

## **Long Biography**

Jeff Garza is principal horn of the Oregon Symphony and the Britt Festival Orchestra. He has previously held principal positions with the San Antonio Symphony, Houston Grand Opera, Utah Festival Opera and Festival Mozaic Orchestra. Jeff has served as guest principal horn in dozens of orchestras including the Los Angeles Philharmonic, Cincinnati Symphony, Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra, Utah Symphony, New Zealand Symphony, Malaysian Philharmonic and Melbourne Symphony. He regularly performs and tours with the San Francisco Symphony and was an acting member of the orchestra during the 2016-17 season.

Jeff has been invited to perform at festivals and chamber music series throughout the United States including the Menlo School Summer Brass Institute, Chamber Music International, Concordia Chamber Players, Cape Cod Chamber Music Festival, Cactus Pear Music Festival, 45th Parallel, Chatter ABQ and the Texas Music Festival. Jeff was formerly the Artistic Director of Olmos Ensemble, a chamber music group comprised of San Antonio Symphony principal musicians. He has been a featured performer at national and regional horn workshops throughout the United States and has performed concertos by Mozart, Strauss, Schumann, Telemann and Forster with the San Antonio Symphony, the Britt Festival Orchestra, and the Festival Mozaic Orchestra.

Jeff earned a Bachelor of Music degree from Rice University's Shepherd School of Music and is an alumnus of the Interlochen Center for the Arts where he was awarded an Emerson Scholarship and the Young Artist Certificate, Interlochen Arts Academy's highest artistic honor. He has held fellowship positions with the New World Symphony, Tanglewood Music Center, National Repertory Orchestra, and the Jerusalem International Symphony Orchestra.

Jeff has served on the faculty at Brevard Music Center, St. Mary's University, San Antonio College and Trinity University and has been an invited clinician at music schools across the country including San Francisco Conservatory of Music, University of California-Berkeley, University of Houston and Texas State University. He teaches privately at his home studio and is available for virtual lessons via Zoom, FaceTime or Skype.

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