



## CHARLIE WATSON

Originally from Ottawa, ON, trumpeter Charlie Watson graduated from the University of Toronto with a Bachelor's of Music in Performance in June 2020. Charlie's primary teacher was Barton Woomert and he took additional lessons with Anita McAlister, Karen Donnelly, James Spragg, and various others. During the final year of his degree, he was selected for a trial position for second trumpet with the Canadian Opera Company, and performed with the group in early 2020. Mr. Watson has performed with groups such as the National Arts Centre Orchestra (including with their Brass Quintet) and the Hannaford Street Silver Band. As a freelancer, he has been part of productions such as the Toronto performance of the opera "Another Brick in the Wall," and has performed with choirs and brass quintets around the Toronto and Ottawa areas. Charlie was also a semifinalist in the 2020 OSM Competition, placed third in the 2019 NACO Bursary competition and won the Hannaford Youth Rising Stars competition, allowing him to perform as a soloist with the Hannaford Street Silver Band. He is also an alumnus of the National Youth Orchestra of Canada in 2019 and 2020, touring Canada and Spain in 2019.