



Hall of Fame Inductee

Name: DAVE REZEK

Instrument: Trumpet/Educator

Year Inducted: 2023

A Hoover High alumnus, trumpeter Dave Rezek earned his BME from the University of Northern Iowa and his MM in jazz trumpet from New England Conservatory in Boston. He played professionally for 11 years between Boston and New York City, performing as an original member of Darcy James Argue's Secret Society and as a sub on numerous Broadway shows. Dave and his wife, Lori, welcomed their first son, Seth, in New York City before moving back to Des Moines in 2007 to be closer to family. They settled in the Ingersoll neighborhood, where their second son Julian was born.

Dave has established himself as a passionate music scene catalyst — founding a jazz series at the Des Moines Social Club, promoting music ed, teaching private lessons and summer camps, and creating awareness of our city's top performers and their events. Since 2012, Dave has taught at Susie Miget's Creative Music Studio, been on the University of Northern Iowa's Summer Jazz Combo Camp faculty and has served as the jazz band director at Roosevelt High School since 2021.

Dave has led the Des Moines Big Band in 2015 and helped move the big band back downtown to Noce Jazz & Cabaret where he has expanded their intermission performance program and overall repertoire. Dave leads his original-music septet, Alpha State Agents, and participates in the Iowa Jazz Composers Orchestra. Dave has performed with the Paul Lichty Jazz Orchestra, the Eric Thompson Quintet, Bryan Schumacker Quintet, the Brian Martin Big Band, the Tony Valdez Large Band, and the Max Wellman Big Band. You can also find him in the pit for various performances at The Playhouse and the Civic Center.



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