

# Tom Bittinger

## *Bassoon*



- **Where do you live:** Fort Collins, Colorado
- **Family:** Married to Beth Wells; three daughters, two stepsons
- **Occupation:** Retired public school music teacher
- **One Thing People Don't Know About Me:** If I tell you, then people will know
- **Earliest Musical Memory:** The choir at church
- **Favorite Recording or Piece of Music:** Whatever I'm currently listening to or playing
- **Why did you begin to play the instrument that you play now and at what age:** I knew it was for me when I first saw a bassoon at age 11.
- **Other than performing music, I've always thought it would be fun to be a:** Photographer
- **A special story about my instrument:** It was "born" the same year I was
- **Bio:**

*As a young lad one fine afternoon,  
I heard a man playing a tune.  
It was a beautiful sound,  
So mellow and round.  
Ever since, I've been playing bassoon!*