

Ronald Barron

Ronald Barron is former principal trombonist of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, a position he held starting in 1975. He joined the orchestra in 1970 after being a member of the Montreal Symphony Orchestra, and also served as principal trombonist of the Boston Pops for thirteen seasons.

Barron is a graduate of the College-Conservatory of Music of the University of Cincinnati, where he studied with Ernest Glover. During his college years, he also toured with the American Wind Symphony.

In 1974, Ronald Barron shared the highest prize awarded at the Munich International Competition. This included a solo appearance, where he performed the Frank Martin Ballade for trombone and orchestra with the competition sponsor, the Bavarian State Radio Orchestra. Barron is a frequent soloist with the Boston Pops Orchestra and has appeared with a number of New England-area orchestras and bands. As a recitalist he has performed in the U.S., Europe, and Japan.

In addition to numerous recordings with the Boston Symphony and the Boston Pops, Barron has recorded and performed with the Canadian Brass, Empire Brass, and Summit Brass, and has nine successful solo recordings.

Ronald Barron has been a faculty member for the International Trombone Workshop and the Keystone Brass Institute, and teaches at New England Conservatory and the Tanglewood Music Center. He has been on the board of advisors for the International Trombone Association and has served on the juries for the international competitions of Toulon, France, and Munich, Germany. Barron received the 2005 ITA Award from the International Trombone Association in recognition of his distinguished career and in acknowledgement of his impact on the world of trombone performance.

During the Boston Symphony's Tanglewood season, Ronald Barron and his wife, Ina, operate their bed and breakfast, Echezeaux, in Richmond, Mass.

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