



Russell Whitehead is a professional trumpeter, conductor, recording artist, and music educator. He is a recipient of a Master of Music degree in Performance from the University of Michigan where he was a student of Armando Ghitalla (Boston Symphony) and Ramone Parcells (Detroit Symphony). In addition, Mr. Whitehead completed a Bachelor of Music in Performance from the University of Saskatchewan.

He was Principal Trumpet of the Saskatoon Symphony and often conducted the Saskatoon Symphony Core Musicians in chamber and children's shows. He has played with the Edmonton Symphony for 30+ years and was appointed Acting Principal Trumpet for the 2004-05 Season. Along with a diverse solo, chamber and freelance career, Russell has been a proponent of Edmonton's New Music scene, mentoring young composers and collaborating with vanguards of the art form. 2006 saw the release of his CD *Prairie Scenes*, on the Arktos label. He has also performed in many Citadel Theatre musicals and played in jazz and dance bands most of his career. He is now a member of the brass quintet, Bok Brass and freelances with many ensembles around Edmonton.

As a music educator, Mr. Whitehead was a sessional instructor at the University of Alberta and the MacEwan University Conservatory of Music for over 25 years. He continues to work with community bands and brass players primarily in Alberta and has been a clinician with Windworks, the Cantando Band Festival and MusiCamp Alberta (Summer Music Workshop). Mr. Whitehead continues to enjoy adjudicating at music festivals throughout Western Canada.