

# Ronald C. McCurdy, Ph. D.

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## PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Ron McCurdy is Professor of Music at the University of Southern California and is an internationally known jazz artist, educator both instrumental and vocal jazz. He has performed and presented hundreds of masterclasses all over the world. Dr. McCurdy has authored several books and articles. He is past-president of the International Association for Jazz Education (IAJE). Dr. McCurdy is a consultant for the Grammy Foundation, Walt Disney Company, National foundation for Advancement in the Arts (NFAA) and is a performing artist for the Yamaha Corporation.

## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2001- Present	University of Southern California Professor of Music
2002-2008	University of Southern California Chair and Professor of Music, Jazz Department
1999-2001	Thelonious Monk Institute@ University of Southern
1990-1996	University of Minnesota Associate Professor of Music Director of Jazz Studies
1996-1999	University of Minnesota Professor of Music Director of Jazz Studies Chair of Afro-American Studies
1988-1990	University of Kansas Associate Professor of Music Jazz Coordinator
1983-1988	University of Kansas Assistant Professor of Music Jazz Coordinator

## EDUCATION

1983	Ph.D.	Music Education	University of Kansas
1978	M.M.E.	Music Education	University of Kansas
1976	B.S.	Music Education	Florida A&M University

## PUBLICATIONS

McCurdy, Ronald and Willie Hill *Approaching the Jazz Standards*, Warner Bros. Miami, FL. 2002.

McCurdy, Ronald. *Meet the Great Jazz Legend*. Alfred Publishing Co, Van Nuys, CA 2003.

McCurdy, Marsalis, Carter, Thomas, Smith. *Teaching Music Through Performance in Jazz*. Chicago: GIA Publication 2008.

McCurdy, Ronald, et. al. *African Americans and Popular Culture*, Volume I, II, III. Edited by Todd Boyd. 2008

## SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Distinguished Alumni Award	University of Kansas (2005)
University of Kansas Convocation/ Graduation	Keynote Speaker (2005)
University of Kansas	Facility Naming/ <i>McCurdy Jazz Studio</i> (2005)
Los Angeles Jazz Society	Outstanding Jazz Educator (2005)
South African Jazz Educators Conference (Pretoria)	Keynote Speaker (2002)

## **SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION**

International Association for Jazz Education	Served as President (2000-2002)
Bands of America (Music for All)	Board Member (2004- present)
Los Angeles Jazz Society	Board Member (2006- present)
National Foundation for Advancement In the Arts	Panelist
National Endowment for the Arts	Panelist

## **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

USC Strategic Planning Committee	Committee Member (2002-2004)
USC Vice Provost Diversity Committee	Committee Member (2002-2004)
USC Curriculum and Academic Review (UCAR)	Committee Member (2003-2004)
USC Vice Provost Promotion and Tenure Arts Representative	Committee Member (2002-2003)
Merit Review Committee	Committee Member (2007)
Graduate Committee-Thornton School	Committee Member (2003)
Technology Committee, Thornton School	Committee Member (2003)
Arts & Humanities Residential College At Parkside	Guest Speaker (2006-2007)
USC Admissions Sessions Parent/Student	Guest speaker (2004-present)

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Clinics/Adjudication

Over 500+ Events since 1983,  
Nationally and Internationally  
(see Lectures, Clinics, Adjudication  
selected sample)

CD Recordings

*Once Again For The First Time*  
(2002)

Ron McCurdy, trumpet, Shelly Berg  
and Patrice Rushen, piano, Jeff  
Clayton, saxophone, Roy McCurdy,  
drums, Kenny Davis Bass

Grammy All-Star Vocal Jazz  
Ensemble (1999-present)

Film Score  
(A Mel Donaldson Film)

The Practice

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

International Association of Jazz Educators (1977-2008)

Jazz Education Network (JEN) 2008- present

International Trumpet Guild (1990- present)

Music Educators National Conference (1985- present)

National Endowment for the Arts, panelist (1985-90)

