

## Ralph D. Wagnitz

Ralph D. Wagnitz began a career as a professional musician with The Cleveland Orchestra. He performed with Cleveland from 1972 to 1984. In 1984 he began a dynamic career as a free-lance musician with The Minnesota Orchestra, The Minnesota Opera, the Minnesota Ballet and the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra. Ralph also performed on numerous radio and television commercials and broadcasts for National Public Radio and other venues in the Twin Cities area. Mr. Wagnitz served as Professor of Horn and conductor of the University Brass Choir at the University of Montana, and Principal Horn with the Missoula Symphony from 1990-92.

Over his 22 year career Mr. Wagnitz performed in over 100 musical plays. In 1992 Ralph began work writing his first musical based on his performing experiences as a musician. In 2007 Ralph completed Puget Sound, a 2-Act musical play which contains 18 of his original songs & compositions. Mr. Wagnitz is currently completing 2 more musicals, The Objects and Minnesota Winds which comprise a trilogy of plays and consecutive stories culminating in Puget Sound.



Ralph D. Wagnitz, 1982  
The Cleveland Orchestra



Ralph D. Wagnitz, 1992  
The North American Horn Quartet



Ralph D. Wagnitz (far left) with Ed Motts, bass and Larry Martin, Lead Guitar recording the music to the musical play Puget Sound in 2007.