

Award-Winning Author Troy Burkman Releases New Book: 'The Clef Hanger'

*An Oboe, a Magic Backpack, and the Dream Realm:
Unraveling Mysteries with Music and Magic*

SAN ANTONIO, TX, UNITED STATES, January 31, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Award-winning author, animator, and educator [Troy Burkman](#) is excited to announce the launch of his latest novel, "[The Clef Hanger](#)." This captivating new book combines mystery, music, and magic in a tale about an awkward boy named Mikey Gross who finds himself in the middle of a thrilling adventure that spans dimensions.

Mikey, a young band student with a love for the oboe, is often overshadowed by his father, the high school band director. His life takes a dramatic turn when he encounters a sinister, otherworldly force, leading him into a dream realm filled with dangers and mysteries. Alongside a quirky cast of characters including a mechanical snowman, a talking penguin, and a hacker girl, Mikey must uncover the villain's evil plot and save his friends.



"The Clef Hanger" is more than just an adventure; it's a story about discovering one's own strengths and the power of being different. Burkman, a University of Texas at Austin art graduate with a Master of Science from Southern New Hampshire University, incorporates his experiences as a member of the Cavaliers Drum & Bugle Corps and his extensive work with Music For All into the narrative, enriching the story with authentic band experiences and musical references.

Reflecting on why he wrote the book, Burkman said, "I've always believed in the power of stories to forge connections and teach. I remember struggling with vocabulary in middle school, so I included a college-level index in 'The Clef Hanger' to help young readers expand their vocabulary in a fun and engaging way."

Burkman's inspiration from authors like Douglas Adams and J.R.R. Tolkien shines through in the

imaginative and humorous writing style that defines "The Clef Hanger." This book promises to inspire those who feel out of place and to affirm that anyone can achieve greatness, no matter how unlikely they may seem.

"The Clef Hanger" is now available for purchase on online bookstores and the author's website, <http://theclefhanger.com>. Burkman is also currently working on the sequel, "The Shadow Symphony," which promises to continue Mikey's adventures in music and mystery.

About the Author: Troy Burkman is an art graduate from the University of Texas at Austin and holds a Master of Science degree from Southern New Hampshire University. An award-winning author, animator, and inventor, Burkman has a rich background in music and education, contributing to his dynamic storytelling. His works are infused with humor, musical references, and a belief in the transformative power of learning through fun.

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