



Hall of Fame Inductee

Name: PAUL MCKEE

Instrument: Trombone/Educator

Year Inducted: 2025

Originally from Indianola, Iowa, Paul McKee recently retired as Associate Professor of Jazz Trombone and Arranging/Composition at the University of Colorado at Boulder. Paul received a BME from the University of Northern Iowa (1980) and an MM in Composition from the University of Texas at Austin (1985).

In 1984 Paul joined Woody Herman's Thundering Herd and, in addition to touring the United States, Europe and Asia, has performed on several Grammy-nominated recordings by the Herman band. Paul has also served on the jazz faculty at schools including DePaul University, Youngstown State University, Northern Illinois University, the University of Missouri at Kansas City and Florida State University.

Paul's experience as a jazz musician started in high school and continued through his college education. During this time Paul had many opportunities to interact with The Des Moines Big Band, from observing the band as a student to appearing with the band as a guest artist. The DMBB currently has many of Paul's arrangements in their book.

Paul is a clinician for XO Professional Brass and plays XO trombones exclusively.

