

Carlton Howard

Carlton earned a Master of Music degree – trumpet performance – from George Mason University in 2014. That degree, in addition to his earlier bachelor's degree, also from George Mason, was the completion of more than seven years of part time study. Recently retired from a 39-year career practicing tax law, Carlton is now engaged professionally in what has been his lifetime avocation of music. He studied trumpet principally under Stanley Curtis, a soloist with the United States Navy Concert Band, and Kenny Rittenhouse, a soloist with the United States Army Blues.

Before enrolling at George Mason University, Carlton studied privately for six years with Bill Adcock of the United States Air Force Band Ceremonial Brass.

Carlton has also studied with Chris Gekker, former principal trumpet for the American Brass Quintet and current Professor of Trumpet at the University of Maryland; and Dennis Edelbrock, of the United States Army Band (retired). He has attended master's classes led by Jens Lindeman, Ryan Anthony, Marty Hackleman, Vince DiMartino, Barbara Butler, Byron Stripling, Greg Wing and many other well-known performers and teachers.

Carlton performed with the George Mason Symphony Orchestra and Wind Symphony. He also was the principal trumpet for The Falls Church Anglican, in northern Virginia. He freelances for weddings and other celebrations.

In addition to instrumental studies, Carlton enjoyed directing small church music programs for 19 years. He has studied voice, guitar, accordion and Irish fiddle. In 1969-1970, Carlton played euphonium in the marching and concert bands at North Carolina State University. He sang the national anthem in a solo performance at Oriole Park at Camden Yards on May 18, 1993.