
Times Facts

John joined the Times Publishing Company in 1985 as managing editor of Georgia Trend magazine. Following the sale of the magazine in 1991, he became the *Times* performing arts critic. He covers the gamut of performing arts from community theater to Broadway to symphony orchestras.

Talking Points

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John has been both news director and announcer for two Minnesota radio stations. He also has appeared at many community forums discussing his role of critic.

Education

John attended Hamilton College in New York and the University of Minnesota, where he earned his bachelor of arts degree in political science.

Background

John has worked as a writer for *Metropolis* in Minneapolis, MN and the Chicago Reader in Chicago, IL. He was later an editor at the *Atlanta Journal Constitution* Sunday magazine prior to coming to Florida. In 2003, John was elected secretary of the Music Critics Association of North America.

Awards

In 2002, John won a first-place award in the category of criticism for performing arts reviews from the Florida Society of Newspaper Editors, and in 2004 he won first place in beat reporting from the same organization for coverage of the Florida Orchestra.

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