



Dana P. Menser, Trombone

Biography
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Mr. Dana P. Menser has been a trombonist in the *Johnstown Symphony Orchestra* for since 1976 after having earned a BME degree as a trombone major at Shenandoah Conservatory of Music in Winchester, VA, and has also performed with the *Potomac Western Maryland Symphony Orchestra*, the *Johnstown Jazz Workshop*, and the *Johnstown Civic Concert Band*. He is a partner in *A Touch of Brass* quartet, providing music for almost any occasion since 1980. Mr. Menser has had the opportunities, along with other local freelance musicians, to perform with Marvin Hamlisch, Henry Mancini, Bob Hope, Lou Christy, and the Ice Capades during their visits to Johnstown, PA.

Mr. Menser is a retired music educator of 34 years having served as Music Department Coordinator in the Somerset Area School District for 20 years, and was guest conductor for many Junior High School County Band Festivals in Somerset and Adams Counties.

Mr. Menser is founder and coordinator of the former Somerset Area Music Education Advocate Coalition, an organization to support and promote the importance and benefits of music in education to the schools and to the community for several years. MEAC has awarded thousands of dollars to high school graduates who have committed to the study of music at the university level, and organization hosted a number of professional musicians, starting with the late jazz legend Maynard Ferguson, providing workshops and performances for school students and the community.

A native of Somerset, Mr. Menser now resides in Mechanicsburg, PA with his wife Susan where he plans to pursue his professional opportunities as a trombonist and private instructor in that area while remaining dedicated member of the Johnstown Symphony Orchestra.