

# CLARINET SYMPOSIUM



**Stanley Drucker**

Stanley Drucker started his studies of the clarinet at the age of 10 with famed clarinet teacher Leon Russianoff. At age 15 he entered the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia but left after only one year to join the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra. In 1948, he joined the New York Philharmonic; and in 1960, he became the Orchestra principal clarinetist where he remained until his retirement in 2009. His time with the New York Philharmonic has included 150 solo performances with his final solo appearance June 2009 with a performance of the Aaron Copeland Concerto for Clarinet. He is highly regarded for his musicianship and longevity of service with the New York Philharmonic totaling 10,200 concerts. On June 4, 2009, Stanley was awarded the Guinness World Record for the Longest Career as a Clarinetist, 62 years, 7 months, 1 day. Mr. Drucker is married to Naomi Drucker, former principal clarinetist of the North Carolina Symphony. They have two children.