

The Wyoming School Foundation is privileged to announce the

2020 WHS Distinguished Alumnus



Scott Gleckler

P/K/A Scott Harper

Wyoming High School Class of 1971

Composer, Arranger, Multi-instrumentalist

The Distinguished Alumni Award recognizes alumni who have made significant contributions to society, and whose accomplishments, affiliations, and careers have honored the legacy of excellence of Wyoming Schools.

Scott Gleckler professionally known as **Scott Harper** is an award-winning composer, arranger, and multi-instrumentalist who lives and works in Los Angeles, California. He has composed numerous scores for television, cinema and recording artists.

Background and Education

Scott Gleckler graduated from WHS in 1971. In high school he was in the Chess Club, Horizon (music critic!), Cross-Country, and Baseball. He participated in neither Band nor Orchestra as he was playing in rock groups around Cincinnati (as a self-taught by-ear musician) and did not learn to play orchestral instruments until later.

Scott attended the University of Cincinnati for one year following high school graduation before Procter & Gamble transferred his father to Paris and he took the opportunity to move to Europe where he lived in Paris and northern Italy before moving to London in 1973.

In London, he started in earnest a classical music education, studying cello and piano privately until he was awarded a place at the Royal College of Music in 1975 where he attended for cello, piano, and composition; however, he switched from cello to double-bass within the first year. He graduated with Honors within two years in 1977 and by 1980 had moved to Los Angeles, California. At that time, he changed his surname from Gleckler to Harper.

Professional Achievements

During his career as a recording/studio musician in Hollywood he performed on the soundtracks for hundreds of TV shows and motion pictures. Oscar winners such as E.T the Extra-Terrestrial (John Williams), The Right Stuff (Bill Conti), Out of Africa (John Barry), and other well-known films including The Natural, Ragtime, (Randy Newman), Star Trek II, Poltergeist (Jerry Goldsmith), Silverado, Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom, Sophie's Choice, Cocoon, Terms of Endearment, and many others too numerous to mention, in addition to being a member of studio orchestras recording music for television series such as Dallas, Love Boat, etc.

As a composer, Scott Harper has twice been awarded the Emmy Award from ATAS (Academy of Television Arts & Sciences) for Outstanding Individual Achievement in Music - Composer.

In 1985, Following his 1st Emmy Award for Individual Achievement in Music - Composer, he began successfully transitioning from a career as a studio musician to a career as a composer and orchestrator for film and TV, a rarity in Hollywood. He worked on prime-time shows like 30 Something, MacGyver, Picket Fences, and The Practice, while composing original music for over ten National Geographic Specials, multiple ABC/ Kane productions, CBS game shows such as Night Games, sitcoms like Phenom, Hearts Are Wild, and others. He composed the underscore music for feature films such as Orion's Belt, Eat & Run, To Hell With Love, among others.

His colorful underscore to "Amazon, Land of the Flooded Forest" was awarded the Emmy for Outstanding Individual Achievement in Music - Composer in 1990, the 2nd Emmy win for him.

Scott has produced original music for radio and TV commercials for national brands including Acura, Holland America, Perkins, Mercedes-Benz, Terminix, Honda, The California Lottery, etc., while winning multiple ad-industry awards.

He has received Gold and Platinum album awards for arrangements on popular albums by Celine Dion, Cher, Olivia Newton-John, Natasha Bedingfield, and others.

He has composed and produced original music for over 30 movie trailers such as Schindler's List and Do the Right Thing.

He is personally acquainted with the most celebrated Hollywood composers and musicians of the last 40 years.

Personal life

Scott (Gleckler) Harper is married to Susan P. Harper. They have a daughter named Lauralee.

He has two brothers, Steven Gleckler (deceased) and Jim Gleckler, as well as one sister named Milly Gleckler. All attended Wyoming High School.

Scott continues to compose and orchestrate, along with a return to performing as a professional violinist in a number of Southern California orchestras, as well as improvising on keyboard and violin with contemporary groups. He is a charter member of the Bel Air Neighborhood Council Board of Directors, fluent in French, and a technology hound.

Scott's message to current students: Art is not competitive, it is contributive. The appreciation of, and participation in the arts is a valuable and rewarding life-long endeavor, complementing any career choice.

Scott, joined by family and friends, will be welcomed at the Distinguished Alumnus reception on Sunday, March 15, 2020. On Monday, March 16, Scott will address the entire Wyoming High School student body with a presentation, followed by a Q&A panel discussion.