



Ron S. Ledbetter - Trumpet

Originally from Cuero, Texas, Ron got an early start in music by singing in church and community children's choirs. In the fifth grade, he was introduced to the trumpet by his father, a former musician. From that point forward, he was involved in the public school band program. Upon deciding to pursue a music career, he began his collegiate studies at Victoria College, where he studied trumpet with James McCrury. During both years at Victoria College, he was selected as a member of the Texas Junior College All-State Honor Band. He continued his education at Southwest Texas State University, where he studied trumpet with Dr. Keith Winking and Jack Laumer. While a student at Southwest Texas State University, he held positions as principal trumpet in the university's orchestra and wind ensemble. In 1995, he was a featured soloist during the orchestra's European tour. In the same year, he was the winner of the Southwest Texas Orchestra Concerto Competition. Ron was recognized as the Outstanding Collegiate-level lead trumpet at the International Association of Jazz Educators Conference in 1996. He graduated in 1996 with a Bachelor of Music degree.

Ron holds positions as principal trumpet in the Victoria Symphony Orchestra, Corpus Christi Symphony Orchestra, and Corpus Christi Ballet Orchestra. In addition, he plays lead trumpet in the Sound of Swing Big Band and the U.S.S. Lexington Big Band. He has been a member of the Hill Country Brass Quintet since 1993. Other groups he has performed with include the San Antonio Symphony, Dallas Wind Symphony, San Antonio Brass and Victoria Bach Festival Orchestra. Ron works as a freelance musician and music educator in central and south Texas. He lives in Victoria with his wife Christine and son Trevor.