

## Vicki Peterson Jenks

Vicki Peterson Jenks received her musical training at Minot State University, UW-Stevens Point, and Baylor University. She founded UT-El Paso's percussion program.

Moving to Madison in 1980, she created Ward-Brodt Music's Education Department.

As an active freelance percussionist, Vicki performed for 10 years with the Madison Symphony Orchestra and 22 years as Principal Timpanist with the Wisconsin Chamber Orchestra. She is a Master Adjudicator for WSMA.

From 1985-2005, Vicki owned JENKS MUSIC STUDIO, Wisconsin's largest percussion studio. Studying her 'Total Percussive Musicianship' curriculum, JMS students perennially filled the percussion sections of Wisconsin Honors Bands and Orchestras, WYSO, and the National Wind Ensemble. JMS alumni hold top positions in orchestras and universities around the world.

Celebrating her 37th year as WYSO's Percussion Ensemble director, the focus is altruism. The annual Percussion EXTRAVAGANZA! assists non-profits.

Vicki is an active member of the Wild Rose Kiwanis Club, church musician for Holden Lutheran Parish, and performs concerts at local nursing homes, retirement centers and the Wisconsin Veterans Home.

She has served on the board of directors for the American Red Cross in Northeast Wisconsin, the Community Foundation of Central Wisconsin, and the Wisconsin Foundation for School Music.

Since 2007, Vicki has served as a DISASTER ACTION TEAM volunteer for the local Red Cross. "On call" 24/7, DAT Teams respond to all manner of disasters.

In 2008 Vicki was inducted into the PAS Hall of Fame with the "Lifetime Achievement in Education Award."

In 2011 she received the Clara Barton Honor Award, the most esteemed award presented to any **American Red Cross** volunteer. **HEROES Musicales**, co-founded by Vicki and John, have raised thousands of dollars for local disaster relief and Service to the Armed Forces in 13 counties in Northeast Wisconsin

As well in 2011, Vicki was named "Citizen of the Year" in Waushara County.

During the summer of 2017, Vicki celebrated her 40<sup>th</sup> year on the faculty of the International Music Camp where she received her musical passion.