



Bart Marantz, endorsing artist for Bach trumpets, is no stranger to the world of music education. Since 1983, Marantz has led the jazz studies program at the Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts (BTWHSPVA) in Dallas, Texas. An accomplished performer, educator, and author, Marantz is now the 2010 recipient of *DownBeat* magazine's *Jazz Education Hall of Fame Award*. The award, which was initiated in 1992, is given once a year to recognize outstanding leaders of jazz education around the world and he is the eighteenth to receive this high honor.

Marantz, an alumnus of the New England Conservatory of Music, is in his twenty-seventh year on faculty at the BTWHSPVA. As Director of Jazz Studies, his leadership resulted in the program receiving 215 *DownBeat Student Music Awards* to date, and numerous graduates pursuing music as their career choice. Notable alumni from the program include Norah Jones, Erykah Badu, Edie Brickell, Roy Hargrove, Keith Anderson, Joe Jackson, Frank LoCrao, Daniel Jones, Shawn Martin, Robert "Sput" Searight, the McCampbell Brothers and the Marantz Brothers. Seven alumni now own 28 Grammys!

As a dedicated jazz educator, Marantz has authored numerous articles and texts and is on faculty at the Dave Brubeck Jazz Institute's Summer Jazz Colony and the Stanford Jazz Residency. Further credits to Marantz include selection as was one of fifteen contributing artists in the book *Selected Trumpet Master Classes*. He is also a contributing author of the texts *Teaching Jazz: A Course of Study*, *Jazz Figure Reading Studies*, and the recently-released *Jazz Ensemble Companion*.

Commenting on his recent award, Marantz feels that the achievement surpasses an honor as rather "a dream that came true." The full article on Bart Marantz is now on stands in the June 2010 issue of *DownBeat* magazine. To read more about Bart, please visit his *Centerstage* webpage at <http://centerstage.conn-selmer.com/artists/artist.php?aid=486> and his personal website: <http://www.bartmarantz.com/>. Additional news and information on the Bach brand can be found by visiting the Bach brand page at <http://www.bachbrass.com/>.