

## James H. (Jim) Latimer

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Jim Latimer has a distinguished 31-year career as Professor of Music (percussion) at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and timpanist with the Madison Symphony Orchestra. His passion is playing the marimba and plays regularly with the Madison Marimba Quartet. He is the conductor of one of Wisconsin's finest professional concert bands, Madison's Capitol City Band. He is a hobby man, an avid reader, community volunteer and music consultant. He truly lives what he believes. Perhaps that is why one sign on the wall in his studio reads "Either You Is or You Ain't." Another sign reads "Percussion – older than written history, as young as tomorrow."

### Professional Experience

1981-present	Music Director, Capitol City Band Association
1981-present	Conductor, Capitol City Band
1981-present	Conductor, VFW Post 1318 Community Band
1980-present	Founding member, Madison Marimba Quartet
1968-1999	Timpanist, Madison Symphony Orchestra
1968-1999	Professor of Music/Percussion, University of Wisconsin-Madison
1984-1985	Fulbright Professor of Music, Cairo Conservatoire of Music, Cairo Egypt
1985-1987	Visiting Professor of Music, Radford University, Radford Virginia
1972-1978	Music Director, Wisconsin Youth Symphony Orchestras
1968-1974	Percussionist, Boston Pops Orchestra under Arthur Fiedler (recordings)
1963-present	Guest conductor and soloist, teacher and composer throughout the country
1963-1974	Percussionist, New Boston Percussion ensemble; free lance percussionist
1957-1962	Instructor, Florida A&M University
1956-1957	Instructor, Latimer School of Music, Tulsa OK

### Education

BM	Indiana University 1956
MM	Boston University 1964
Post Graduate	Harvard University/Tanglewood Summer Music Project

### Professional Recognitions/Memberships

Life Member	Federated Music Clubs of Wisconsin
Life Member	Wisconsin Chapter, Federation of Music
Life Member	American Federation of Music (AFM)
Life Member	Madison Musicians Association (AFM) Local 166
Member	WI Chapter, Percussive Arts Society (thrice past president)
Member	National Percussive Arts Society
Listed In	Who's Who in Music
Listed In	Who's Who in American Music
Listed In	International Who's Who in Music
Listed In	Who's Who in the World 2006
Listed In	Who's Who in Entertainment
Listed In	Wisconsin Men of Achievement

**Guest Conductor**

US Coast Guard Band; Milwaukee Symphony (young artist competition concert); Tulsa Philharmonic; Cairo (Egypt) Symphony; Racine Symphony; Madison Symphony (Four or more times, including concerts with Benny Goodman, Steve Allen, Sarah Vaughn, and young artist competition concerts. (Jim was timpanist for 31 years with Madison Symphony).

**Soloist Performances**

Milwaukee Symphony; Tulsa Philharmonic; Cairo (Egypt) Symphony; Racine Symphony; Madison Symphony (vibraphone soloist, marimba soloist and with the New Boston Percussion Ensemble)

**Service/School of Music/Committees/Services**

Faculty Senate and Faculty Senate Alternate (several terms), Search Committees, Graduate Committees, Educational Services Committee, Advisory Committee, Publicity Committee, Undergraduate Scholarship Committee, Applied Areas Executive Committee, Budget Review Committee, ADA Accessibility Committee, Projects for conducting, composition, and history classes as requested, Faculty recitals/ensembles as needed/requested

**Service/University**

1968-1999	Faculty projects with African American Studies Department Anna Nassif, Dance Department Joe Koykkar, Dance Department Clint Sprott, Physics Department Robert Kauffman, Meat & Animal Science Daniel Kuenene, African Studies, Round Table
1991	Video Promotion Tape, Wisconsin Alumni Association/Chancellor's Office
1971-78	Steering Committee for Afro-American Studies Department (became Afro-American Advisory Committee), served as chair from 1971-1975
1972-76	Knapp Bequest Fund Committee, served as chair, 1975, 1976
1973-76	Honorary Degrees Committee
1974-76	Anonymous Fund Committee
1974	American Ethnic Studies Committee (system) Search and Screen Committee, Dean, L&S
1972	WHA Television Faculty Advisory Committee Coordinator, Duke Ellington Festival Committee (week long festival of music with Duke Ellington)
1969-76	Committee on Race Relations

