

Clare Shore

The Virtuoso Falcon

Student 1968-1972



It is not often a school can boast about a graduate who is internationally respected in their profession, but Clare Shore is just that. After graduating from Forbush High School in 1972, Clare attended Wake Forest University earning a Bachelor's of Arts degree, cum laude, with Honors in Music, in 1976. She then continued to study composition under several renowned composers while attending the University of Colorado at Boulder, obtaining a Masters in Music degree in 1977. As Clare immersed herself in conducting and composition, she became only the second woman to earn her doctorate at the world-famous Juilliard School. Clare has received numerous awards, accolades, and honors for her compositions. She and her music are known and enjoyed internationally. Over the years, she shared her love of music by teaching at several well-respected schools such as the University of Virginia, George Mason, The Manhattan School of Music, and The Juilliard School to name a few. Clare has received critical acclaim for her works with reviewers from the New York Times, Boston Globe, and Washington Post, praising her works as "provocative"..."ingenious and evocative"..."intriguing"..."romantic to the core". While Clare Shore's success will forever be known world-wide, Forbush High School is proud to call her a Falcon. We are proud to honor Clare Shore as a member of the Forbush High School Hall of Fame.