



Laurel Bennett is a founding member of the Tampa Bay Symphony and plays second clarinet. She has also served on the Board, the Young Artist Competition committee, the Personnel committee, and for many years handled the orchestra's print advertising and designed and typeset their concert programs.

Laurel has a B.A. in clarinet performance and business administration from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota and a Master's degree in Performing Arts Administration from Roosevelt University in Chicago. She has worked locally in arts management for The Florida Orchestra and the St. Petersburg Opera Company and currently works in the development department at Ruth Eckerd Hall as their Donor Services and Database Manager.

Laurel also maintains a private teaching studio, and her middle school and high school clarinet students are consistently selected as All-County and All-State Band members. In addition to performing with the Tampa Bay Symphony, Laurel is an active musician at her church where she is a member of the choir, hand bell ensemble and Madrigal singers as well as performing for various church services or events on clarinet, recorders or violin.