**Service/Community/Civic**

- 2005 Board Member, WYOU, Community Television
- 2000-present Contributing member and producer for WOW, WHAT, FACT, WDEE and Villagecable 12 – Community Access Television stations
- 1995-present Board Member, AFM, Local 166, (President and Vice President)
- 1990-present Contributing member and producer, WYOU Community Television
- 1980-2000 Music Leader, Martin Luther King Jr. community celebration (annually)
- 1968-present Mentor school children in area schools, consultant, clinician for various local music groups, assist school programs in care and maintenance of percussion equipment, participate in "career days" various schools throughout south/central Wisconsin, participant in Fine Arts Week in area schools; read to Kindergartins, Lapham Elementary School
- 1981-present Conductor, VFW Volunteer Community Band – plays 15-20 public service concerts a year in area homes, centers, hospitals and places of service including ceremonies at the State Capitol on Veteran's Day and Memorial Day
- 1981-2001 Active Member, Downtown Rotary Club of Madison public service activities, particularly identifying retirees who have given of themselves (unsung heroes) in volunteer activities since retirement
- 1995 Evaluator, Dane County Cultural Affairs Commission  
Consultant, Operation Bootstrap  
2 performances, Leatha Stanley community projects in the schools  
Video Promotion Tape for United Way (SECC) Campaign
- 1988 Review Panel, Dane County Cultural Affairs Commission
- 1979 Project AIMS (Arts in Madison Schools)
- 1968-1974 Wisconsin Youth Symphony Orchestras, Director of Percussion Ensemble and Brass and Percussion Ensemble
- 1972-1978 Wisconsin Youth Symphony Orchestras, Music Director/Conductor
- 1978 State Chair, National Black Music Colloquium  
State Representative, National Music Council
- 1978 Consultant, Wisconsin Foundation for the Arts
- 1976 State Representative, Bicentennial Commission, National Music Council
- 1973-1975 Citizens for a Civic Center

**Other Professional Achievements**

- 2013 Invited to sit-in (drumset), house band at the Cotton Club, New York City
- 2011 premiere, original composition, Dane 175, included music and dance of the Ho Chunk Nation; written specifically for the celebration of Dane County's 175 anniversary year
- 2011 Recorded the theme music for UW's annual *The Wonders of Physics* with the Capitol City Band
- 2010 Collaboration with former student, Dr. Nimesh Nagarsheth, on the book, *Music and Cancer-a prescription for healing* (2010)
- 2010 Recorded the theme music for UW's annual *The Wonders of Physics* with the Madison Marimba Quartet
- 1987 Performance of Bartok, Sonata for Two Pianos and Percussion
- 1984 Guest Conductor, Cairo Symphony; conductor, Cairo Conservatoire Orchestra
- 1984 Soloist, Cairo Symphony
- 1984 Fulbright Lecturer, Cairo Egypt

- 1982 VHS/DVD, Developing the Percussion Ensemble, UW-Extension Arts Development
- 1980 Establishment of the Madison Marimba Quartet which has performed from Madison, Milwaukee and Menomonie to Rockford, Illinois and Tulsa, Oklahoma to Bethesda MD and Washington DC
- 1976 Represented Wisconsin at the Bicentennial Parade of American Music, Kennedy Center, Washington DC with the Wisconsin Youth Symphony Orchestra
- 1974 First out-of- state tour, Wisconsin Youth Symphony, played 20,000 at the Int'l Convention of Kiwanis
- 1970 Establishment of the African American Studies Department (served on the steering committee)
- 1968 Establishment of the Percussion Studies area at the UW-Madison School of Music; development of the Percussion Ensemble
- 1968-1974 Percussionist with Boston Pops Orchestra
- 1964-1968 Percussionist with Boston Opera Co
- 1964-1972 Percussionist with New Boston Percussion Ensemble
- 1964-1995 Guest Conductor, major symphonies including Madison, Racine, Milwaukee Symphonies, Tulsa Philharmonic, Cairo (Egypt) Symphony; also guest soloist

