**Thomas Cavender**plays tuba and bass trombone with Hot Horns and is an active low brass musician and educator in southern Indiana. Primarily a trombone player, he is currently pursuing a Doctor of Music degree with concentrations in performance, education, music history, and jazz at the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music.

A native of West Virginia, Thomas started his professional career in Huntington, where he attended Marshall University and received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Music. As a performer he has played with numerous groups, including symphony orchestras, concert bands, latin/jazz ensembles, musical theater pit bands, studio recording ensembles, and small chamber groups. Some notable performances include a two-time Emmy award winning blues band recording for the Arts for Illinois Relief project, concerts with the Huntington Symphony Orchestra, Landau Eugene Murphy Jr.’s big band, and several solo feature performances in and out of academia. Thomas is also a founding member of the Jewel City Jazz Orchestra, a 17-piece big band established as a non-profit organization dedicated to jazz education and performance in underserved communities in and around West Virginia.

As an educator, Thomas maintains a private lesson studio as well as having taught classes, lessons, and masterclasses as an Assistant Instructor at both Marshall and IU. He has also worked with middle school and high school music programs as a low brass and conducting clinician in both West Virginia and Indiana. After he finishes his Doctorate, Thomas plans on continuing his active playing career and finding a job as a college professor in music.

When he’s not playing music, Thomas loves to cook food, play his Xbox, and spend time with his friends and family.