



Hall of Fame Inductee

Name: GABRIEL ESPINOSA

Instrument: Bass and Educator

Year Inducted: 2014

A native of Merida, Mexico, Gabriel Espinosa was introduced to the Iowa jazz community while attending Central College in Pella in the late 1970s. Following graduate studies at Berklee College of Music in Boston and the University of North Texas, he returned to Central College in 1996 as director of jazz studies. His passion for Latin jazz had an impact on the Central Iowa music scene.

Throughout his career as an educator and player (he's recorded three CDs since 2000 with the Latin band Ashanti), Espinosa has put a premium on being a composer-arranger rather than showcasing his own bass playing.

