

# Life Is a Symphony



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## **Meet Takatsugu Hagiwara...** *tubist – and jazzbo?*

Taka, originally from Hokkaido, Japan, now lives in Boston with his flutist wife. He got his master's from B.U., and has played with the VSO for four years.

Taka says his biggest musical challenge is air management: his 3.5 liter lung capacity is less than average. We have no doubt Taka is equal to Wagner's Ring Cycle... but meanwhile he's got his groove on playing Dixieland jazz in the Hot Tamale Brass Band. His secret ambition is to be able to play jazz improvisation on the tuba, but he also digs Mahler and thinks Mozart is hip.

Childhood ambition: to be a truck driver.

Comfort food: any kind of rice and noodle.

Little-known fact: he plays pre-game shows for Red Sox home games.

Cool, man.

