

## 2003 Music Hall of Fame



**John E. Casagrande**

Director of Bands, ESHS, 1968 through 1978 – ESHS band achievements included appearances at PA Music Educators state conventions (2), Mid-East Instrumental Music Conference in Pittsburgh, Eastern Band Conductors' Conferences (2) at the Univ. of Maryland, halftime performances at Buffalo Bills (2) & Phila. Eagles NFL football games – ESHS marching band was featured during the nationally televised *King Orange Jamboree Parade* viewed by over 30 million on NBC-TV – honors include numerous *Citations of Professional Excellence* from the National Band Assn. & the Fairfax County Board of Educ., mention in *Who's Who in American Education* & *The International Who's Who in Music* and election to the *American Bandmasters Association* .



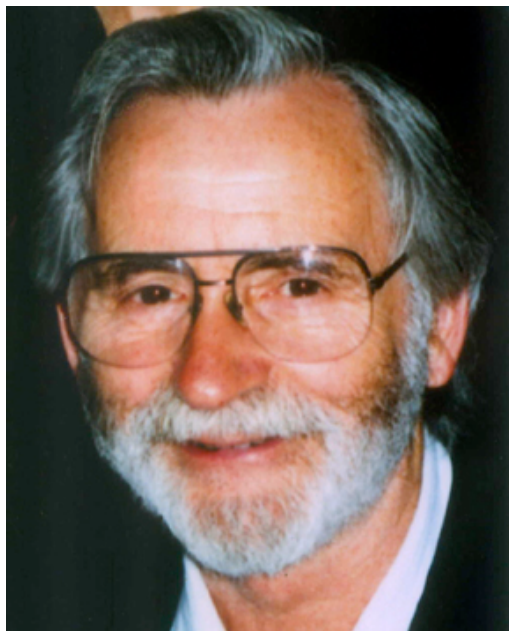
**Judith Farmer**

Began musical training (piano) with her mother (age 5), studying clarinet (age 9) & bassoon (8 th grade) from ESASD Music Hall of Fame instructors *Clement Wiedinmyer & John Casagrande* – 1974 grad. of ESHS, participating in junior, senior, marching, pep and jazz bands, achieving District and Regional honors – BS in Bassoon & Germanic Languages, Indiana Univ., 1978 – degree in Bassoon Performance, the *Hochschule fuer Musik* (Vienna, Austria), 1979 – toured as principal bassoonist, Braunschweig, Germany, *Cameratica Academica* (Salzburg) & *Austrian Radio Orchestra* (1984-96) – since 1996 has performed regularly with the Los Angeles Philharmonic – currently serves as head instructor of the bassoon studio, University of Southern California.



**Stuart Jones**

Ph.D (Mellon Fellowship) in Music Composition, Columbia University – studied both music and computer science at Florida State University and SUNY-Stonybrook – founding member of *Lumen*, a Boston-based new music ensemble – composition prizes include *BMI Student Composer Award* for – *Storm Dreams* – (violin & piano), *International Horn Society Prize* for – *Variations* – (horn & percussion) – his compositions have been performed by *Lumen*, the *New York New Music Ensemble*, *Fear No Music* (Seattle), *Centre Acanthe* (Avignon, France), at the *Aspen Music Festival* and many other ensembles throughout the United States – maintains active careers in both music and software engineering.



**David J. Lantz Jr.**

Graduate, East Stroudsburg High School, Class of 1947 – trumpet soloist & ESHS Band President – BS, West Chester University, MS, Trenton State College – taught instrumental music, High Bridge (NJ) HS (3 years), Supervisor of Music, West Morris (NJ) HS (32 years) – initiated & developed music programs at West Morris Central, Mount Olive and Mendham (NJ) High Schools – served in the Army during Korean War, trumpeter with the 389 th Army Band & 1 st trumpet with 16 th Army Band – toured with Fred Waring and served as house bassist at Fred Waring's Shawnee Inn, 1960-1969 – currently serves as bassist with the New Sussex Symphony, trumpeter with 16-member Swingtime Dance Orchestra and trumpeter with Doug Smith's Dixieland All-Stars.

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**Melissa Mary Lengua**

Graduate, ESHS, Class of 1977 – BM with distinction, Music Performance, Converse College, Spartanburg, SC – Artist Certificate, Phila. Acad. of Vocal Arts – ESHS music honors & credits included the *Arion Award*, Music Study Club *Young Artist Scholar*, solo performances with County & District Choruses, concert & District Bands – additional honors include *Who's Who Among American College & University Students*, *Music Teachers National Assn. Competition Winner* & performances for President George W. Bush Sr. & Gov. of PA Tom Ridge – performance credits include appearances with the *Natchez Opera*, *Dayton Opera*, *AVA Opera Theater* & European concert performances – currently serves as Artistic Director of The Pocono Vocal Arts Society.

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**Louis Millard**

Born, raised in East Stroudsburg – Graduate of East Stroudsburg High School, Class of 1942 – began trumpet lessons with legendary, Hall of Fame ESHS band director Clement Wiedinmyer in 1934 – member of Mr. Wiedinmyer's inaugural band, as well as ES state championship bands (1940 & 1942) – enlisted in the Navy during World War II – accepted into the prestigious Navy School of Music – served in the Pacific theater on the aircraft carrier USS Wasp – returned to East Stroudsburg after World War II, continuing to play trumpet in local & regional venues, including dance & dinner music in the Poconos & Catskills, the *Scranton Symphony* & the *Delaware Water Gap Jazz Festival* – was a founder of the *Dixie Gents* – passed away on September 7, 2001.

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