

# *Raymond Crisara*

*Raymond Crisara has been one of the most influential performers and teachers of trumpet of our time. From Cortland, New York; he attended the Ernest Williams School of Music and at the University of Michigan; then had a career in the orchestras, bands, and studios of New York City; and his distinguished life as professor of trumpet at The University of Texas-Austin.*

*John Ware, a former member of the New York Philharmonic, had this to say about Raymond Crisara for the ITG Journal: "Ray Crisara is a gentleman with character of the highest degree and is a trumpeter of unsurpassed excellence. My experiences playing with Ray are among my fondest memories." Doc Severinsen added, "I cannot recall a time over the years that I ever heard Ray make a musical error or even miss a note. He is the most schooled and consistent trumpet player I have ever known or heard." A former student, Charles Decker, articulated what many who studied with Professor Crisara know to be true: "...this quiet man humanized my outlook on the music profession and more importantly on life...there are a handful of individuals who can ultimately shape our destiny over time. Ray Crisara is one of these special few."*

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