

Jennifer Presar

Jennifer Presar, a West Virginia native, currently teaches Horn and Music Theory and is the Assistant Director of the School of Music at Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

She holds a BM in theory and composition from the University of Illinois and a MM in horn performance from West Virginia University, where she also has done some doctoral work. Her principal teachers include Virginia Thompson, Kazimirez Machala, and David Cottrell.

Ms. Presar is the principal horn of the Paducah Symphony, and she is an active freelancer where she has performed with the Chicago Chamber Orchestra, Champaign-Urbana Symphony (IL), West Virginia Symphony, Wheeling Symphony (WV), Seneca Chamber Orchestra (WV), the Illinois Symphony, and others throughout Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee, West Virginia, and Maryland. She is a founding member of Neoteric, a unique trio of horn, bassoon, and cello. With Neoteric, she has performed at the Chamber Music America Conference, the International Horn Symposium, and the International Double Reed Convention, as well as appearances in venues throughout the United States.

Before working on her graduate degrees, Ms. Presar worked in arts administration and marketing including positions at Krannert Center for the Performing Arts on the campus of the University of Illinois and for the West Virginia Public Theatre.