



# MINNESOTA MUSIC HALL OF FAME

## Five new members to be inducted into the Minnesota Music Hall of Fame November 7

The Minnesota Music Hall of Fame 20th Annual Induction Ceremony Gala will be held on Friday evening, November 7, 2008 at Turner Halle in New Ulm. A social hour begins at 5 p.m. followed by a white linen banquet dinner with music by *Donna Donahue* at 6 p.m. At 7:30 p.m. the Induction Ceremony takes place with a video biography of each inductee and the presentation of their award. Enjoy the remaining part of the evening listening and dancing to *Alpensterne*. Those to be inducted are:

### *Bruce Bradley, Variety and Old Tyme Band Leader*

At the age of 7, Bruce Bradley Mielke's musical career began when an accordion salesman stopped at their family farm near Brownston. Bruce's father traded a shetland pony for an accordion which started Bruce's 51 years in the music business. After 10 years of music lessons, Bruce was also playing organ and piano. Since his first job at the age of 10, he has performed all varieties of music throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico, Europe and recently at the Kennedy Center in Washington D.C. Quote: "*The good Lord willing and the creek don't rise, I hope to make music for my fans for years to come!*"

### *St. Paul Police Marching and Concert Band*

The St. Paul Police Band was formed in 1924 by three policemen. They decided it was time for the "bureau" to be represented by a band. Through their efforts they obtained discarded instruments from the Golden Rule Winter Carnival Band of 1917. That being successful, fund raising followed to acquire uniforms, music and necessary instruments. Their first appearance was a concert at Rice Park August 8, 1924 to promote a policemen's ballgame. Presently the band has 65 members performing approximately 20 concerts and parades a year throughout the state and western Wisconsin.

### *John Arsers, Sideman Award*

Growing up in Chatfield, MN, as the son of the local high school band and city band director, John Arsers and siblings became accomplished musicians. John began playing clarinet in the 3rd grade and by the time he was in 5th grade he was playing in the high school band. He played professionally while in high school. After he returned from military duty in the Merchant Marines, he began playing with the Lynn Kern Orchestra and many other bands including the the Henry Busse Band. In 1960 he attended airline school which led him to a position with Trans World Airlines in Las Vegas for 20 years. He retired in New Ulm and is active with local bands today.

### *Tom Ginkel, Country and Rock Band Leader*

Tom Ginkel, at the age of 10, began playing clarinet (which he despised) and at the age of 13 convinced his mother to trade the clarinet for a Harmony Flat-top guitar. Not comfortable with that guitar, he traded it for an Italian Noble electric guitar. "That was it," and his musical career took off; forming bands and playing gigs in high school and college. He became a teacher in Sanborn, MN and continued to play sometimes 7 nights a week which was brutal, but fun. In 1972 he formed *Clover* and played up to 300 nights a year. He stopped teaching for a while as his music schedule and studio session work took over. Music has been a life experience for Tom.

### *Steele Family Singers, Choral Group*

The Steeles are a family group of brothers and sisters that consist of J.D., Fred, Jearlyn, Jevetta and Billy Steele. They have been singing together since they were children growing up in Gary, IN. They began to develop their style and soul in Minneapolis. The Steeles have earned every award that the music community has offered in the State of Minnesota in addition to becoming a new inductee in the Minnesota Music Hall of Fame. They have performed and recorded with Prince, Morgan Freeman, Blind Boys, Mahalia Jackson and many more. Their melodic sounds have been performed around the world including Carnegie Hall, Paris, London, Barcelona, Italy, South America, Moscow, and all around the U.S.

### *Special Recognition Award*

This special recognition award goes to **Bob Raskob**, owner and manager of the Medina Ballroom. For over 50 years the Medina has provided all styles of exceptional music, and the best in state and national entertainment. Medina means music.

### *Lifetime Achievement Awards*

Lifetime Achievement recognition will be awarded posthumously to **Harold Berdan** and to **Tex and Virginia Prah** for their tireless efforts to the Minnesota Music Hall of Fame.

Tickets to this fabulous event are available for \$40.00 per person from: MMHF, Inc., P.O. Box 1, New Ulm, MN 56073. 507-354-7305 or 507-359-9014.

## Coming Events

### MMHF 2008

#### Inductee Showcase

Saturday, November 8, 2008

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

MMHF Museum

27 North Broadway, New Ulm  
(Next to the city Library)

- Visit with the 2008 inductees.
  - Live Entertainment
- Refreshments will be served
  - Free Admission

### Sherwin Linton

#### Christmas Show

Sunday, December 14, 2008

Beginning at 4:00 p.m.

Turner Halle

102 South State Street, New Ulm  
Advance Tickets \$15

available at the Chamber of Commerce or  
from Dodie Wendinger at 507-359-9014.

