



One of the many Canadian pig-farm-raised magician horn players in the world, Jeff Nelsen has thrilled audiences and mentored students for over twenty years. Probably best known for the eight years he spent touring and recording with Canadian Brass, Jeff has also performed concerti and chamber music on six continents, and in the horn sections of dozens of orchestras including the New York and Los Angeles Philharmonics, and the Boston, Chicago, Cincinnati, Montreal, and St. Louis Symphonies. He is professor of horn at the prestigious Indiana University Jacobs School of Music and is founder of Fearless Performance LLC, a company that focuses on training musicians and more to consistently perform their best.

Since giving his celebrated 2011 [TEDx Talk about Fearless Performance](#) Jeff has been training fellow TED Talk presenters, teachers, athletes, and business people into giving their own Fearless Performances as well. A huge Broadway musical fan, Jeff played the premiere run of two Broadway shows that were nominated for Tony awards - "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang" (Sherman Brothers) and "The Pirate Queen" (Boublil and Schönberg). Jeff has toured with Michael Bolton and Barry Manilow, has recorded with Michael Buble and the pop band "Barenaked Ladies", and has performed on dozens of movie and video game soundtracks. Jeff most enjoys performing with his wife, mezzo-soprano [Nina Yoshida Nelsen](#), on recital and orchestral pops series.

Jeff gives back to the music community through his roles as President of the International Horn Society and as a member of the board of advisors for the International Horn Competition of America. Aside from creating musical magic, Jeff is an enthusiastic magician, and often adds touches of illusionary arts to performances. He recently reached a childhood dream of becoming a magician member of the Academy of Magical Arts at the world famous Magic Castle. www.jeffnelsen.com