



# Hall of Fame Inductee

Name: PETE SIMONSEN

Instrument: Drums

Year Inducted: 2019

Pete Simonson began his musical career playing the snare drum in kindergarten. His interest in drum took him to the University of Minnesota and eventually to the University of Northern Iowa, where he played in Top 40 bands. Moving to Des Moines in 1984, Pete soon began to make a name for himself among the jazz community. In 2007, Pete packed up his gear and relocated to Michigan. Pete returned to Des Moines in 2018 and quickly picked up where he left off — gigging with musicians he knew in the 1980s and 1990s, as well as with younger musicians who were in grade school when Pete was one of the go-to drummers in the jazz community.



Always more than willing to help the next generation keep the jazz flame, Pete enjoys teaching and is always available, when needed, to sit in for the CJC Student Jam Sessions