

Nick Adragna

Tuba



With his performances described as “flawless”, tubist Nick Adragna has enjoyed a busy performing career across the country, performing in ensembles and as a soloist, as well as teaching tuba, euphonium, and trombone.

He began his musical studies in Texas and went on to complete his Bachelor of Music degree in Tuba Performance at Oakland University in Rochester, Michigan with Dr. Kenneth Kroesche. While at Oakland University, Nick twice won the Pontiac Oakland Symphony Concerto Competition and served as the orchestra’s principal tuba for four years. He was also an active competitor outside of school and placed in the finals for three years running at the national level of the Music Teachers National Association’s Young Artist Brass Competition.

Nick finished his Master of Music degree in Tuba Performance in 2011 at the University of New Mexico in the studio of Dr. Richard White. At UNM he was awarded a graduate assistantship to perform in the graduate brass quintet, the Sandia Brass. While in New Mexico, Nick performed with the New Mexico Symphony Orchestra, Roswell Symphony Orchestra, New Mexico Symphony Brass Quintet, and the Santa Fe Symphony Brass Quintet. He has performed live on TV and radio with Copper Street Brass and was featured in a tuba quartet on Garrison Keillor’s A Prairie Home Companion.

He joined Copper Street in June 2011 and holds an active low brass studio in the Twin Cities. When not performing or teaching, Nick can be found on many long walks around the many beautiful large bodies of water that Minnesota has to offer, come rain, shine, or snow...lots of snow! Nick is an avid reader and music lover. He also loves sports and has been known to hop on the bandwagon for any Detroit sports team when they’re doing well.