

Performer, educator, conductor, and clinician **John Gruber** is Visiting Assistant Professor of Trombone at the Oberlin Conservatory. Dr. Gruber is also Principal Trombonist of both the Youngstown Symphony Orchestra and the Akron Symphony Orchestra and is the Second Trombonist with the Lansing Symphony Orchestra.

Dr. Gruber was the National Brass Division winner of the 2010 Music Teachers National Association Young Artist Competition in Albuquerque, New Mexico. In the summer of 2019, he performed as a soloist at the International Trombone Festival. He also performs frequently as a recitalist and as a chamber musician.

As an educator, he has held positions at Ohio State University and Siena Heights University. Previously, he has held teaching positions with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's Civic Youth Ensembles and the Barnesville Exempted Village School District, where he served as Director of Bands. John also serves on the faculty of the Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp.

Dr. Gruber is a native of Bowling Green, Ohio, where he earned his B.M.E. in Instrumental Music Education from Bowling Green State University. He holds both an M.M. and a D.M.A. in Trombone Performance from the University of Michigan. His teachers include David Jackson, William Mathis, Dan Saygers, Michael Haithcock, and Garth Simmons.



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