

**Jon Gaarder**



### Instrument/Position:

*Second Bassoon*

### How long in the DSO?

*27 years*

### Ideal Vacation?

*House on a lake with lightly travelled roads for biking*

### Music Education:

*B.M. University of Wisconsin, M.M. New England Conservatory of Music*

### Other Ensembles You Perform With:

*Member of Pennsylvania Ballet, Opera Delaware, Kennett Symphony, Substitute/extra Philadelphia Orchestra, Philly Pops, Opera Philadelphia, and other area performing organizations*

### Other Professional Activities?

*Adjunct Professor, West Chester University*

### Hobbies, Activities?

*Biking, Gardening, Homebrewer, Cooking*

### Why?

*Can't eat just one food, variety is the spice of life and music*

### What teacher/educator/event influenced you the most, and why?

*I'm truly thankful for all of the teachers and musicians that I have had the pleasure to work with and learn from in my journey as a bassoonist — that includes my colleagues in the Delaware Symphony.*

### Other Interesting Item(s) About You:

*My beautiful wife Sheila, two teenage boys (trouble), and extremely energetic yellow lab Bailey keep me hopping. Go Pack Go!*



### Favorite Composer/Piece?

*I'm fortunate to play a wide variety of classical music. Orchestral, Opera, Ballet, Chamber music, etc.*



### Cheesesteak Topping?

- American
- Provelone
- Whiz
- Don't do cheesesteaks!