



Hall of Fame Inductee

Name: JULIUS BROOKS

Instrument: Saxophone

Year Inducted: 2004

He may not be a Des Moines native, but the jazz community has certainly embraced tenor saxophonist Julius Brooks, and the feeling is mutual. Originally from Jacksonville, FL, Julius moved to Los Angeles, CA, in the 1960s where he taught music and played in jam sessions. His playing caught the attention of many national entertainers – Ray Charles, James Brown, Little Richard, The Four Tops, Louis Jordan and The Ink Spots – who took Julius on the road with them. That road led to Des Moines, IA, in 1980, when Julius married a Des Moines native. Since his move to our city, Julius has been a fixture of the jazz scene, earning a Community Jazz Center certificate of recognition as well as being inducted into the Hall of Fame for Jazz in July, a concert series of which he has a fixture for more than 20 years.

