

THE CJC BIG BAND

Clayton Murphy

Bass Trombone

Clayton Murphy plays the tenor and bass trombone and has been with the CJC Big Band since 2005. Clayton plays in many groups including: the Des Moines Big Band, the Central Iowa Symphony, the Des Moines Community Orchestra and Music Under the Stars. Clayton earned his undergraduate degree from Northern Illinois University and did graduate work at St. John's University in New York City. Clayton has studied Trombone with Karl Killinger, Wilbur Pursley and James Mattern and studied conducting with William Nichols and Frederick Fennell. Clayton's favorite trombonists include Urbie Green, George Roberts, and Carl Fontana. Clayton is currently retired after a 30 year career in Property Insurance Underwriting.

