



Hall of Fame Inductee

Name: DARTANYAN BROWN

Instrument: Educator and Bass

Year Inducted: 2007

Growing up in East Des Moines with musician parents Ellsworth and Mary Alice Brown, Dartanyan Brown was exposed to lots of bebop music at an early age with local musicians such as Speck Redd, Wes Bettis and Frank Perowsky around. While attending Drake University, he began to play in various groups around Des Moines until he had an opportunity to join up with the nationally known recording group, Chase. He toured with Chase for 17 months until the tragic death of trumpeter, Bill Chase forced them to disband.

Upon his return to Des Moines, Dartanyan played in the popular group known as Midwest Express that included his wife, Marcia Miget. After living in California for many years, Dartanyan moved back to Des Moines where he reconnected with the jazz community as both a performer and educator.