Tickets at the door \$20

### Parade of Bands

#### Fundraiser for upkeep of the

MMHF Museum

#### Park Ballroom

Sunday, January 18, 2009

New Prague, MN

12:00-1:00 .....Czech Area Concertina Club

1:10-2:30 .....Cactus & The Jolly Brewers

2:30-3:40 .....Dale Dahmen & the Polka Beats

3:50-5:00 .....Wally Pikal

5:00-6:00 ....Peter & Paul & the Wendinger Band

Concertina Jamboree beginning at 1:00

in the ballroom meeting room.

Earl P. Schmidt family will MC

### February Parade of Bands

#### Fundraiser at Turner Halle

Sunday, February 22, 2009

Bands to be announced

## Karl Hartwich and Bruce Bradley perform at the Kennedy Center

This year Karl Hartwich received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Wisconsin Polka Hall of Fame. The award led to an invitation to perform a concert at the Kennedy Center of Performing Arts in Washington D.C. Karl and the Country Dutchmen along with Bruce Bradley played the concert on September 8th. 2000 concerts are played at the Center each year. There are four concert halls within the beautiful Center that extends over the Potomac River.



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#### HOURS

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Wednesday - Saturday  
Carol Steinhaus - Museum Administrator  
Charlie Braunreiter - Assistant Administrator

## Obituary

### Robert 'Bob' Stout

Bob Stout, 80, of Palm Springs, CA and formerly of New Ulm, died after a short bout with cancer, on July 29, 2008. A celebration of life was held on September 6th at the Minnesota Valley Funeral Home in New Ulm with burial in the New Ulm Catholic Cemetery. Bob is survived by his wife, Jeanne, three children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He was born in New Ulm and graduated from New Ulm High School in 1946.

Bob worked in advertising sales for KNUJ and KEYC-TV in Mankato. He then owned and operated Stout's Stube in New Ulm and volunteered in many local organizations.

He was a musician, playing with many local bands including the Stout's Stube Dixieland Band. His trumpet was never far from his side.

## Memorials

**Harold Berdan** - Jon & Lisa Wendinger, Gary & Linda Gleisner, Ryan & Kari Schwartz, Don & Mary Becker, Peter & Dodie Wendinger, Paul & Joleen Wendinger, Ann & Al Bauer, Shari & Craig Beranek, Sheila & Michael Howk, Scott Wendinger, Peggy Cohrs, Matt Gulden Sr.,

Leonard Malechi, Marjean Naab, Allen & Anette Altmann, Fritz Weissmann, Ron & Mary Gruber, Stanley & Arline Klinger, Dennis & Delores Franta, Lee & Phyllis Brandt, Delmar & Marlene Ranweiler, Marlys Wendinger, Don & Karen Wendinger, Marie Brandel, Esther Prahl, Bruce Bradley, Dale & Anita Kruger, Jerome & Alma Forst, Kris Beranek, Justin, Jill, & Jacob, Mel & Marie Cook, David & Ann Wendinger.

**Christy Hengel** - Mickey Meidl, Jim & Mary Hartin, Peter & Dodie Wendinger, Jim & Linda Schoeder, Ruddy Witthus, Dayle Besemer, Marlys Klaustermeier, Irene Current, Paul & Joleen Wendinger, Diane Neubarth, Dianne Reinhart, LeRoy & Delores Flor, Leon Olsen, Joyce Reese.

**Don Beilke** - Peter & Dodie Wendinger, Paul & Joleen Wendinger.

**Martha Jacobson** - Diane Neubarth, Ron Nadherny, Peter & Dodie Wendinger, Donnie & Carol Klossner, Lenhard & Marcella Brede, Bill & Barb Schwab, Phyllis Birkholz, Janice Schmeling, Ivanelle Curtiss

**Eleanor Kretsch** - Peter & Dodie Wendinger,

Paul & Joleen Wendinger.

**Gib Schreyer** - John Fritsche.

**Arley Rolloff** - Mr. & Mrs. Joel Albrecht.

**Linus Neidecker** - Ron Saffert.

**Robert Mallak** - Diane Neubarth.

## Thank you for the Birthday Party

It was a glorious sunny day on October 4th, the first day of Oktoberfest 2008 in New Ulm. I spent most of the afternoon enjoying the music, the Brats and Sauerkraut, and visiting with friends.

Previously Dale Holtz had invited me to the B & L Bar at 4:30 for a Birthday Celebration for Keith. It began with Johnny Gag's Band parading into the bar and music continued for four hours, including the singing of *Happy Birthday*.

A huge thank you to Keith's musician friends: Johnny Gag, Dale Holtz, Dick Ginn, John Henle and Slivers Dewanz. And to Donnie Klossner, Karl Hartwich, Robin Becker, & Tony Kaninski who sat in for a couple of sets. You guys are great! Keith & Jerry Schuft were probably playing along; you think?

Joyce Reese

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