### Compositions

- 2011 *Dane 175*, commissioned, 175th anniversary Dane County (music and dance of Ho Chunk Nation)
- 1996 *Amazing Grace* arranged for marimba quartet
- 1983 2000 Several compositions and arrangements for voice and concert band  
Compositions for percussion, percussion ensemble, concert choir
- 1978 *Wonders of Physics Theme (Clint)*, xylophone and piano, commissioned UW Physics Department, Prof. C. Sprott
- 1978 *Madison* (concert band), commissioned, opening of Monona Terrace, Madison WI
- 1969 *Drum Cadences*, University of Wisconsin-Madison Marching Band
- 1966 *Psalm 139* (voice and piano), commissioned, Albert Danielsen Foundation
- 1964 *Piermont* (piano and choir) commissioned, 200th anniversary Piermont, NH
- 1960 *Variations on the Westminster Clock Theme*, solo timpani, Percussion Press
- 1959 *Epic of Man* (brass and percussion ensemble, concert choir) Florida A&M Dance Dept.
- 1958 *Drum Cadences*, FL A&M Marching Band

## Recordings

- 1984-2014 over 300 TV quality Capitol City Band and Madison Marimba Quartet DVDs (recorded live and produced) for five Dane County Community Access Television Stations
- 1984 *Something New* CD of LP UW School of Music Faculty
- 1988 *Small World (isn't it)* LP Peter Lund, Richard Davis, Jan Wheaton, Jim Latimer
- 1995 *Phoenix of the Reddening Sky*, VHS/DVD UW Department of Dance
- 1995 *Capitol City Band*, Jim Latimer, conductor, CD
- 1995 *Madison Marimba Quartet* CD (mmq0195)
- 1998 *Medea*, V. Tzoumerka-Knoedler, composer/J. Latimer, conductor CD (1998)
- 1998 *Madison Marimba Quartet* CD (mmq0298)
- 1999 *Capitol City Band*, Jim Latimer, conductor, CD
- 1999 *Our Gift to You*, Madison Marimba Quartet CD (mmq0399/12-99)
- 2000 *Our Gift to You*, Madison Marimba Quartet CD (mmq042000/12-2000)
- 2001 *Our Gift to You*, Madison Marimba Quartet CD (mmq052001/12-2001)
- 2002 *Our Gift to You*, Madison Marimba Quartet CD (mmq062002/12-2002)
- 2003 *Our Gift to You*, Madison Marimba Quartet CD (mmq072003/12-2003)
- 2003 *Journeys*, V. Tzoumerka-Knoedler, composer/J. Latimer, conductor CD (March 2003)
- 2004 *Our Gift to You*, Madison Marimba Quartet CD (mmq082004/12-2004)
- 2005 *Pleiades*, V. Tzoumerka-Knoedler, composer/J. Latimer, conductor (May 21, 2005)
- 2005 *Our Gift to You*, Madison Marimba Quartet CD (mmq092005/12-2005)
- 2006 *Antigone*, V. Tzoumerka-Knoedler, composer/J. Latimer, conductor CD (January 2006)
- 2006 *Our Gift to You*, Madison Marimba Quartet CD (mmq102006/12-2006)
- 2007 *Karakorum*, V. Tzoumerka-Knoedler, composer/J. Latimer, conductor CD (May 2007)
- 2007 *Our Gift to You*, Madison Marimba Quartet CD (mmq112007/12-2007)
- 2008 *Our Gift to You*, Madison Marimba Quartet CD (mmq122008/12-2008)
- 2009 *Ikaros*, V. Tzoumerka-Knoedler, composer/J. Latimer, conductor CD (2009)
- 2009 *Our Gift to You*, Madison Marimba Quartet CD (mmq132009/12-2009)
- 2010 *Our Gift to You*, Madison Marimba Quartet CD (mmq142010/12-2010)
- 2011 *Our Gift to You*, Madison Marimba Quartet CD (mmq152011/12-2011)
- 2011 *Kassandra*, V. Tzoumerka-Knoedler, composer/J. Latimer, conductor CD (May 2011)
- 2012, 2013, 2014 CD and DVD, Capitol City Band and Madison Marimba Quartet

