

Life Is a Symphony



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Meet Tom Toner... *principal percussionist and far traveler*

Tom is coming up on his third decade in the VSO, but his connection with the organization dates back even further: his mother took a class at Middlebury College with VSO founder Alan Carter!

Tom has advanced degrees from Yale and Eastman, and holds the position of Associate Professor of Music at UVM, where he conducts the concert band, wind ensemble, and percussion ensemble. Not bad for someone who was mainly into sports in high school...

For a Plattsburgh native who grew up in Swanton, Tom gets around the globe quite a bit. He's been to both Ghana and Bali, studying world music and performing in a world music festival. Needless to say, he has a very cool collection of ethnic instruments.

Two recent trips to Russia yielded other precious collectibles: adopted children Maxim and Katya.

