



Hall of Fame Inductee

Name: DON HOY

Instrument: Trumpet and Bandleader

Year Inducted: 2008

If you were a jazz musician working in Des Moines in the 1950's through 1980's, chances are you worked for Don Hoy. Born in 1922, in Brooklyn, IA, and educated at Drake University, Don always made room in his big bands and combos for jazz players in the area, including many past CJC Hall of Fame honorees.

Don led a series of big bands, playing everything from society gigs to touring ballrooms throughout the Midwest. Numerous Don Hoy combos worked every weekend of the year, playing weddings and other "casuals" throughout Iowa. Many area jazz musicians are grateful for the income and playing opportunities those gigs afforded them.

Don passed away in 1994, but his musical memory is being kept alive by John Morgan, who currently has the "Don Hoy Book," and Don's son, Tim, who began drumming with Don Hoy combos as a teenager, and is currently a working musician in Denver.

