

Germantown High School Low Brass Day 2009
Friday, March 20, 2009 - 3:30-4:45 PM
GHS Band Room

Germantown High School's first Low Brass Day will be held on Friday, March 20, 2009. Low Brass Day is an area-wide clinic for students grades 5 through 12. This is a day of discovery and exposure to the beauties and versatility of three of the members of the brass family: the tuba, euphonium, and trombone – instruments not commonly in the solo spotlight. Low Brass Day '09 will be led by Randall Ruback, Instructor of Brass Instruments for the Wisconsin Academy of Music, accompanied by two of his protégés: Glen Dimick, a native of Cedarburg, and David Shaw, a native of Menomonee Falls.

The goal of LBD '09 is, foremost, to celebrate the sounds of the tuba, euphonium, and trombone. Most importantly, it is to serve in highlighting the availability of quality brass instruction in Germantown and the vicinity. All brass players, including interested high brass players, are invited to attend.

The program will be varied, comprising performances by the trio ensemble of Ruback, Dimick, and Shaw on their respective instruments: trombone, tuba, and euphonium. Personal stories, fascinating facts about the low brass family, student participation, and stellar solo and ensemble performances by the three clinicians will lead the presentations. All interested brass players (including trumpet players) are invited to bring their instruments. Participants will have the chance to win a free introductory brass lesson with Randall Ruback.

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Randall Scott Ruback

Private Brass Teacher, Wisconsin Academy of Music

(Trombone, Euphonium, Tuba, Trumpet, and French Horn)



Randall Scott Ruback is a native of Omaha, Nebraska. He has performed as principal trombone with the (RAI) Italian Radio and Television Orchestra of Rome; the Opera House "Giuseppe Verdi" in Trieste, Italy; and the Haifa Symphony Orchestra in Israel, among others. A soloist on West German Radio, he has recorded for Italian Radio and Television, Israel Television, the Eurovision Song Contest, film, and disk; and is a prize-winning composer and conductor. Other performances include the Hungarian Opera; Pennsylvania Ballet; Orchestra of Ancient Music, Rome; and the Spoleto Festival of Two Worlds. In the field of jazz and popular music: Slide Hampton's World of Trombones; the Bill Porter, Marvin Hamlisch, and Guy Lombardo Orchestras; artists from Motown, national touring groups, and entertainers. He has taught at eight colleges and universities. His brass students (trumpet, trombone, euphonium, French horn, and tuba) have achieved national recognition. He holds three degrees: a Graduate Certificate in Performance and a M.M. in Trombone

Performance from Northwestern University, and a B.M. in Trombone Performance from the Mannes College of Music, including studies at Indiana University. A published writer, he currently resides in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he teaches, conducts workshops, performs, and composes. He can be contacted at: artisan_to_artist@sbcglobal.net. Visit his website at: www.randallruback.com

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Glen Dimick

(Tuba, Euphonium, Trombone)



Glen Dimick is a native of Cedarburg, Wisconsin. He has performed as tubist with the Indianapolis, Louisville, Camerata, Rockford, Terre Haute, Lafayette, and Racine Symphony Orchestras. He holds three degrees: a D.M.A. and a B.M. in Tuba Performance from Indiana University, and a M.M. in Tuba Performance from DePaul University. He is currently Adjunct Lecturer of Tuba and Euphonium at the Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University. He has served as Adjunct Professor of Tuba at Murray State University. In addition, he has been on the tuba faculty at the Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp in Twin Lake, Michigan, as well as a private low brass instructor for the suburban high schools in Chicago. As a high school student, he was invited to solo at the National Tuba Conference in Washington, D.C., participated in the National High School Youth Orchestra, and was

winner of the UW-Milwaukee Youth Wind Ensemble I and Lakeshore Concerto Competitions.

David Shaw

(Euphonium, Trombone, Tuba)



David Shaw is a native of Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin. He holds three degrees: a Teacher Certification in Music Education and a M.M. in Instrumental Conducting from the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee, and a B.M. in Euphonium Performance from Indiana University, where he also received the Faculty Music Award, the largest university scholarship given by that institution, as well as the Founder's Award for Academic Excellence. He is currently a low brass coach for the Milwaukee Youth Symphony Orchestra Junior Wind Ensemble. Mr. Shaw was a member of Harvey Phillip's TubaSantas and the Indiana University Wind Ensemble under the direction of Ray Cramer. David's teaching background includes student teaching at Brookfield Central High School and Kennedy Middle School in Germantown. He was also a lesson teacher and clinician for the Falls Baptist Academy; camp counselor for the

Bradford Woods Music Camp in Martinsville, Indiana; Assistant Director of the Young Winds Program in Bloomington, Indiana; and a substitute band instructor and lesson teacher for the School District of Menomonee Falls. As a high school student, he was winner of the UW-Milwaukee Youth Wind Ensemble I Concerto Competition, as well as the youngest member ever accepted into the group.