

# Joanna Ross Hersey, Tuba

## Biography

A native Vermonter, Joanna studied with Dan Perantoni at Arizona State University, received a Master of Music in Tuba Performance from the New England Conservatory of Music studying with Chester Schmitz, and earned her Doctor of Musical Arts in Tuba Performance from the Hartt School. As Principal Tubist with the United States Coast Guard Band, Joanna performed throughout the country as a soloist and clinician after winning the position at the age of nineteen. Joanna has played for three U.S. Presidents, performed at numerous state functions for visiting dignitaries, and has appeared on *The Today Show* and *Good Morning America*. In her freelance career she has performed with artists including Placido Domingo, Roberta Flack, Marilyn Horne, Arlo Guthrie, Michael Bolton, Lee Greenwood, Arturo Sandoval and Jack Nicholson. Joanna is a founding member of the Athena Brass Band, an all female brass band made of professionals from across the nation. As a member of the Alchemy Tuba-Euphonium Quartet, Joanna performs throughout North America and Europe and can be heard on the group's compact disc recording *Village Dances*. Alchemy is in residence each February at the Horn-Tuba Workshop in Jever, Germany where the group performs recitals, gives master-classes and conducts ensembles. Alchemy's upcoming second album, *Live in Jever*, will feature new arrangements by Joanna and fellow tubist Gary Buttery. Joanna's solo album, *O quam mirabilis*, featuring music by women composers including Hildegard von Bingen and Libby Larson, is available through Amazon.com, itunes or by visiting her website, [joannahersey.com](http://joannahersey.com). Joanna is currently Principal Tubist with the Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra and Assistant Professor of Tuba and Euphonium at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke.