Eugene Dowling

Artist Information

Tuba Instructor – University of Victoria

Biography

The Yamaha family is saddened at the loss of Eugene Dowling.

Gene made a significant contribution to music and music education in Canada. He was principal tuba of the Victoria Symphony, professor at the University of Victoria for nearly 30 years, and founder of Victoria’s Tuba Christmas.

Gene provided inspiration and mentorship to musicians across the country as a performer and teacher. He was a friend to many of us at Yamaha and always shared his warmth and engaging personality with everyone he met. As a Yamaha Artist, Gene recently performed as the soloist with the Denis Wick National Honour Band at MusicFest Canada, playing the Vaughan-Williams Tuba Concerto.

Gene will be missed by every one of his colleagues in Victoria as well as the countless musicians across Canada whom he helped with their musical careers. He always made time to encourage young musicians in their journey, and the enormous sound he made on the tuba is matched only by the size of his generous heart.

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