

## **ERIK FRANKLIN – BIOS**

### **SHORT:**

Clarinetist Erik Franklin has given hundreds of concerts in nearly all fifty states, performing concerts in venues from veterans' homes to Carnegie Hall. Equal parts performer and teacher, Mr. Franklin balances his time teaching as Adjunct Professor of Clarinet at Towson University and touring with the United States Army Field Band. He believes wholeheartedly in the vitality of music education and seeks to create a new generation of musicians and music lovers. Every summer, he directs the Indiana Clarinet Experience, a weeklong summer arts camp for young clarinetists. When not touring with the Field Band, he enjoys performing chamber music with his award-winning ensemble, the Novacane Quartet. Mr. Franklin holds degrees from the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music and Furman University in South Carolina. He lives in the Upper Fell's Point Neighborhood of Baltimore, MD. [www.erikfranklin.net](http://www.erikfranklin.net)

### **LONG:**

Equal parts performer and teacher, clarinetist Erik Franklin balances his time sharing music on and off of the stage. Mr. Franklin is a member of the U.S. Army Field Band, the premier touring musical outfit for the U.S. Army. He has given hundreds of concerts in nearly all fifty states, performing concerts in venues from veterans' homes to Carnegie Hall. When not touring with the Field Band, Mr. Franklin enjoys performing chamber music with his award-winning ensemble, the Novacane Quartet. A semi-finalist in the 2016 Fischhoff National Chamber Music Competition, the group is passionate about new works and performs contemporary music on collaborative programs that include dance, visual art, and spoken word.

Mr. Franklin believes wholeheartedly in the vitality of music education. He is Adjunct Professor of Clarinet at Towson University, previously serving as Instructor of Woodwinds and Music History at the SC Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities. Every summer, he directs the Indiana Clarinet Experience, a week-long arts camp for clarinetists in Indiana focused on musicianship, chamber music, and music appreciation.

Mr. Franklin holds a B.M. in Clarinet from Furman University. He is continuing to pursue a Doctorate from the world-renowned Indiana University Jacobs School of Music, studying with Professor Howard Klug. A South Carolina native, Mr.

Franklin lives in Baltimore, MD. He is happily involved in the vibrant Upper Fell's Point community, where he enjoys hosting concerts in his home, drinking coffee, reading books, and nursing his ice cream addiction. [www.erikfranklin.net](http://www.erikfranklin.net)

### **ANN STREET TRIO:**

The Baltimore-based Ann Street Trio is devoted to performing chamber music from the classical era to the 21st century. Comprised of several of Baltimore's finest musicians, the Ann Street Trio believes that performing in intimate spaces gives an audience an up-close look at the creativity and excitement of chamber music. With years of diverse performance experience, each member brings a particular expertise to their interpretation. Erik Franklin is a member of the U.S. Army Field Band and professor of clarinet at Towson University, Katlyn DeGraw is the associate principal cellist of the Maryland Symphony, and Hui-Chuan Chen performs recitals nationally and internationally alongside teaching at UMBC.