

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

**Proclamation No. CP15-0403
Honoring Gerald Endsley's significant contributions to the artistic and cultural landscape
in the City and County of Denver**

Introduced by Councilwoman Peggy Lehmann

WHEREAS, Gerald Endsley was an exceptional and inspirational figure in the City and County of Denver's artistic and cultural landscape. A graduate of the Denver Public Schools with trumpet performance degrees from the New England Conservatory and the University of Colorado, Gerald devoted a lifetime to community service and the development of the music community in the city; and

WHEREAS, throughout the course of his career, Gerald contributed to the field of music through his numerous performances with regional ensembles including the Colorado Symphony, the Colorado Opera and Ballet Orchestras, and as a music contractor for the Denver Center Theatre Company; and

WHEREAS, Gerald, as a specialist in the history of soprano brass instruments, shared his extensive knowledge of music through lecture recitals at meetings of the National Trumpet Symposium and International Trumpet Guild. An avid collector of historic instruments, Gerald also made replica historical instruments and mouthpieces, and published early brass literature; and

WHEREAS, as Director, Gerald served as the artistic vision and driving force behind the Denver Municipal Band, which is the oldest professional band in the nation. He also conducted the Metropolitan State University of Denver Concert-Community Band for nearly 15 years, and was a member of the Executive Board of Directors of Summit Brass; and

WHEREAS, Gerald relentlessly served the music community as member of the Denver Musicians' Association for 48 years and served several terms on the board of directors. He was recognized on multiple occasions including as a 2002 recipient of the Mayor's Awards for Excellence in Arts and Culture; and

WHEREAS, Gerald was committed to educating young talent through school and community programs such as delivering the music program for Arts Street for many years, an Art-based job-training program for Denver youth, and teaching at such schools as the University of Denver and Metro State University.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:

Section 1. That the Council applauds Gerald's efforts on behalf of arts and culture in Denver.

Section 2. That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall attest and affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that a copy be transmitted to the family of Gerald Endsley.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL June 15, 2015

_____ PRESIDENT

_____ SPONSOR