

## **James Barket, Bass Instructor**

(<http://www.jamesbarketweb.net/index.html>) has been the Orchestra Director at Webb Bridge Middle School in Alpharetta, GA since August of 2000. The WBMS orchestra program includes five active performing groups, three of whom regularly perform at GMEA LGPE. WBMS groups have performed at the ASTA National Orchestra Competition in Kansas City and at the GMEA In-Service conference. Dr. Barket has also taught



at Parker Mathis Elementary and Lowndes Middle School in Lowndes County, GA. He directed the Summer Program of the Valdosta Symphony Youth Orchestra in 1999, and managed the orchestra during the 1999-2000 school--year.

From 2000-2004, Dr. Barket was Co-Director (with Jennifer Barket) of the GaASTA/NSOA Orchestra Camp. He also was the coordinator (with Kevin Majeske) of the GMEA District V Elementary Orchestra Clinic from 2003-2005. Dr. Barket served as GMEA State Orchestra Chairperson from 2005-2007, and he is currently the organizer for the GMEA Middle-School Strings All-State Orchestra.

James Barket holds a Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, a Master of Music degree from Yale University, and a Bachelor of Music degree from the University of Hartford. He also studied in Vienna Austria at the Hochschule fur Musik as a recipient of a Fulbright Fellowship. From 1994-2000, James Barket was on the faculty at Valdosta State University in Valdosta Georgia. He has performed as Principal Bassist of the Valdosta Symphony Orchestra, Principal Bassist of the Albany Symphony Orchestra, Bassist in the VSU Faculty Jazz Quintet, and Per Service Bassist with the Savannah Symphony Orchestra.

James has been married to Jennifer Barket since 1991. Jennifer is a studio cello teacher in the Alpharetta area. Their son Daniel studies piano and cello.