

Name: KEN JOLLS

Instrument: Vibraphone

Year Inducted: 2010

Combining his love of science and jazz, Ken Jolls has a part of the Central lowa jazz scene since the early 1970s when he began teaching chemical engineering at lowa State University. His musical interests go well beyond the jazz gigs he has played with a who's who of Des Moines musicians, including appearances at Jazz in July and WOI's Third Thursday broadcasts.

As a percussionist, he has played for numerous musicals, orchestras and traveling acts. As a lecturer, he has discussed everything from the jazz photography of William Gottlieb to the physics of the vibraphone.

