



Hall of Fame Inductee

Name: ELLSWORTH BROWN

Instrument: Piano and Saxophone

Year Inducted: 2010

Born in Philadelphia, Ellsworth Brown had an illustrious musical career that took him from the East Coast to then West Coast, eventually landing in Des Moines in the late 1940s. He was truly a musician's musician, playing saxophone and piano, organizing bands and entertaining along Center Street.

In 1959, he left Des Moines for New York City, where he changed his name to Sir Robin Clark and performed with jazz greats like Roy Eldridge, Cab Calloway, Zoot Sims and many more. Although he passed away in December 2009, his family is proud to carry on his passion for jazz. Ellsworth is the father of CJC Hall of Fame recipient Dartanyan Brown and reed player Don Brown.

