



Nicolai Flores embarked on his musical journey in 7<sup>th</sup> grade starting on trombone. Quickly falling in love with what music had to offer him he pursued it further finishing middle school, high school, college and even going on to win a world championship title with the 20x Blue Devils Drum and Bugle Corps in 2012. He was also a proud member of the 300<sup>th</sup> Army Band "Hollywood's Own" from Los Angeles. His time in the service allowed him to travel the country extensively performing for a variety of communities and events ranging from concerts in the park, change of command ceremonies, parades, Veterans Day events, and funeral honors. While attending college, Nicolai taught throughout Southern California at a plethora of high schools. First being his alma mater Lakeside High School, Fontana High School, Anaheim High School, Vista Del Lago High School, and Patriot High School. He also had the pleasure of being part of the visual team for Watchmen Drum and Bugle Corps (Rubidoux, CA) and Golden Empire Drum and Bugle Corps (Bakersfield, CA.)

## CONTACT

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# NICOLAI FLORES

Trombone/Euphonium/Tuba  
Composer/Arranger

## EDUCATION

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### **Azusa Pacific University**

2018 - 2020

Performing in a variety of ensembles ranging from classical wind band, orchestra, big band jazz, jazz combo, and low brass ensemble. His trombone instructors included LA Studio legend Alex Illes, and jazz giant Scott Whitefield.

### **U.S. Army School of Music**

2013 June - 2013 August

Part of the brass octet named "Pistol Belt Brass", playing music ranging from jazz, Broadway, classical and pop.

### **Riverside City College**

2010 – 2016

Finding his calling to be a Marching Tiger, Nicolai performed in numerous field show tournaments throughout Southern California with the Tigers. Productions were of Les Misérables (2010) and "A Celebration: 30 Years of Excellence." (2014).

Private lessons were with Steve Williams and Steve Suminski.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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### **Lextacy-Temecula CA**

2023

### **U.S. 300<sup>th</sup> Army Band, Los Angeles CA**

2012–2022

### **Rancho Santa Fe Big Band, Rancho Santa Fe CA**

2023

### **Big Band Express, Encinitas CA**

2022

### **Coronado Concert Band, Coronado CA**

2022

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## HOBBIES OTHER THAN MUSIC:

- Leathercraft
- Exploring the world
- Exercising

**Coronado Big Band, Coronado CA**  
2022

**Ruben V. and The Latin Sounds, Temecula CA**  
2022

**Final Boss Brass Band, Southern California**  
2018

**Blue Devil's Drum and Bugle Corps**  
2012

**Moreno Valley Wind Symphony, Moreno Valley CA**  
2011-2012

**Yamato Drum and Bugle Corps, Kyoto Japan, Riverside CA**  
2008

**Skamikaze, Lake Elsinore CA**  
2008-2011