

# Larry Spencer

TRUMPET ARTIST / CLINICIAN

*Communication ... Connection ... Performance*

Larry Spencer communicates, connects, and performs for audiences worldwide as one of the preeminent trumpet artists of the 21st century.

Known for his proficiency in any musical situation, his versatility, musicality, and professionalism have made him "in demand" as a trumpet artist and clinician, logging over 300 performances and clinics yearly. Larry's busy schedule includes appearances with jazz combos and big bands, symphonic orchestras, television shows, brass quintets, making recordings and commercials, and producing recordings for creative artists as well as his own solo projects.

Larry's playing is heard on over 60 CD's, several movie soundtracks, dozens of radio and television jingles, and a live morning television show, "Celebration", broadcast worldwide by the Daystar Television Network. His recordings include three releases under his own name, with a fourth scheduled for release in spring, 2007.

As a clinician, Larry encourages today's aspiring music students to become the leading performing artists of tomorrow. Students find Larry's clinics enlightening and inspiring, enhancing their enjoyment of playing and fostering a deeper appreciation for music.

Larry's presentation is loaded with helpful tips and successful methods, tested and proven over thirty years of professional experience. Larry's commitment to the support of music educators, music students, and music programs has helped students from beginner to university level play better and have more fun with their musical experience.

*"Having performed with some of jazz's legendary artists ... Larry Spencer is able to bring his wealth of knowledge and experiences into the classroom. A consummate performer and teacher, he is able to inspire and motivate students of all levels."*

- Tim Ishii, Director of Jazz Studies, UT Arlington

Larry started playing the trumpet under the direction of Donald Kennedy in Louisville, Ohio at age 10. He went on to attend Capital University Conservatory of Music in Columbus where he studied with Ray Eubanks, and played principal trumpet in the orchestra, lead trumpet in the jazz band, and first cornet in the wind

ensemble and brass choir.

Off-campus, he worked with Eubanks' well-known "Jazz Arts Group", performing in concert with Tom Scott, Oliver Nelson, Randy and Michael Brecker, Frank Foster and many others. In 1977 Larry attended the University of North Texas, playing in the famed 100 Lab Band and recording "Lab '78" with the band that spring. He also performed in the graduate brass quintet.

Larry began his professional career with the Buddy Rich Big Band in 1980 followed by a stint on the Woody Herman Orchestra. In 1987, Larry was a featured soloist at the International Electronic Music Festival in Atlanta, Georgia.

Larry has performed and recorded with a veritable "Who's Who" of major musical artists including Henry Mancini, Nelson Riddle, Bob Hope, Andy Williams, Ella Fitzgerald, Mel Tommé, Tony Bennett, Rosemary Clooney, Lou Rawls, Cab Calloway, Billy Eckstine, Joe Williams, Natalie Cole, Ray Charles, Rita Moreno, Toni Tenille, Marvin Hamlisch, Reba McIntyre, and Frank Sinatra.

*"Larry Spencer has broad musical resources combined with considerable and varied experience on his instrument. He puts it all together in a style that's distinctively his own. As an improvising instrumentalist he's both musically effective and unique."*

- Dave Zoller, Internationally acclaimed jazz pianist and composer

Larry's work with television, radio, and commercial clients includes: Radio Shack, The Dallas Morning News, Zales Jewelry, American Airlines, KLAX KABC -- Los Angeles, WABC WCBS -- New York City, ESPN, the Dallas Mavericks, KXTX WFAA -- Dallas, Daisy Dairy Products, the Made-for-TV movie "I Love Lucy", the popular children's syndicated TV show "Barney", and Daystar Television Network.

Larry's classical credits include principal and section trumpet with the Richardson Symphony, Arlington Philharmonic, East Texas Symphony, Waco Symphony, and Ft. Worth Symphony. In addition to his busy performance schedule, Larry is currently a trumpet instructor at Cedar Valley College.



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