

# Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Wendell Logan

PERSON

Logan, Wendell, 1940-2010

**Alternative Names:** Wendell Logan;

**Life Dates:** November 24, 1940-June 15, 2010

**Place of Birth:** Thomson, Georgia, USA

**Work:** Oberlin, Ohio

**Occupations:** Jazz Saxophonist; ;

## Biographical Note

Composer, jazz musician, and music educator Wendell Morris Logan, Ph.D., was born on November 24, 1940, one of three sons born to Dorothy Mae Horton and Simuel Morris Logan. Logan completed his elementary and secondary school education at the McDuffie County Training School and the R.L. Norris High School. Logan earned his bachelor's of science degree in music from Florida A & M University in 1962, his master's of music degree from Southern Illinois University in 1964, and his Ph.D. from the University of Iowa in 1968. In 1994, Logan was a fellow at the Rockefeller Study Center in Bellagio, Italy.

Logan taught public school in 1963 and worked as a teaching assistant while completing the requirements for his Ph.D. in Iowa. Logan served on the faculties of Ball State University from 1967 to 1969; Florida A & M University from 1969 to 1970; and Western Illinois University from 1970 to 1973. Logan accepted the invitation to develop a program in African American music in the Oberlin Conservatory of Music, where he went on to serve as the Chair of Jazz Studies and professor of African American music.

As a musician, Logan performed throughout the United States and in Europe, Africa, and the Caribbean. Logan's music was recorded on several labels, including Orion, Golden Crest, University of Michigan Press, Morehouse College Press, and RPM Records. Logan received numerous prizes and awards, including grants from the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Ohio Arts Council, ASCAP Awards, a Guggenheim Award, the Cleveland Arts Prize, and the Lakond Award from the American Academy of Arts and Letters. Later compositions of Logan's included "Doxology Opera: The Doxy Canticles" and "Ask Your Mama."

Logan and his wife Betty raised two children, Wendell Jr. and Philecia; they also had one granddaughter, Karen.

Logan passed away on June 15, 2010.

## Related Entries

**R .L. Norris High School** [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

**McDuffie County Training School** [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

**Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University** [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

**Southern Illinois University** [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

**Masters in Music**

**American Conservatory of Music** [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

**University of Iowa** [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

**Ph.D.**

**Ball State University** [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1967 to 1969]

**Faculty - Music**

**Florida A & M University** [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1969 to 1970]

**Faculty - Music**

**Western Illinois University** [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1970 to 1973]

**Faculty - Music**

**Oberlin Conservatory of Music, Oberlin College** [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1973 to ?]

**Professor of Music; Dept. Chair**