



Hall of Fame Inductee

Name: BOB WASHUT

Instrument: Piano and Educator

Year Inducted: 2013

The Des Moines jazz scene would not be the same without Bob Washut. As director of jazz studies at the University of Northern Iowa from 1980 to 2002, Bob inspired and trained many musicians who have been honored by the Community Jazz Center. During his 22 years as director of the UNI Jazz Band One, Bob recorded 11 CDs (two of which earned 5-star ratings from DownBeat), toured Europe, received "Outstanding Band" recognition at collegiate jazz festivals, and was awarded three "Outstanding Performance" citations in DownBeat's Annual Student Music Awards. As a pianist, Bob has worked with a who's who of Des Moines jazz figures since arriving in Iowa. And if that isn't enough, he was instrumental in advancing Latin jazz in Iowa and is a highly sought-after composer and arranger.

