

# Minnesota Music Hall of Fame Inductee



## Paul Wesley “Doc” Evens (1907 – 1977) Inducted in 1989

He was born in Spring Valley, Minnesota and learned his basic music in his hometown. He played violin, drums, saxophone, and best of all, his cornet. He was a college musician at Carlton College in Northfield, graduating in 1929. Evens did a variety of things, including teaching school, raising championship cocker spaniels and playing jazz. He performed with Bunk Johnson, Eddie Condon, Joe Sullivan, Red Dougherty and Miff Mole. He recorded with many recording companies in the Twin Cities. Evens was noted for his work as a lead cornetist in Dixieland and traditional jazz bands. One of his last performances was at the Mankato State University.

