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ARNOLD JACOBS, tuba of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra is a native of Philadelphia. He spent a good part of his youth progressing from bugle to trumpet to trombone. and finally to tuba. He entered Philadelphia's Curtis Institute of Music as a fifteen-year-old, on a scholarship basis and kept the tuba as his major instrument.

After his graduation from Curtis in 1937, he played two seasons in the Indianapolis Symphony under Fabien Sevitzky. Then, from 1939 to 1944, he was tuba player in the Pittsburgh Symphony under Fritz Reiner. In 1941 Jacobs toured the country with Leopold Stokowski and the All-American Youth Orchestra. He joined the Chicago Symphony in 1944 and was loaned to the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra in the spring of 1949 for their England - Scotland tour.

Mr. Jacobs is a member of the Chicago Symphony Brass Quintet and teaches tuba at Northwestern University School of Music and the Chicago Civic Symphony Orchestra. Some of his tuba students in other symphony orchestras are Paul Walton, Minneapolis; Harold McDonald, Pittsburgh; Dan Corrigan, Denver; and Charles Guse, Chicago Lyric Theater Opera Company. He has also appeared as soloist and lecturer at band master's conventions, both in Canada and the United States.