

JERRY NELSON

Biographical Sketch



Jerry Nelson has enjoyed a music career that has taken him from music educator to international concert performer, composer, orchestrator and recording artist. Audiences across the country and around the world are moved by his piano artistry as he weaves a tapestry of musical styles running the gamut from jazz, contemporary and folk, to country, gospel and classics. His subtle humor and transparent heart has a way of keeping his audience very focused as he blends personal antics with illustrations springing from a breadth of life experiences.

His mastery of orchestration is demonstrated on over 500 recorded projects where he has conducted orchestras from London and Tel-Aviv to Los Angeles and Nashville. Most of those projects, though, came out of his own Eagles Nest Recording Studio in the Colorado Rockies working with his sons Scott, chief engineer, and Brad in marketing and art design. Jerry's concert experiences on all continents, include performing with Dino, Anthony Burger, Neilsen and Young and accompanying vocalists such as Sandi Patti, Glen Campbell and Steve Amerson.

With piano lessons at age seven, Jerry took on his first church pianist assignment at age 11. With a B.A. from Northwest Nazarene University and Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota, he spent a decade in public school music before dedicating over 30 years as Artist-in-Residence at Denver First Church of the Nazarene. Jerry has contributed prolifically with over 5,000 arrangements, some 50 original songs, and several published musicals. But Jerry will quickly acknowledge that accolades and resumes are mostly numbers. What he shares in concert can't be communicated in biographical sketches.

Since losing his first wife to cancer, Jerry has since married Rachel, his self-proclaimed #1 fan, who has become a significant part of his concert career, offering her expertise in repertoire and product development. Rachel and Jerry are currently dedicating a portion of their recording proceeds toward their mission trips in Central Africa.

SUNDAY

January 11, 2015

10:45 am

First Church of the Nazarene

1983 Mahan Drive

Tallahassee, FL 32308

Rev. Dave Pullen, Lead Pastor

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A free-will offering will be received at the end of the performance.