

GLENN A. STEELE MM '72

GLENN STEELE is a master percussionist who brought his expertise, passion and talent to Temple University for nearly 40 years.

For decades, Steele served as the Boyer College of Music and Dance percussion program director and professor emeritus of percussion, as well as the director of the university's percussion ensembles. He retired from Temple in 2011, but his legacy will always remain at the Boyer College of Music and Dance.

From teaching to performing, and even conducting research, Steele's reach as a musician is far and wide. He has taught at Northwestern University and the Settlement Music School. He's also served as the president of the Pennsylvania Percussive Arts Society. His research includes the snare drum method, Percussion Learning Sequence, and more.

As a timpanist, Steele has performed across the United States with the Oklahoma Symphony, Opera Company of Philadelphia and The United States Military Academy Band. He also performed with Grant Park Symphony, The Philadelphia Orchestra, Philly Pops and Penn Contemporary Players as a percussionist. He's been recorded on several major music labels, such as Columbia and Candide.

Steele earned his master's degree at the Boyer College of Music and Dance. Before coming to Temple, he completed a bachelor's degree at Glassboro State College, now Rowan University. Throughout Steele's education he studied with legendary musicians Alan Abel, Charles Owen and Fred D. Hinger.