



**Josh Kaser** - South Bend, Indiana native Josh Kaser has been playing trumpet for over 20 years. Josh studied trumpet at Western Michigan University and graduated in 2002. While at Western, Josh had the fortune of studying with Scott Thornburg, Dr. Stephen Jones, and Trent Kynaston, along with Wynton Marsalis and Tom Harrell.

Josh played in Western's award winning, and world-renowned vocal jazz ensemble, "Gold Company", and toured Belgium, France, and England, and the east coast of the U.S. While studying at Western Josh had the honor of sharing the stage with Bobby McFerrin, The New York Voices, and Janis Siegel of the Manhattan Transfer.

Josh has also performed with such greats as Billy Hart, John Clayton, Randy Brecker, Kenny Wheeler, Bob Mintzer, John Fedcho, and Bobby Shew. Josh can be seen playing with local bands, The Twin Cities Jazz Orchestra, the Michiana Jazz Assemblage, and of course the mighty Whistle Pigs.