

# Andrew Sprung, Clarinetist

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## Biography

**Andrew Sprung** is acting principal clarinetist of the Jackson (Michigan) Symphony Orchestra, bass clarinetist of the International Symphony Orchestra (Port Huron, Michigan/Sarnia, Ontario, Canada), and adjunct professor of clarinet at Spring Arbor University. He has performed extensively in the Midwest with ensembles such as the Lansing Symphony Orchestra, Toledo Concert Band, Traverse Symphony Orchestra (Traverse City, Michigan), Lima (Ohio) Symphony Orchestra, Central Iowa Symphony, Ames (Iowa) Chamber Artists, and several municipal bands in Iowa. As a soloist, Sprung has performed concertos with the Mason City (Iowa) Municipal Band, Bowling Green State University Wind Symphony, and Iowa State University Symphony Orchestra as winner of its concerto competition. His performing career has taken him to Carnegie Hall, Chicago's Orchestra Hall, and venues throughout Europe.

A proponent of new music, Sprung has performed in new music festivals at Bowling Green State University and Heidelberg College. He has commissioned a solo for bass clarinet and electro-acoustics and participated in world premieres and North American premieres of compositions ranging from solos to orchestral works.

Sprung maintains a busy schedule as an educator. In addition to his position at Spring Arbor University, Sprung teaches private lessons, master classes, and sectionals to high school and middle school students throughout southern Michigan. Current and past teaching appointments include: sectional instructor at Novi Middle School, White Lake Middle School and Holt Public Schools; woodwind specialist for the South Lyon High School Marching Band; instrumental music instructor at Anthony Wayne Local Schools (Whitehouse, Ohio); and instructor of clarinet and saxophone methods at Bowling Green State University.

An active scholar, Sprung's articles have been published in *The Clarinet*, the official journal of the International Clarinet Association, and translated into Dutch for publication in The Netherlands. In addition to the I.C.A., he holds memberships in honor societies including Pi Kappa Lambda National Music Honor Society, The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, and The Phi Beta Kappa Society.

Sprung holds a Master of Music degree in Clarinet Performance from Bowling Green State University and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music from Iowa State University. He is currently a candidate for the Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Clarinet Performance at Michigan State University, where he studies clarinet with Caroline Hartig. His previous teachers include Kevin Schempf, Joseph Messenger, and Harvey Von Wald.