

Minnesota Music Hall of Fame Inductee



Gene Thomas & the Jolly Brothers Inducted in 2005

Gene Thomas and the Jolly Brothers – Thomas (Tomas) grew up on St. Croix Street in Roseville, Minnesota and as a young boy was always interested in music. He played the accordion and then tried the banjo. In 3rd grade he finally settled with the clarinet and in 8th grade Gene studied under Al Damn who was first chair clarinetist for the Minneapolis Symphony. The original Jolly Brothers Bands included Joe, Gene and Fred Tomas plus other great musicians. The Jolly

Brothers recorded ten albums and from 1969 to 1971 recorded for KSTP TV's "The Polka Beat Show" which aired on Saturday afternoons.

