

# It Started with a Trumpet

Tony was recalling to a visitor his years in the music industry. “Oh, I could play the trumpet a little bit, and a few other instruments, but as for real talent, I didn’t have any. But I do love music and this business.”

Over the past 30 years, Tony had been involved with the publication of music and the production of shows in a variety of capacities. The most important decision he ever made, he said, occurred when he was a trumpet player in a local orchestra.

“I can remember sitting in the orchestra pit looking up at this young guy who handed some papers to the conductor. They talked for quite a while, and the young guy left.”

The young guy, it turns out, was a music arranger, and Tony said, “That changed my life, because I decided right then and there that I wanted to do the same thing.”

Over the next several years, Tony pursued and received his undergraduate degree in music with special emphasis on arrangement. He became a professional working for a major music publishing company. Today, he serves as a manager and leader in the company. As he nears retirement, Tony obviously loves the profession he has chosen.

William Jennings Bryan once said, “Destiny is not a matter of chance, it is a matter of choice; it is not a thing to be waited for; it is a thing to be achieved.”

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– Beecher Hunter