

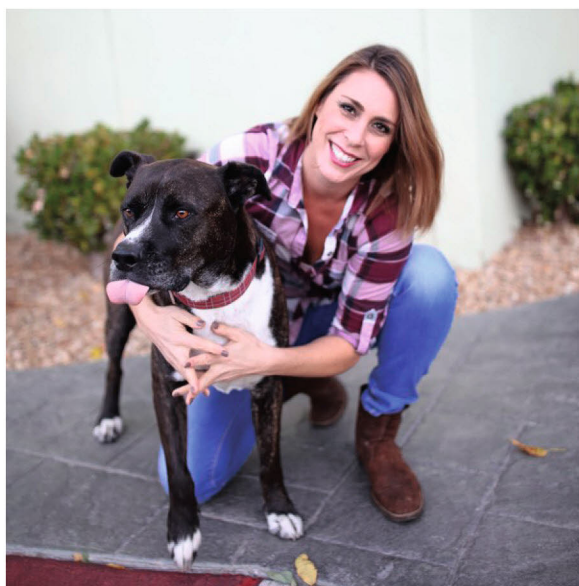
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## LAPD Band

by Christina Challey

A native of Los Angeles, Tawnee Lynn Lillo started playing the French horn when she was in the eighth grade. “After dabbling in running, tennis, sports, piano, flute and some violin, the horn pretty much called my name in band one day,” she said. Then



With Booker

the student-model F horn went home with her. That’s when she taught herself how to change “the sound of a dying elephant to something more enjoyable.” She said it helped to have a cockatoo at the time who would sit on the bell and bob his head up and down to her beats.

Tawnee went on to receive her education and training from the University of Arizona, earning a bachelor’s degree in horn performance, where she studied with Keith Johnson. She then went on to earn her master’s degree from the University of Southern California, where she studied with such legends as Vince DeRosa and Richard Todd. It was at this time that she started playing small jobs around campus and the surrounding areas. That was when she said “all kinds

of adventurous opportunities arose.”

One of those opportunities was when she was approached by Center Stage Opera, a newly formed company, to play the horn. She said, “After my first time playing with the company, the talent of the singers and the conductor blew me away!” She went on to assist the company for the next seven seasons, which included preparing and cooking healthy meals for up to 30 musicians during long rehearsals!

After her experience with the opera company, a PBS special came along where she was hired to put musicians together for tenor Nathan Pacheco. This led to the opportunity to hire makeup artists, craft services people, producers and management. Soon thereafter, IL VOLO’s management company reached out to her, and her entrepreneurial spirit and business acumen took hold.

Tawnee’s love of putting talented people together turned into her music contracting business. She said about productions, “the lights and decorations make it visually appealing, but the music is always what brings the magic. It’s pretty cool getting to put together magic for different events.” Her company is Tawnee Lynn Music Contracting LLC [www.tawneelynn.com](http://www.tawneelynn.com).

Tawnee’s professionalism, diverse musicality and dynamic horn abilities have kept her busy as the French horn soloist in the Tony Award-winning Broadway show “Blast” and participating in national music tours such as Shockwave and Josh Groban. She can be heard on Disney’s latest soundtrack and cinematic installment of “Rogue One: A Star Wars Story.” Having performed with both Josh Groban and Seth McFarlane, she said, “Besides being great performers, they are also very



Tawnee with her French horn.

humble and funny dudes!” As to recording sessions, she said, “It’s always a magical treat when Michael Giacchino brings in J.J. Abrams or different actors from his movies to conduct a cue.”

Alongside a steady performance schedule, Tawnee enjoys traveling, hiking, discovering new music and art forms and singing with Booker, her 5-year-old dog which, she said, “sings with dynamics and pitch changes like an opera singer would.”

Tawnee pays it forward by mentoring and instructing young musicians, and by volunteering her time and talent with organizations such as our Los Angeles Police Concert Band. “I have found community service to be such an important aspect and necessity in our careers,” she said. She then quotes Myka Miller: “If we as musicians are not giving back and making music relevant, then it will go away.”

For more information about the band, please contact Jim Starr, Executive Director, at [sngcop@aol.com](mailto:sngcop@aol.com). For greatly appreciated donations, please go to [www.lapolicefoundation.org](http://www.lapolicefoundation.org), and in the notes box, put “for the band.” ♦



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