

Parker Kauffman is a freelance horn player in the Phoenix area. He holds degrees in music performance from Arizona State University (BM) and The University of Texas at Austin (MM). During his time at ASU, Kauffman performed regularly with the university ensembles and the Monsoon Wind Quintet. He played principal horn at the 2016 National Music Festival. While at UT Austin, Kauffman performed with the UT Symphony Orchestra and Wind Ensemble and was a founding member of the Mopac Brass Quintet. He has taught private lessons in studios and schools to students of all ages. Kauffman also composes and arranges music for horn.

Kauffman grew up in a musical family, starting on guitar before picking up the horn in elementary school. As a young student, he performed with the Phoenix Youth Symphony for two years under the direction of Keitaro Harada. His involvement in his high school band program earned him the John Philip Sousa Award, and he was the principal horn in the 2014 Arizona All State Orchestra. Kauffman began playing jazz guitar in high school, and still enjoys playing it as a secondary instrument.

Kauffman's primary teachers include Patrick Hughes and John Ericson. He has performed in masterclasses for Gabe Kovach, Eli Epstein, Javier Bonet, and Kerry Turner. Some of his most prominent musical inspirations include Mahler, Shostakovich, Rachmaninoff, Kerry Turner, The Bad Plus, Jacob Collier, and Chris Thile.

When he's not playing or writing music, Kauffman enjoys cooking, biking, and spending time in nature.