



# Hall of Fame Inductee

Name: STU CALHOON

Instrument: Piano

Year Inducted: 2003

Although Stu Calhoon's career as a pianist began in his hometown of Pittsburgh, PA, it flourished here in Des Moines. Inspired by George Shearing, Stu began playing jazz piano in the late 1940's. Responding to an ad in Downbeat, he landed in Des Moines in 1953 to play with the Jack Cole Band. A year later, he made his way to Southern California, returning to Iowa in 1970. Since his return, Stu has performed with a who's who of the area's best musicians in just about every venue possible. That includes his innovative, "Trial of Jazz" which appeared on Iowa Public Television." Stu was often referred to as the "Energizer bunny" of the Des Moines scene, keeping up an active performance schedule until his death at the age of 81 in 2009.

