cole, The Four Tops, Aretha Franklin, Gladys Knight & the Pips, Angela Lansbury, The Manhattan Transfer, Johnny Mathis, The Temptations, Mel Torme, Dionne Warwick, and as a sideman with Doc Severinsen and the Tonight Show Band.

Legendary comedians Dan has performed lead trombone with include: Steve Allen, George Burns, Sid Caesar, Norm Crosby, Phyllis Diller, Buddy Hackett, Bob Hope, Jerry Lewis, Bob Newhart, Nipsy Russell, Danny Thomas, and Jerry Van Dyke.

Recent national and local television commercials Dan has performed on include: Burger King, Disney, McDonald's, Procter & Gamble, State Farm, and the U. S. Army.

Dan is entering his 10th season as trombonist with the Drury Lane Oak Brook Theater and spent 12 years as lead trombonist and musical arranger for the Dick Judson Orchestra.

Along with his career as a trombonist, Dan has pursued a career in education. Currently, he is the Instrumental Music Director in District 96, Riverside Public Schools, and holds a Bachelor of Music Degree in Education from Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, IL and a Master of Arts Degree in School Leadership from Concordia University in River Forest, IL.