

About your Trinity examiner



James Stretton
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James Stretton was born in Warwickshire in 1967 and flourished in that county's music system culminating in a performance of Bach's Brandenburg Concerto no.2 at the age of 17. He went on to study Trumpet & Piano at Trinity College of Music, London 1986-1990. Postgraduate he studied with James Austin at the University of Houston, Texas and Bretton Hall College, University of Leeds.

James has been a highly successful musical chameleon working as a professional musician in a wide variety of fields, from orchestral work with CBSO, RLPO and the London Concert Orchestra to performing unique multi-instrumental concerts & shows with pianist Iain Jackson. He has been a regular member of the Royal Shakespeare Company band for several years and will touring USA & China with the RSC in 2016 including a return of David Tennant's *Richard 2nd* production.

Former teaching posts include *Head of Instrumental Music* at Harrogate Ladies' College, North Yorkshire (1998-2005) and *Head of Brass* at Worksop College, Nottinghamshire (2008-2015).

In the brass band world he is a former member of both the Grimethorpe Colliery & Black Dyke bands. A fulltime freelance professional musician James in addition to Trumpet work and solo engagements is a composer and workshop leader.