



# Dirk V. Koman

## Brass

Dirk loves to cook, swim, and play with his poodles as well as with his music.

Dirk grew up in Yorktown, Va. Where he began band and trumpet studies in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade. He continued his studies through college at the New England Conservatory and with the U.S. Navy School of Music, finishing his BFA after the Navy at USIU School of Performing Arts now Alliant University.

Dirk has played with the SD Symphony and Opera, was Principle trumpet of the La Jolla Symphony for 5 years, the Comic Opera orchestra for 17 years, is currently playing with the Grossmont Symphony Orchestra, and performs widely with his professional quintet Classic Brass. His teaching positions have included being band director for Coronado Elementary, a magnet program for Ira Harbison Elementary, USDHS Cathedral High School, St. Michaels Middle School, associate brass professor for USD, and brass coach and instructor for the Coronado School of the Arts. He is currently brass teacher and coach for the San Diego Youth Symphony.

Dirk has been a teacher at La Jolla Music for 30 years.