

# David Shaner

## *Trumpet*



- **Where do you live:** Ft. Collins, Colorado
- **Family:** Wife, Theresa; Two daughters, Leslie (Elementary Teacher) and Teal (Resource Director for the Rio Grande Restaurant Corp.)
- **Education:** M.M. Trumpet at Memphis; D.M.A. University of Iowa
- **Why did you begin to play the instrument that you play now and at what age:** My Dad, who was a good armature trumpet player, taught me until I was 12. I was then very fortunate to take lessons from my Aunt's neighbor, Leon Rapier, who was Principal Trumpet with the Louisville Symphony Orchestra. I was very fortunate to get this head-start as a player
- **Bio:** During my 40 year career, I have been both a trumpet performer and teacher. While I continued to follow my dream of being a professional trumpet player, I took a day job directing high school bands for 7 years. I was fortunate to be able to continue my playing in a variety of styles from Big Bands to regional orchestras. I spent a couple of years in Memphis, Tennessee while attaining my degree and was a regular member of the Memphis Symphony Orchestra. In 1976, I accepted my first college teaching job at Murray State University in Kentucky and two years later moved my family to Iowa to teach at Simpson College. While in school I played with the Cedar Rapids Symphony and Brass Quintet. I finally completed my DMA at the University of Iowa in 1985. We moved to Colorado in 1985 and until 2009, I was Professor of Trumpet at Colorado State University in Fort Collins.