

Matthew Boothe | June Musician Feature



Matthew Boothe recently joined the KSO, with Don Giovanni wrapping up his first season playing in the double bass section of the orchestra. Besides playing with the KSO, he also is the assistant principal bass of the Lansing Symphony Orchestra and the principal bass of the Battle Creek Symphony Orchestra. He is a Kentucky native and completed his undergraduate studies at the University of Louisville in 2012, after which he moved to the Lansing area for his graduate studies at MSU. He worked as a graduate teaching assistant at MSU for several years, completing his Master's degree in 2014, and is currently in the final stages of the DMA in Performance.

Matthew's favorite part of playing with the KSO has been the variety of programming. In addition to getting to play many great pieces of the standard orchestral repertoire, there has also been a Christmas musical, collaborations with actors like in the Gershwin and Mozart Family Discovery programs, and the unique experience of the Ratatouille movie performance.

Outside of music, Matthew spends his free time cycling and playing strategy games both old and new, varying from online games like StarCraft to the more familiar classic, chess.