## (Selected) LECTURES, GUEST DIRECTOR, WORKSHOPS AND ADJUDICATION

**Clinics/Adjudication** (\* ) multiple appearances

- ❖ Reno Jazz Festival\*
- ❖ University of Kansas\*
- ❖ University of South Carolina
- ❖ University of South Carolina-Wilmington\*
- ❖ Fresno State University\*
- ❖ Western Michigan University\*
- ❖ IAJE Conference \*
- ❖ North Forrest School District\*

- ❖ Jazz Day @ the Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion (Houston, TX)
- ❖ Capital University
- ❖ International Trumpet Guild Conference
- ❖ Bands of America Jazz Camp\* (Normal, IL)
- ❖ Jamey Aebersold Jazz Camp\* (Louisville, KY)
- ❖ CSU Fresno State/ Summer Arts Festival
- ❖ Mid-West Band and Orchestra Clinic (Chicago)\*
- ❖ Monterey Jazz Festival
- ❖ University of North Texas
- ❖ USC Marshall Business School (Jazz and Leadership)\*
- ❖ University of North Florida
- ❖ National Foundation for Advance in the Arts (NFAA) Miami, FL\*

**Clinics  
(International)**

- ❖ University of Natal- Durban, South Africa
- ❖ University of Cape Town, Cape Town, South Africa
- ❖ Banff Jazz Festival, Calgary, Canada
- ❖ Newfoundland Jazz Festival, Newfoundland, Canada
- ❖ University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Canada
- ❖ North Sea Jazz Festival (Holland)
- ❖ Monteux Jazz Festival (Switzerland)
- ❖ Festival Vienne (France)

**Guest Conductor (selected)**

- ❖ Maryland All-State
- ❖ Oklahoma All-State
- ❖ Texas All-State
- ❖ Florida All- State
- ❖ Nebraska All-State
- ❖ Vermont All-State
- ❖ Illinois All-State
- ❖ South Carolina All-State
- ❖ Oregon All-State
- ❖ New York All-State
- ❖ Washington All-State
- ❖ MENC All- Northwest Honor Jazz Ensemble
- ❖ Grammy High School Jazz Ensembles\*
- ❖ Disney, All American College Band\*
- ❖ Clarke County Honor Jazz Choir\*
- ❖ Georgia All-State
- ❖ Texas Music Educators All College Band

### **Langston Hughes Performances (selected)**

- ❖ Clifford Brown Jazz Festival (Wilmington, DE)
- ❖ Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra w/Rapper, Ice-T
- ❖ Kolher Fine Arts Center (Sheboygan, WI)
- ❖ Ohio State University, Columbus, OH\*
- ❖ University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC
- ❖ Louisville University, Louisville, KY\*
- ❖ Arizona State University-East, Phoenix, AZ\*
- ❖ Clemson University
- ❖ Kentucky State University\*
- ❖ Columbus Jazz Arts Society
- ❖ University of Nebraska- Lincoln
- ❖ Virginia Common Wealth, Richmond, VA
- ❖ CSU San Marcos
- ❖ Skirball Cultural Center, Los Angeles
- ❖ University of North Florida
- ❖ Arizona State University
- ❖ Huntington Library\*
- ❖ Columbia Jazz Festival
- ❖ Ohio University
- ❖ Interlochen Music Academy
- ❖ Denos Art Museum, Travis City, MI
- ❖ Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS
- ❖ Jackson State University, Jackson, MS
- ❖ Appalachian State University, Boone, NC
- ❖ South Carolina State University, Orangeburg, SC
- ❖ The Thatcher School, Ojai, CA
- ❖ USC- MLK Celebration
- ❖ Baylor University
- ❖ Carver Center Cultural Center, San Antonio, TX
- ❖ Kent State University
- ❖ Wright State University.
- ❖ UNC-Asheville
- ❖ UMASS-Amherst, Amherst, MA
- ❖ Wichita State University, Wichita, KS
- ❖ Occidental College, Eagle Rock, CA