

Originally hailing from the mountains of Virginia, Dr. J. Peyden Shelton spent most of his early life performing outdoor concerts for many of his neighbors, despite their consistent requests to stop. He attended Virginia Tech for his undergraduate specializing in music education, and then decided to take his talents to South Beach to pursue his Masters degree at the University of Miami's Frost School of Music. Having sweat almost every day during his graduate degree in Miami, Florida, he decided to exchange his shorts for a thick winter coat by attending the University of Rochester's Eastman School of Music for his Doctorate.

Peyden has been the recipient of numerous awards throughout his performance career. In 2014, he was the winner of the National Trumpet Competition's Graduate Soloist Division. He was also voted "best smile" and "class clown" in his senior class yearbook. His photo can be seen on the wall of several diners and dives throughout the West having successfully taken on many of their meal challenges. Since 2014, he has been featured as a soloist with numerous ensembles such as the Reston Symphony Orchestra, Salt Laky Symphony, University of North Texas Chamber Winds, Las Vegas Academy of the Arts, and the Winds of the Blue Ridge. Dr. Shelton also enjoys sitting in the back of the ensemble with the rest of the trumpets, and has done so with ensembles such as the Utah Symphony, Rochester Philharmonic, New World Symphony, Syracuse Symphony, Washington Chamber Orchestra, and Washington Concert Opera. He also spends his time with two chamber ensembles, Fifth Bridge and the Mirari Brass Quintet, as it is much easier to split checks at restaurants.

To help pay his bills, Dr. Shelton works as the Assistant Professor of Trumpet and "professional emailer" at the University of Utah. In addition to his full-time job, he didn't learn how to say "no" and serves on numerous committees for the International Trumpet Guild such as the CD Committee, Book Review Committee, Marketing Committee, and serves at the Chair of the Orchestral Excerpt Competition. He has had several articles published in the International Trumpet Guild Journal and has been a featured presenter and performer at the International Trumpet Guild Conference and International Horn Symposium. He also has an amazing gamer score in his Xbox Live account, and has received several level 100 rankings in numerous games.

Dr. J. Peyden Shelton, because he is super famous, is a Yamaha Performing Artist and Clinician.