

Matt Rice is a native of a small town northeast of Pittsburgh, PA and has been living in North Carolina since 1997. He received his Bachelors of Science in Music Education from Indiana University of Pennsylvania in 1997. He majored on tuba and minored in voice and organ. In 2002, he received his Masters in Music Education from The University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Matt then received his Masters of School Administration from North Carolina State University in 2006 and worked as an assistant principal in Raleigh, NC. He also studied in Bulgaria under the supervision of Russian, French and Bulgarian choral conducting instructors.

Matt has performed in multiple venues across the United States, Canada and Europe. He has played tuba with the Triangle Wind Ensemble, the Cape Fear Regional Band and the Dutch Boy Drum and Bugle Corp. He served as the tenor soloist during a performance of Handel's *Messiah*. Matt was the interim organist for Long Memorial United Methodist Church in Roxboro, NC for two 6-month periods.

Matt enjoys traveling, photography and being with friends and family. He also holds a private pilot's license. Currently, he is the Choral Director at Reidsville High School and is a member of the ACDA, NCMEA and AOPA.