



Hall of Fame Inductee

Name: JERRY STENSTROM

Instrument: Trumpet

Year Inducted: 2005

Jerry Stenstrom was one of the busiest musicians in Des Moines, performing in everything from orchestras to circus bands since he was in the tenth grade at Roosevelt High School. He also played many jobs with CJC Hall of Fame recipient Speck Redd during those formative years.

After graduation, Jerry was a regular with the Ralph Zarnow and Keith Killinger Orchestras. He studied music at Drake in 1949 before joining the Iowa Air National Guard where he played and wrote music for the SAC Jazz Band. In 1953, Jerry attended Westlake College of Music. He returned to Drake in 1957 and taught brass and percussion for 28 years in the Des Moines Public Schools, while playing the Iowa ballroom circuit. He was also a regular member of the Des Moines Big Band since 1972.

