

About The Frost School of Music's Henry Mancini Institute Orchestra:

A highly-acclaimed ensemble, the Frost School of Music's Henry Mancini Institute Orchestra (HMI) is comprised of a full orchestra (strings, woodwinds, brass, percussion), plus a full jazz band (saxophones, trombones, trumpets), rhythm section instruments (piano, guitar, bass, drums) and world percussion. HMI was founded in 1997 by Henry's long-time friend and musical collaborator, Jack Elliott, as a summer institute in Los Angeles before relocating to Miami. HMI is made up of writers, arrangers and musicians who play a multitude of musical styles, including classical, jazz, Latin, world music and others. They often work with artists and composers on the cutting edge of today's music to create unique and contemporary blends of these genres.

Housed at the Frost School of Music at the University of Miami, Florida, the HMI Orchestra is the resident orchestra for the popular *JazzRoots* concert series formally produced by Larry Rosen at the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts. Frost School Dean Shelly Berg is the Artistic Director for *JazzRoots* and renowned composer and pianist Dave Grusin produces the event and has used the orchestra for several other events including *An Evening with Grusin*, a PBS pledge drive WPBT2 (Miami.)

HMI has been featured in many other stellar projects such as Ben Folds' performance at the Frost School's Festival Miami as well as performing the music of several films including *Raiders of the Lost Ark*, Spike Lee's Films as well as music from the hit TV series, *House of Cards*. HMI has also recorded/performed the music of several powerhouse musicians including Sony/ATV publishing's president Jorge Mejia, American Pop-Singer Bruce Hornsby, Grammy Award winning composer James Newton Howard, as well as recording Gordon Goodwin's arrangements for Patti Austen's upcoming jazz album.

Mancini Fellows bring their creative openness and sense of exploration to every HMI Orchestra performance. These experiences inform their musical expression upon graduation and help transition them into the music industry. HMI Fellows are a step ahead in the professional world leading them to success in the field of their choosing.

Dr. Stephen Guerra, Jr., D.M.A. – Managing Director
Scott Flavin – Resident Conductor and Artistic Coordinator
Shelton Berg – Dean of the Frost School of Music