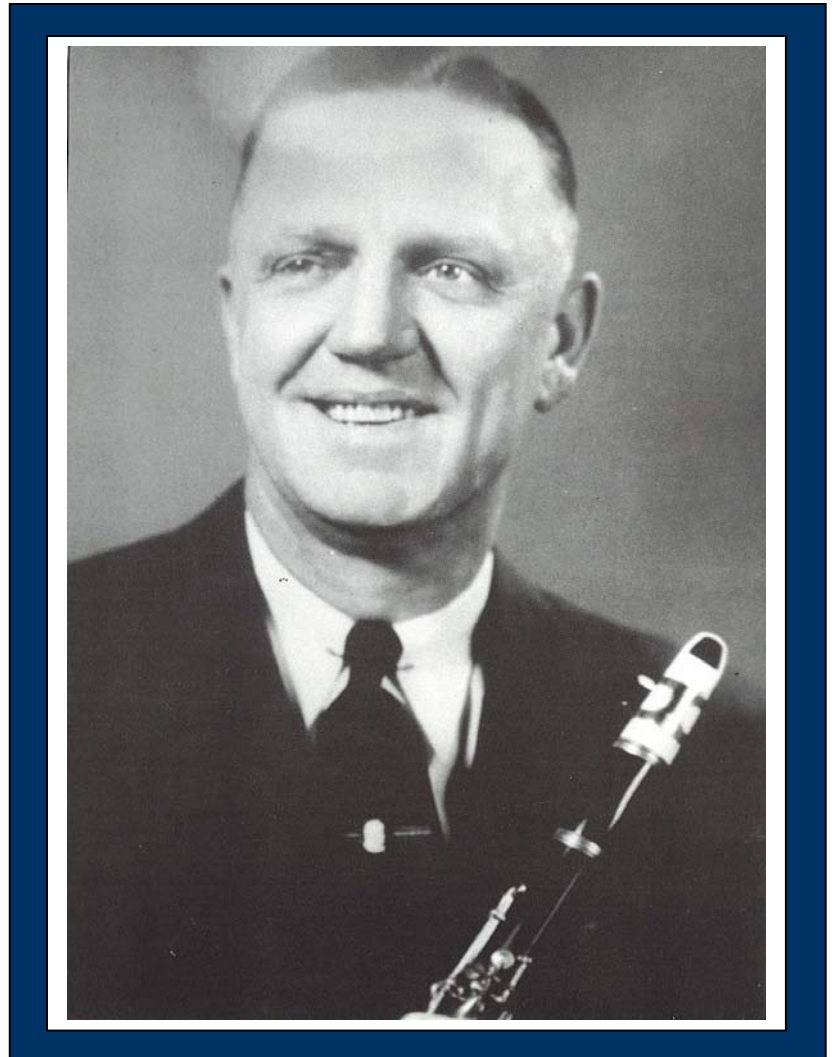


Minnesota Music Hall of Fame Inductee



Victor “Fezz” Fritsche (1908 – 1979) Inducted in 1991

A legend in old-tyme music, Fezz was born in 1908 in New Ulm, Minnesota. In the hay day of polka bands he was the band leader for the Goosetown Band. The group toured from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico and from Chicago to Montana averaging a 29-night month for 15 years. Fezz is the son of John Fritsche who is credited with starting the first commercial polka band in the United States. Fezz organized his first orchestra in 1940. He died in 1979 and was inducted into the International Polka Association Hall of Fame in 1984.



“Tanta Anna”, was Fezz Fritsche’s theme song, which brings memories of a man loving and enjoying music and life. Fezz has been described as a great showman, bandleader and storyteller.