



Hall of Fame Inductee

Name: DAN HARTZER

Instrument: Trumpet

Year Inducted: 2017

Dan Hartzer started playing trumpet professionally in 1963 performing weekends at the “Golden Hawk Nightclub” in Beaverdale. He continued playing various engagements until 1965 when Ralph Zarnow hired him to play six nights a week in the newly opened Stage Door Supper Club. Ralph booked “name entertainment” all over central Iowa and Dan had the opportunity to play in the back-up bands for numerous entertainers including Sonny and Cher, Bob Hope, The Carpenters, Liberace, Red Skelton, John Denver, and Pat Boone. He also had the opportunity to play in various traveling bands including Glenn Miller, Tommy Dorsey, and Henry Mancini, as well as literally thousands of dances with Ralph Zarnow units.



In the late 1970's Dan became a member of the Maple Street Jazz Band, playing every Wednesday night at the Holiday Inn South for 14 years. That band was also a fixture on WHO-TV's “Beat the Bear” show. Dan has also has been responsible for hiring musicians to backup entertainers appearing at Prairie Meadows Racetrack and Casino.