

# Roger Rehm

Class of 1971

“Roger’s musical career would be an inspiration to anyone who would like to teach and perform,” says nominator Jim Straub. Rehm first began playing oboe in the seventh grade band at Edgewood Middle School and fell in love with the instrument. He continued to play in the Wooster High School band and Orchestra, where he was first chair for all four years. Rehm also played bass drum in marching band.

As a senior, Rehm was the John Phillips Sousa award winner, in addition to receiving several awards in Solo and Ensemble competitions each year. Rehm added that during his experience at WHS, he was most influenced by his band director, William Shepherd, who had high standards for the band and continually pushed them to do their best.

Following graduation from WHS, Rehm attended the Cleveland Institute of Music, where he studied for four years with John Mack, the principle oboist of the Cleveland Orchestra. Mack eventually became one of Rehm’s biggest musical influences. “That experience was inspirational to me, and frankly, changed my life. I really enjoyed spending so much time around the Cleveland Orchestra throughout my college years. I still think they were one of the finest orchestras in the world, and it was amazing to hear them day after day,” Rehm said.

Rehm graduated from the Cleveland Institute of Music in 1975 with both a Bachelors and a Masters degree in music. “I loved my time studying music – it was always a challenge, and there was always something new to learn,”

Rehm continued to work as an Assistant Director, Professor and Instructor in the Central Michigan University School of Music, as well as a private music instructor. He is currently the Vice president for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer at Central Michigan University.

— Elizabeth Kleinhenz, *student interviewer*



***“There is always something new to learn and discover; something remarkable that you’ve never heard before. I’ve found being involved in the arts to be a very rewarding experience!”***