

# Tod H. Markin

## Tuba

### Tuba Eb Yamaha YEB-632S



Tod was born in Indianapolis, Indiana and raised in Creston, Iowa, where he started on the trumpet in the fifth grade. He later switched to baritone, and then to tuba. When he was in the seventh grade, his family moved to Florida.

He majored in Rock at the University of Florida, receiving BS and MST degrees in geology. While at the University he played in the Gator Marching and Symphonic Bands. He also studied large bores and loud sounds as a student at the U.S. Army Field Artillery School at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. He completed the Officer Basic Course (OCS) in 1967, and the Officers Advanced Course in 1978.

He is retired from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Besides his interest in music he is also an enthusiastic amateur astronomer. He is a member of the St. Petersburg Astronomy Club.

In addition to the Tampa Bay Symphony, he is currently a member of the Sunshine Brass Band, a British-style brass band based in Tampa.

About his being a member of the Tampa Bay Symphony, Tod says: "I realized how fortunate I am to be playing in the Tampa Bay Symphony when I was talking to a professional free-lance tuba player from the Orlando area. I told him I was a tuba player and he asked if I was still playing. I told him I was playing in a very good community symphony. He got a real wistful look on his face and said *Ah, man – an orchestra!*"

