



Hall of Fame Inductee

Name: SAM SALOMONE

Instrument: Organ

Year Inducted: 2004

You hear the sound of a Hammond B3 organ in Des Moines and you know it has to be Sam Salomone. Whether it's blues, jazz or rock and roll, Sam has been part of the musical scene since the early 1960s when he moved from his hometown of Tama, IA, to pursue his growing interest in music. Sam purchased his first Hammond B3 in 1963. About that same time he also hooked up with guitarist Don Archer. In addition to his own groups, Sam spent ten years with the Des Moines Big Band. Although Sam's first love is jazz, his versatility on the organ lead him to tours with Del Shannon and the Duprees and the Blue Band. One of the many highlights of his career was his self-produced CD, *It's Never Too Late*, featuring internationally renowned jazz saxophonist Richie Cole. Sam is also a member of the Iowa Blues Society Hall of Fame and Iowa Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

