

Ryan Caldwell is a freelance bassoonist, contrabassoonist, and teacher in the Indianapolis metro area. A native of central Missouri, Ryan received his bachelor's degree from Illinois Wesleyan University and his master's degree from Indiana University in bassoon performance before settling on the south side of Indianapolis. He has been a member of the Columbus Indiana Philharmonic since 2005 and has played principal bassoon with the Carmel Symphony Orchestra since 2007.

As a teacher, Ryan has taught private lessons to students from middle school age to adults and thoroughly enjoys the challenge of helping others get a better handle on the extremely quirky, yet highly enjoyable instrument that is the bassoon.

When he's not playing or teaching, Ryan enjoys woodworking and taking on home remodeling projects, helping out at his church, and spending time with his wife and three rather energetic kids.

In addition to teaching at Lawrence North, Ryan also teaches students in Carmel at Meridian Music School and on the south side at his home. If you're interested in lessons you can e-mail him at [bassoonatic@hotmail.com](mailto:bassoonatic@hotmail.com).