



Alex Hilliard

Alex Hilliard received his Bachelor of Music, *cum Laude* from Vanderbilt University, where he studied conducting with Robin Fountain. While completing his undergraduate studies he served as principal tubist of the Nashville Philharmonic Orchestra, Vanderbilt University Wind Ensemble, Vanderbilt University Orchestra, and Tennessee State University Concert Band. Alex also performed with The Establishment, a professional jazz ensemble, in Nashville, Tennessee. After completing his undergraduate degree, he was awarded a graduate assistantship to study conducting with Dr. William Hochkeppel at the University of Louisiana-Lafayette. Here he taught music appreciation, music theory, and guest conducted the university wind ensemble while completing his Master of Music in instrumental conducting.

Recently, Alex served as Band Director for Kaplan High School in Kaplan, Louisiana and as Assistant Conductor of the Lafayette Concert Band. He also remains active as a clinician and adjudicator for local middle and high school bands.