

Emma Vakiener

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Performance Experience

Orchestral

University of Kentucky Symphony Orchestra (Lexington, KY) 2025-2026

- Principal Trumpet (Jennifer Higdon's *Blue Cathedral*, Jean Sibelius *Violin Concerto*)
- Assistant Principal Trumpet (Prokofiev's *Cinderella*, Shostakovich *Symphony No. 5*, Mahler *Symphony No. 5*)
- Section Trumpet (Brahms *Academic Festival Overture*, Sibelius *Symphony No. 2*, Mahler *Symphony No. 4*, Alan Hovhanness *Mysterious Mountain*, Pavel Haas *Scherzo Triste*, Esa-Pekka Salonen *Helix*)

University of Kentucky Opera Orchestra (Lexington, KY) 2026

- *A Nation of Others* - Principal Trumpet (World Premiere)

Central City Baptist Church Orchestra (Central City, KY) 2026

- Principal Trumpet (Handel's *Messiah*)

Wind Band

University of Kentucky Wind Symphony (Principal Trumpet) 2024-2025

Pit Orchestra

Something Rotten (Between The Lakes Community Players, Ovid, NY) 2025

Les Miserables (Lansing High School, Lansing, NY) 2024

Little Shop of Horrors (Spencer Van-Etten High School, Spencer, NY) 2023

Commercial

Man O' War Church Christmas Productions (Lexington, KY) 2024-2025

- Lead Trumpet
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Work Experience

University of Kentucky School of Music (Student Office Assistant) 2025-2026

North American Baroque Trumpet Conference (Social Media Manager) 2024-2026

Ithaca College School of Music, Theatre, and Dance (House Manager) 2019-2023

Education

Master of Music in Trumpet Performance, University of Kentucky 2024-2026

Teaching Assistantship in the Trumpet Studio

Professor: Dr. Jason Dovel

Bachelor of Music in Music Education, Ithaca College 2019-2023

Wind Instrument Track with Trumpet & Jazz Studies Concentrations

Professors: Dr. Jared Wallis, Dr. Aaron Witek, Mike Titlebaum (Jazz)