### Recent Awards

- 2014 United Way Lifetime Achievement Award for Community Service
- 2013 Numerous certificates, proclamations and citations, 800<sup>th</sup> public service concert of the Capitol City Band
- 2011 Honorary Sheriff's Deputy for distinguished service to the county through music
- 2011 September 22, 900th free public service concert of the VFW Band  
Certificate of Appreciation, Attic Angel Association; Proclamation, Mayor Paul Soglin, Sept. 15; Proclamation, County Executive, Joe Parisi, Sept. 14; Citation by the State Assembly presented by Brett Hulsey, Sept. 22; Letters of commendation from Tammy Baldwin, Herb Kohl; Certificate of Appreciation, VFW Post 1318  
Letters of commendation, VFW Post 7591, Black Knights and Woman's Auxiliary
- 2011 Service Award, Optimist Club West, Madison
- 2011 Rabin Youth Award, Arts Wisconsin and Wisconsin Youth Symphony Orchestras for outstanding music services to youth and youth organizations
- 2010 Dane County Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian Award
- 2010 August 26 – Jim Latimer's 30 years as Music Director and Conductor, Capitol City Band and free summer concerts in the park
- Proclamation, Kathleen Falk, Dane County Executive and
  - David Mahoney, Dane County Sheriff (Jim Latimer Appreciation Day)
  - Proclamation, Dave Cieslewicz, Mayor of Madison (Jim Latimer Recognition Day)
  - Special Deputy of the Anniversary Concert, Dane County Sheriff, Dave Mahoney
  - Letter of Commendation, Bidly Martin, Chancellor, UW-Madison
  - Certificate of Appreciation, AFM Local 166, Brian Whitty, President
  - Commendation, WI Dept. of Veterans Affairs, Kenneth Black, Secretary
  - Merit Award, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, highest honor to a civilian
  - Special Recognition Award, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, R. Eubank, Commander-in-Chief, A. "Gunner" Kent, Adjutant General
- 2010 Nov. 11, presented the Medal of Merit and Certificate of Special Recognition for outstanding service to the Veterans of Dane County, Madison Veterans Council and National Association of VFW (highest award given to a civilian by VFW) for 30 years as conductor of Madison's only totally volunteer community Band known as the VFW Band of Post 1318.
- 2007 June 14, 700<sup>th</sup> concert, Numerous certificates, proclamations and citations, 700<sup>th</sup> public service concert
- 2007 Certificate of Appreciation, WYOU for services to WYOU Community Television
- 2006 Certificate of Appreciation Dept. of Veterans Affairs, Nov. 18, performance for the *Moving Wall*, Vietnam Touring Memorial
- 2006 800<sup>th</sup> free public service concert, VFW Band, Jim Latimer, conductor  
Proclamation Kathleen Falk, County Executive, Feb. 14  
Certificate, WI Dept. Veterans Affairs, J. Scocos, Secretary, Feb. 23  
Certificate of Appreciation, VFW Post 1318, Feb. 23  
Proclamation, Mayor of Madison, Dave Cieslewicz, Feb. 9  
Certificate of Commendation, Governor Jim Doyle. Feb. 14  
Commendation, Madison Veterans Council, R. Boeker, President
- 2003 Senior Service Award, Downtown Rotary, Feb. 2003
- 2001 Capitol City Band, 600th concert, Jim Latimer -conductor  
Proclamation, Susan J. Bauman, Mayor, July 17