

Wayne Bergeron is enjoying a career as one of the most sought-after musicians in the world. Studio sessions, film dates, international touring, jazz concerts, guest appearances, and clinics keep him busy not only in his hometown of Los Angeles but worldwide.

Born in Hartford, Connecticut in 1958, Bergeron came to California at age one. He originally started on French horn but switched to trumpet in seventh grade where he found a natural upper register ability. Bergeron credits his junior high and high school teachers, Ron Savitt and Bob Smith, for molding his talent into practical working skills.

Bergeron first caught the ear of many when he landed the lead trumpet chair with Maynard Ferguson's band in 1986. Bergeron can be heard on Maynard's recordings of *Body and Soul*, *Big Bop Nouveau*, *Brass Attitude*, and *The One and Only Maynard Ferguson*. Bergeron demonstrates daily why Maynard remarked, "Wayne is the most musical lead trumpet player I've had on my band."

As a sideman, Bergeron's list of recording credits reads like a "who's who" in contemporary jazz and pop, running the stylistic gamut from Ray Charles to Green Day. Other names include *Katy Perry*, *Beyoncé*, *Barbra Streisand*, *Michael Buble*, *Indina Menzel*, *Leslie Oden Jr.*, *Herb Alpert*, *The Jonas Brothers*, *Burt Bacharach*, *The Dirty Loops*, *Seth MacFarlane*, *Natalie Cole*, *Celine Dion*, *Seal*, *Diana Krall*, *Tito Puente*, *Christina Aguilera*, *Dianne Reeves*, *Michael Bolton*, *Earth Wind & Fire*, *The Pussy Cat Dolls*, *My Chemical Romance*, *The Mars Volta*, *Chicago*, *Rosemary Cloony*, *Diane Schuur*, *Barry Manilow*, *Lee Ann Womack*, *Lou Rawls*, *Eric Marienthal*, *Kenny G.*, and *David Benoit*.

Bergeron has worked on over 500 TV & motion picture soundtracks. A partial list of film credits includes *Red Notice*, *Turning Red*, *Soul*, *Bob's Burgers*, *Ford vs. Ferrari*, *Toy Story 4*, *Frozen 1 & 2*, *The Lion King (2019)*, *The Secret Life of Pets*, *Wreck it Ralph 2*, *Crazy Rich Asians*, *Sing 1&2*, *Moana*, *Frozen 1 & 2*, *Get On Up*, *Toy Story 3*, *Monsters University*, *High School Musical 3*, *Get Smart*, *Superman Returns*, *The Simpson's Movie*, *Dreamgirls*, *Hairspray*, *Mission Impossible 3*, *Ice Age 2*, *Spiderman 1 & 2*, *Team America* and *South Park*.

Bergeron's featured trumpet solos can be heard on the motion pictures *West Side Story (2021 Steven Spielberg)*, *La La Land*, *Sing*, *The Incredibles 1 & 2*, *Rocky Balboa*, *The Secret Life of Pets 2*, *Rough Night*, *Jazzman's Blues*, *Vacation Friends*, *Ted 2*, *Minions*, *Minions 2: The Rise of Gru*, *Spies in Disguise*, *Jersey Boys*, *The Green Hornet*, *The Interview*, *Despicable Me 1, 2 & 3*, *Duplicity*, *Princess & the Frog*, *The Perfect Game*, *Hey Arnold (the movie)*, *The Rat Pack*, *Child Star*, *Aladdin King of Thieves* and *High Crimes* and many others.

Numerous TV credits include *Academy Awards*, *Golden Globe Awards*, *SAG Awards*, *NBC*, *ESPN & TNT sports themes*, *American Idol (2001-02)*, *Emmy Awards*, *Grammy Awards*, *Animaniacs Reboot*, *Family Guy*, *American Dad*, *Simpson's*, *Wonderful World of Mickey Mouse*, *The Cleveland Show*, *Green Eggs and Ham*, *Jeopardy*, *America's Funniest Home Videos*, *Will and Grace*, *Phineas & Ferb*, *Emperor's New School*, *Mouse Works*, *Have a Laugh*, *House of Mouse*, *King of the Hill*, *Futurama*, *Buzz Lightyear*, *Hercules*, and *Hey Arnold*.

Bergeron's greatest love is playing lead in big bands. He has recorded and played with some of Los Angeles' most respected bands including *Gordon Goodwin*, *Arturo Sandoval*, *Pat Williams*, *Sammy Nestico*, *Jack Sheldon*, *Chris Walden*, *Tom Kubis*, *John La Barbara*, *Bob Florence*, *Joey Sellers*, *Ray Anthony*, *Bill Watrous*, *Bob Curnow*, and *Quincy Jones*.

After being behind the scene for so many years, Bergeron stepped out on his own with his first solo effort, *You Call This a Living?* This debut project earned him a Grammy nomination in 2004 for Best Large Jazz Ensemble, as well as rave reviews from fans and press worldwide. Bergeron's second CD, *Plays Well With Others*, released on the Concord Jazz label in 2007, was met with the same acclaim. Bergeron's most current (and personal favorite) CD, *Full Circle*, was released in January of 2016.

Bergeron performs various events for the Hollywood Bowl summer season. He has done guest appearances with the *L.A. Philharmonic*, *The New York Philharmonic*, *Cleveland Orchestra*, *Dallas Symphony*, *Taiwan Symphony*, and *Tokyo Philharmonic*.

Bergeron is a National Artist for the Yamaha Corporation of America and is co-designer of the YTR-8335LA trumpet and YFH-8315G Flugelhorn. Bergeron also designed a series of trumpet mouthpieces with Gary Radtke of GR Technologies that are available through Bergeron's website.

Bergeron was mentored by legends Uan Rasey, Bobby Shew, Warren Luening, Gary Grant, Rick Baptist, and George Graham. Bergeron hopes to inspire a new generation of young players and enjoys his work as a clinician and educator. "Nothing makes me feel more accomplished than hearing a young musician say that I inspired them or had a positive influence on their life. For me, that's the real payday." Bergeron is currently on faculty at California State University Northridge.

Perhaps Grammy winning composer and bandleader, Gordon Goodwin said it best, "Wayne is a once in a lifetime lead trumpet player."