

THOMAS STACY OBITUARY

STACY--Thomas. The New York Philharmonic deeply mourns the passing of English horn player Thomas Stacy, who served with the Orchestra from 1972 to 2011. Over the course of his NY Phil tenure he appeared as soloist more than 70 times, including in 22 performances of Sibelius's "The Swan of Tuonela." Acclaimed by NY Phil Laureate Conductor Leonard Bernstein as "a poet among craftsmen," during his Philharmonic tenure Stacy premiered more than 30 works written for him throughout his career, among them Ned Rorem's English Horn Concerto, commissioned for the Philharmonic's 150th anniversary. The native of Augusta, Arkansas, was highly sought out as a teacher by English horn players around the world, and was an expert on the oboe d'amore. The Philharmonic extends condolences to his wife, Marie, children, and grandchildren. Music Director Jaap van Zweden; Board Co-Chairmen Peter W. May and Oscar L. Tang; Linda and Mitch Hart President & CEO Deborah Borda

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