

## Noah Krzan | Musician Feature



Noah Krzan grew up in the Kalamazoo area and attended his first Kalamazoo Symphony concert as a child. Although his first instrument was flute, Krzan began playing the bass in 5th grade thanks to the Portage Public Schools elementary orchestra program. Later, he was a member of the Kalamazoo Junior Symphony, beginning with the Prep Strings program in middle school. During his studies with Tom Knific at Western Michigan University, he became a member of the Kalamazoo Symphony.

Krzan has continued to be active in musical opportunities around the state of Michigan. He has worked and travelled with Blue Lake's International Youth Symphony Orchestra on multiple occasions. Additionally, Krzan is a member of the Traverse Symphony Orchestra. Locally, Krzan is an assistant conductor with the Kalamazoo Junior Symphony's Prep Strings orchestras.

Beyond music, Noah is also a math teacher in Kalamazoo Public Schools and is an avid endurance athlete. Noah coaches cross country and track and has himself competed in approximately 20 races of marathon distance or greater, including the fateful 2013 Boston Marathon, and completed his first full Ironman triathlon last summer. Krzan enjoys photography, camping, biking, swimming, reading, baseball, and staying active. Krzan was a part of the KSO's summer co-ed softball team.

Noah has been a member of KSO for 12 years and enjoys it because of the wonderful musicians that he gets to work with - his colleagues in the bass section, the rest of the orchestra, and guest artists. Beyond all the talented and diverse people, he really enjoys the repertoire of music that a full symphony orchestra (without reduced string sections) such as the KSO is capable of performing!