

## **In Memoriam: Daniel J. Patrylak (08/10/1932 – 01/02/2021)**

It is with sadness and enormous gratitude that World Trumpet Society must announce the passing of esteemed trumpet and cornet virtuoso and beloved mentor and teacher, Daniel J. Patrylak.

After graduating from the renowned Eastman School of Music of the University of Rochester, Patrylak auditioned for and was accepted for the United States Marine Corps Band – “The President’s Own” – stationed in Washington, D.C. He proceeded to become the celebrated cornet soloist for the nation’s premier military band, begun during the administration of President John Adams and famously directed at the end of the nineteenth and on into the twentieth century by John Philip Sousa himself. With the President’s Own, he established a reputation as a cornet virtuoso in the tradition of Herbert L. Clarke and Del Staigers, having performed all over the country, on coast to coast radio broadcasts, and in several of the band’s famed recordings.

After his stint with the Marine Corp Band, he enjoyed a career as a virtuoso cornet and trumpet soloist, and as the principal trumpet of several orchestras, including the Rochester Philharmonic. He directed and performed with the internationally-recognized Eastman Brass Quintet, leading the ensemble on tours throughout the United States, Canada, Central and South America, and even Israel.

As a professor, he taught at his Alma Mater, The Eastman School of Music, where he served on the faculty and functioned as its Acting Director. He served as the Music Department Chair at the University of Connecticut, Dean of the School of Music at the University of Texas at Austin.

Throughout his performing career, he appeared with many outstanding entertainers, and an eclectic mix of touring Broadway shows, Ice Capades, Shrine Circus, Texas Brass Quintet, Hartford Symphony, Virginia Symphony Orchestra, Nutmeg Chamber Orchestra, Tuxedo Swing Band, and High Society Dixieland Band.

He is the recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award from the Eastman School of Music; named Musician of the Year by the Rochester Alumnae Chapter of Mu Phi Epsilon, and was the first recipient of the Outstanding Contributions to Bands award from the Connecticut Chapter of Phi Beta Mu, the International Bandmasters Fraternity. In recognition of outstanding leadership, music performance and service to the Eastman School of Music and the greater community, the City of Rochester declared and celebrated Dan Patrylak Day in 1975 with concerts and festivities. The students at the Eastman School of Music further expressed their affection and admiration for Dan Patrylak by naming their campus weekend gathering spot in his honor.

Dan was 88 years old at the time of his passing. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Marilyn, and is survived by his brother, Thomas; daughters, Linda and Karen; and sons, Ron and Rob. He also leaves behind an enormous legacy, for Professor Patrylak’s students fill the chairs of many of the world’s great orchestras, perform as some of the world’s leading concert soloists, and fulfill teaching positions at the nation’s premier conservatories and schools of music.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Daniel Patrylak Memorial [Scholarship Fund or Trumpet Competition], currently administered by the World Trumpet Society, at Wells Fargo Bank, Routing Number: 122105278, Account Number: 5047249171.