

JOHN WASSON – RESUME

EDUCATION

Master of Music in Trombone Performance, May 1983, University of North Texas
Bachelor of Music in Theory, May 1980, University of North Texas

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

John Wasson Music, McKinney TX (1992-present) Owner/Creative Director
Our Savior Lutheran Church, McKinney TX (2007-present) Director of Worship
Low Brass Performer in the Dallas-Ft. Worth metroplex (1983-present)

PERFORMING EXPERIENCE

CoolBrass Jazztet (2010-present) Tuba/Director/Arranger
Strata Big Band (1996-present) Bass Trombone/Tuba/Director/Arranger
Michael Waldrop Big Band (2014 – present) Bass Trombone
Charles Lazarus Brass Ensemble (2015) Bass Trombone
The Forever Fabulous Chickenhawks Blues Band (2012-present) Bass Trombone
Richardson Symphony (1994-1997, 2003-2007) Bass Trombone
Dallas Brass (charter member 1982-1984, 1993-1994, 2005, 2007) Bass Trombone, Tuba
Woody Herman Orchestra (1984-1985) Bass Trombone
Ft Worth Opera Orchestra (1980-1983) Bass Trombone
Them Bones (charter member 1980 – present) Bass Trombone
Stan Kenton Orchestra (1977) Bass Trombone, Tuba

SELECTED DISCOGRAPHY

Time Within Itself – Michael Waldrop Big Band (Grammy consideration)
Whiplash – Motion Picture Soundtrack (“Caravan” arrangement)
The New Cool – John Wasson’s CoolBrass Jazztet
American Musical Journey – Dallas Brass
Just Another Guitar Player From Texas – Billy White, Jr.
Windborne – Dallas Brass
You Asked For It! – Them Bones
Historias – Ricardo Arjonas (RIAA certified 4x Platinum)
Christmas Brass (aka A Merry Christmas With Brass) – Dallas Brass (RIAA certified Gold)
Woodchopper’s Ball—Live in Houston 1985 (DVD) – Woody Herman Orchestra
Debut, II – Dallas Brass
Lab 80, Lab 81, Lab 82, Live in Montreux – University of North Texas 1:00 Lab Band

ORCHESTRAL SHOW ARRANGEMENTS-ORCHESTRATIONS

Charles Lazarus, Trumpet Artist
The Okee-Dokee Brothers, Grammy Award-Winning Children’s Music Artists
“Salute to Jerome Kern,” the Minnesota Orchestra
Dave Alexander Big Texas Swing Band
Danny White, Piano Artist
The Dallas Brass

LIVE SHOWS AND PRODUCTIONS (as Composer-Arranger-Conductor)

American Prairie Reserve Ken Burns Prize Awards Ceremony, New York, May 2017
United Way Dallas 90th Anniversary Celebration, Dallas, 2015
Texas Cultural Trust Medal of Arts Awards Ceremony, Austin, TX 2015
National Geographic 125th Anniversary Gala, Washington D.C., 2013
Mallon Awards Ceremony, Dallas, 2013-2014
Dallas Center for the Performing Arts Foundation Gala, Dallas, 2002
George HW Bush Medal of Freedom Award Celebration, Dallas, 2001
Southern Methodist University Capital Campaign, Dallas, 1997
Doak Walker Award Ceremony, Dallas, 1992-1996
University of North Texas Centennial Celebration, Denton TX, 1986

SELECTED CLINICS AND RESIDENCIES

Jazz Education Network National Convention, January 2017
Tromboot Camp, Camp Oro Quay, New Mexico July 2016
UNT Jazz Winds Summer Workshop, Denton, TX Summers 2009-2012
Texas All-Star Jazz Camp, Collin College, Plano TX 2009
Composer-in-Residence, Western Carolina University 1995
Various Clinics and Seminars with the Stan Kenton Orchestra, the Woody Herman Orchestra,
and the Dallas Brass, 1977 – present

SELECTED COMMISSIONED WORKS

Swords of Valor, The Four Horns of the Apocalypse, 2016
Clash of the Centurions, the Infinity Brass, 2016
Silver Celebration Overture, The Richardson Community Band, 2008
Sea Song Fantasy, The Symphony Orchestra of Virginia Beach, 2007
Fanfare Cinematique, The Dallas Center for the Performing Arts Foundation, 2004
Jingle Bells Fantasy, The Dallas Wind Symphony, 1998
Elegy, The Richardson Community Band, 1996
Bellsong Fantasy, The Dallas Symphony, 1996
A Texas Portrait, The Dallas Brass, 1986
Festival Fanfare for Christmas, The Dallas Symphony, 1996

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers (ASCAP)
International Trombone Association
Jazz Educators Network

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