

Harold Nash FRAM

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Harold Nash passed away in the early hours of Wednesday 24th April 2013 after a long illness.

Harold was born in the Rhondda in 1931. His early musical experiences were with the Salvation Army Band at Pentre where his father was in charge. On leaving school he gained a scholarship to study trombone at the Royal Academy of Music with Sidney Langston.

He was invited to join the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra at 19, the youngest player to become a member of Sir Thomas Beecham's famous orchestra.

After a brief period at Sadler's Wells he became Principal Trombone of the Royal Opera Covent Garden in 1956 where he remained until his retirement in 1997. While at Covent Garden he became regarded as Britain's finest exponent of the bass trumpet.

Harold took over from Sidney Langston as professor of trombone at the Royal Academy of Music from 1974 to 1992 and was Head of Brass at the Academy from 1990 to 1992. He was appointed Fellow of the Royal Academy of Music in 1978.

Many of his ex-students have gone on to hold positions in Britain's top orchestras and lead successful careers in the music profession. After his retirement Harold moved to Wiltshire with his second wife Barbara. He is survived by his daughter Gaynor and son Geoff from his first marriage.