

Mary Jo Neher

Horn

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Plahying Experience:

Queens of the Stone Age, *Live from the Catacombs* tour, opening night, Chicago, 10/2/2025, solo horn
Lyric Opera of Chicago, *Daughter of the Regiment*, Assistant Horn, November 2023
Joffrey Ballet & Lyric Opera Orchestra, *Frankenstein*, 4th Horn, October 2023
Joffrey Ballet & Lyric Opera Orchestra, *Anna Karenina*, 3rd Horn, February 2023
Rockford Symphony Orchestra, Principal Horn and section, sub 2022- present
Chicago Sinfonietta, sub, 2013 - Present
Northwest Indiana Symphony Orchestra, sub, 2005 - present
Illinois Philharmonic, sub, 2005 - Present
Millar Brass Ensemble, Vincent Cichowicz, director, 2004 - present
Chicago Arts Orchestra, sub, 2006 - Present
Elgin Symphony Orchestra, sub, 2008 - present
Midwest Mozart Festival, 2011 - Present
Park Ridge Fine Arts Symphony, 2011 - present
Park Ridge Civic Orchestra, 2015 - 2020
Celtic Woman, Christmas Symphony Tour, Milwaukee, WI, 2019
"The Legend of Zelda", 2013, 2016, 2017
Zelda: Symphony of Goddesses, 2015
Lake Forest Symphony Orchestra, 2010 - 2016
Highland Park Strings, sub, 2007- 2017
South Bend Symphony Orchestra, sub, 2006 - 2014
Milwaukee Ballet Orchestra, sub, 2004 - 2014
Lithuanian Opera Company of Chicago, 3rd Horn, 2009 - 2013
Sunset Boulevard, Drury Lane, Sub 2013
Star Wars in Concert, 2010 North American Tour, Asst. Principal Horn,
Rotating Principal Horn, Rotating 3rd Horn.
Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra, sub, 2006 - 2012
Shrek the Musical, Broadway in Chicago, Sub, 2010
Illinois Symphony Orchestra, sub, 2001, 2005 - 2009
Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra, sub, 2007 - 2009
The Phantom of the Opera, The Music Box Company,
Louisville and Chicago Tours, Nov. 2007 - Jan. 2008
Chicago Light Opera Works, Principal Horn, 2006 - 2008
Green Bay Symphony Orchestra, sub, 2007 - 2008
Three Musketeers, Chicago Shakespeare Theater Production, regular sub, Jan. - Feb. 2007
Concertante di Chicago, 2004 - 2005
Fort Wayne Philharmonic, sub, 2003 - 2004
L'Opera Piccola, 2002
New World Symphony Orchestra-Alternate, 2000-01, 2001-02, Finalist, 1999 - 00

Audition Experience:

Northwest Indiana Symphony Orchestra, Third Horn, Finalist
Chicago Sinfonietta, Second Horn, Semi Finalist
Northwest Indiana Symphony Orchestra, Third Horn, Finalist
Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra, Principal Horn, Finalist
South Bend Symphony Orchestra, Principal Horn, Semi Finalist
Green Bay Symphony Orchestra, Principal Horn, Finalist
Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra, Third Horn, Finalist
Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra, Second Horn, Finalist

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Education:

DePaul University, Certificate of Performance, Horn - June 2005
Northwestern University, Masters of Music Performance, Horn - June 2000
Boston University, Bachelors of Music Performance, Horn - May 1999

Private Instructors:

Jon Boen, 2004 - 2005, Principal Horn, Chicago Lyric Opera
Oto Carrillo, 2003 - 2004 Utility Horn, Chicago Symphony Orchestra
Gail Williams, 1999 - 00, Former Associate Principal, Chicago Symphony Orchestra
Richard Menaul, 1997 - 99, Principal Horn, Boston Ballet
Seth Orgel, 1995 - 97, Atlantic Brass Quintet

Masterclasses With:

Dale Clevenger, Principal Horn, Chicago Symphony Orchestra
Gunter Hogner, Vienna Philharmonic
David Krehbel, former Principal Horn, San Francisco Symphony Orchestra
Eric Ruske, Soloist, former Empire Brass Quintet member
William VerMuelen, Principal Horn, Houston Symphony Orchestra

Festivals, Seminars, and Awards:

Atlantic Brass Quintet Seminar, Summer 2003
Pacific Music Festival, Sapporo Japan, Summer 1999
Boston University School for the Arts, Exemplary Performance in Horn

Teaching Experience:

College of DuPage, Instructor of Horn, July 2025 - present
Harold Washington College, City Colleges of Chicago, Adjunct Horn Instructor, Fall 2020
Harold Washington College, City Colleges of Chicago, Music Tutor, 2009 - 2012
Elmhurst College, Horn Instructor, 2007 - 2011
Midwest Young Artist, Quintet in Residence, Chamber Coach, 2005
Downers Grove North High School, Horn and Horn Choir Instructor, 2002 - 2009
Merit School of Music, Horn and Theory Instructor, 2000 - 2003

Chamber Music Experience:

'Rona Quartet, 2020 - Present
Chicago Horn Consort 2010 - 2020
Über Horn Quartet 2011 - 2016
Kallima Quintet, 2004 - 2006
Skyway Brass, 2003 - 2004
Tano Venti Woodwind Quintet, 2002 - 2004
Merit School of Music Brass Quintet, 2002
Infinity Brass Quintet, 1997-1999

Recordings and TV appearances:

Catch Fire, Chicago Horn Consort, 2020
A Jubilant Christmas, EP, Millar Brass Ensemble, 2018
Requiem, GIA Publications, 2015
The C.O.W.L. Sessions, 2014
A Christmas Carol the Concert, 2013
Al Combate: Rediscovered Galant Music from Eighteenth-Century Mexico, Chicago Arts Orchestra, 2013
A Christmas Carol the Concert, PBS, 2013
Milwaukee Ballet, Peter Pan, PBS, 2012
Senator!, Sam Winch, 2010
In Memoriam: A Tribute to Vincent Cichowicz, Millar Brass Ensemble, 2009
Hotel Lafayette, Denise Brigham, 2009
Music for Trumpet and Winds, DePaul University Wind Ensemble, 2004