



Judith and Thomas L. Beckmen

Tom Beckmen began his career in 1958 when he opened a music store with his band director while still in college. He traveled the country for nearly a decade as a road salesman for C. Bruno and Sons, a musical instrument importer and distributor. In 1965, Judy and Tom moved to California to open a distribution center for C. Bruno as well as traveling in Asia and Europe developing and securing products to import. Tom established his own distribution company in 1972, Beckmen Musical Instruments. Two years later changing the name to Roland Corp US to focus on the distribution and development of Roland and Boss products in the US. With his keen insight, he envisioned that electronics would play an important role in the performance and production of music. He was able to establish Roland products as a leader in the industry. Tom sold his company to Roland Japan and, after a short retirement, Tom and Judy with their son, Steve, established Beckmen Vineyards in the Santa Ynez Valley growing and producing wine in 1994.

For more than 40 years, Judy and Tom have been strong supporters of the arts and arts education. Tom has served on the LA Phil Board of Directors from 2003–2011 and 2015 until present. He also serves on the Board of the Colburn School and USC Thornton School of Music's Board of Councilors. Tom was educated at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota, and studied trombone at Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York. Judy graduated from the University of Mary Washington in Virginia. She became a high school teacher for several years before marrying Tom. Judy then became Vice President of Roland Corp US and active in the community of LA. She is a Court Appointed Special Advocate in the Children's Dependency court, CASA of LA. She is also on the board of directors of the Music's Center's Blue Ribbon and a director emeritus of the Music Center and of Center Theatre Group. Judy and Tom have three sons, Jeff, Kevin, and Steve.

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