



Hall of Fame Inductee

Name: JIM EKLOF

Instrument: Drums

Year Inducted: 2004

Drummer Jim Eklof has been involved in music education in the Earlham and SE Polk school districts from 1966 until his retirement from teaching in 2000. During those years, he has also been a staple on the local music scene. An original member of the Des Moines Big Band, Jim has played with virtually every past CJC Hall of Fame winner to date, including Helen Gale, Bobby Parker, Stu Calhoon and Wayne Lage.

Over the years, Jim has been the “go to” drummer for Peter Nero, Red Skelton, Doc Severinsen, The Platters and other national artists when they appeared in Des Moines. Most notably, he has been the drummer of choice for vocalist Marilyn Maye, who heard him play in Des Moines more than 30 years ago and immediately asked him to join her for performances throughout the country.

