

SrA Justis B. MacKenzie



Senior Airman Justis MacKenzie is the Tuba player in the United States Air Force Band of Flight, at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. A native of Shreveport, Louisiana, SrA MacKenzie grew up in an Air Force family before earning his Bachelor of Music degree (with Performer's Certificate) from the Eastman School of Music. SrA MacKenzie then attended Rice University to earn his Masters of Music degree and made his Carnegie Hall debut in 2014.

After leaving Rice, he joined the musical stage phenomenon *Blast!* on its 2014 Japan tour. SrA MacKenzie has also performed with such Broadway productions as *The Lion King* and *Shrek the Musical*, completing seven nationwide tours as well as international tours to Asia and Central America. In 2015, SrA MacKenzie joined the USAF Band of Flight and plays tuba in the brass quintet, Spirit of Freedom. In addition to doubling on trombone and as a vocalist, he serves as the resident music arranger for both groups.

EDUCATION

2012 Bachelor of Music degree (with Performer's Certificate), Eastman School of Music

2017 Master of Music degree, Rice University

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, OH May 2015-present

AWARDS

2015 Air Force Public Affairs Award for Communication Excellence

2015 USAF Band of Flight Airman of the Year

2016 Air Force Public Affairs New Musician of the Year

2016 Air Force Public Affairs Award for Communication Excellence

2016 USAF Band of Flight Airman of the Year

2016 Air Force Media Contest: Best Small Ensemble Composition/Arrangement

DECORATIONS

Air Force Achievement Medal

Air Force Recognition Ribbon

Outstanding Unit Award

National Defense Service Medal

Global War on Terrorism Medal

Basic Military Training Honor Graduate

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Airman First Class – 27 Apr 2015

Senior Airman (Below-the-Zone) - 24 Dec 2016