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Andrew currently hosts two podcasts. "The Brass Junkies" is a podcast interviewing the best brass players in the world. "The Entrepreneurial Musician" features interviews with some of the most successful people in the music business.

Andrew is also the author of "A Band Director's Guide To Everything Tuba: A Collection of Interviews with the Experts" which features interviews with Sam Pilafian, Pat Sheridan, Dr. Tim Lautzenheiser and others. The second volume, "A Band Director's Guide to Everything Trombone: A Collection of Interviews with the Experts", features interviews with Joe Alessi, Harry Watters, Ralph Sauer and others.

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Andrew hosts two podcasts through his latest venture, [Pedal Note Media](http://www.pedalnotemedia.com/), a digital media company founded with former Boston Brass colleague Lance LaDuke. Pedal Note Media provides products and programs to educate, entertain and inspire music teachers, players and fans. ["The Brass Junkies"](http://www.pedalnotemedia.com/thebrassjunkies/) is a podcast interviewing the best brass players in the world on everything from the serious to the ridiculous, just like the music business. Previous guests have included Joe Alessi, Carol Jantsch and Marty Hackleman. The other is ["The Entrepreneurial Musician"](http://www.andrewhitz.com/tem/) which features interviews with some of the most successful people in the music business. Previous guests on TEM have included David Cutler of The Savvy Musician, Ranaan Meyer of Time for Three and Noa Kageyama of The Bulletproof Musician. Both podcasts are available through iTunes or streamable through the Pedal Note Media website.

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Andrew is proud to serve on the Board of Directors for the [Mockingbird Foundation](http://mbird.org), a non-profit organization which has awarded over $1.1 million in grants to help bring music education to underserved populations.

Andrew is a graduate of Northwestern University where he studied with Rex Martin and was the Graduate Teaching Assistant for Sam Pilafian at Arizona State University. He currently teaches tuba, euphonium and music business classes at Shenandoah Conservatory and has previously taught at George Mason University, Gettysburg College and Virginia Commonwealth University.

Andrew lives in the Washington, DC area with his son Nicholas, his dog Izabella, and his wife Tiffany, who he thinks is the best band director in the country. He is an avid sports fan, loves history, and has seen the band Phish in concert 191 times. No that is not a typo.