

Minnesota Music Hall of Fame Inductee



John Arsers

Inducted in 2008

John Arsers grew up in Chatfield, Minnesota and his father was the high school and city band director.

John started playing the clarinet in the third grade and by fifth grade he was playing in the high school band. Professional jobs started in high school with area concerts and dance bands.

After World War II, he played with the Lynn Kerns Band, Guy DeLeo Orchestra and polka bands Six Fat Dutchmen, Babe Wagner and Fezz Fritsche.

He traveled throughout the U.S. and Canada as a member of the Henry Busse Orchestra.

After 20 years working for an airline in Las Vegas, he retired and returned to New Ulm and resumed playing with many area bands, including the Schell's Hobo Band, the Original German Band, Klaus Trio and the Lafayette City Band.

