

## Full Biography 2023-2024, Joanna Hersey

Joanna Ross Hersey (she/her) is a performing artist and composer with twenty years' experience as a leader in higher education. An advocate for active duty and military-affiliated students, Joanna is a veteran of the United States Coast Guard, beginning her career as Principal Tubist with the United States Coast Guard Band, stationed in New London, Connecticut. Dr. Hersey performed at numerous state functions for visiting dignitaries and royalty, as soloist, as a member of the Tuba Euphonium Quartet and Brass Quintet, and has appeared in uniform on *The Today Show* and *Good Morning America*. She has performed for three U.S. Presidents and participated in events to commemorate the allied efforts of World War II, including special joint performances across southern England with British military musicians.

Devoted to changing gendered perceptions in brass music, Joanna has released two solo albums, *O quam mirabilis*, and *Zigzags*, featuring music by diverse female composers, in combination with her own works, and appears on five brass chamber music albums. In addition to her music degrees, Joanna holds a Bachelor's Degree in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, and has written several book chapters and journal articles in the areas of gender, diversity, and belonging. Her newest composition, *Nanon*, for euphonium and tuba duo with electronic track, was the winner of the 2023 International Tuba Euphonium Association's Mary Ann Craig Focus on Women Award, established to honor works which center the achievements and creativity of women.

Joanna serves as Professor of Music and Associate Dean of Student Success and Curriculum at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke, a minority-serving institution with strong success fostering belonging and inclusion for rural, first-generation collegiate youth. She is Past-President of the [International Women's Brass Conference](#), serves as Treasurer of the [International Tuba Euphonium Association](#), Secretary of the [Historic Brass Society](#), and as a board member of the [International Alliance for Women in Music](#) and the all-female [Athena Brass Band](#), whose mission is to provide opportunities and training for women in the band world.

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