

Biography

Matt Horton grew up in south central Oklahoma and from an early age, has always had a love of music. He earned his Bachelor's degree in Musical Arts with distinction from the University of Oklahoma where he studied trombone with Dr. Irvin L. Wagner. Matt later went on to earn his Master of Music degree in Jazz Studies/Music Production from the University of Central Oklahoma where he studied trombone with Mr. Jeff Kidwell, jazz improvisation with Mr. Lee Rucker and Advanced Recording Technology with Mr. Dennis Borycki and Mr. Brian Gorrell.

Matt is currently co-principal trombonist with the Oklahoma Community Orchestra, a non-profit organization for which he has served as Vice President. He has also played with the Enid Symphony. An active member of the International Trombone Association, Matt has served as both Executive and Operations Director. He is a member of the Pi Kappa Lambda National Music Honor Society. Matt's vast performance experiences range from playing for the Pope at the Vatican to playing the national anthem for the NBA Oklahoma City Thunder. His other international performances include the Taipei Wind Ensemble in Taiwan. While in Taiwan, Matt studied Mandarin Chinese and earned a TEFL English Teaching certificate in Zhu-hai, China.

Matt enjoys traveling in Asia, serving the community and supporting the fine arts. He presently resides in Norman, Oklahoma where he runs his recording business, AVPRO Studios LLC, that specializes in audio and video production. In 2017, Matt released a CD album titled "The Jazz Lab Experiment." It features famous jazz standards as well as some of Matt's original compositions.