

Minnesota Music Hall of Fame Inductee



The Musician's Award Hofmeister Family Inducted in 1994

Joseph Hofmeister was director of bands in new Ulm before he brought his musical family to Springfield. The most famous of the organizations he directed was the Second Regiment Band, which received acclaim both in the Minnesota National Guard and also highest honors



from Regiments headquarters during the Mexican border expedition of 1916-1917. Captain Hofmeister wrote many compositions for concert orchestra, military band and vocal. His most famous, the Minnesota Centennial March. Walt, his son, called his father an “excellent instructor”, giving him credit for rearing an amazing family of musicians. The Hofmeister family could play many musical instruments, the entire group being able to represent a complete orchestral unit. All of them were engaged in music either par-time or as professional performers. Walt went one step further than his father by engaging in arranging as well as composing. He did considerable arranging for the band, for orchestras and for vocal units. Most of his arranging and composing deals with old-tyme tunes, marches and trombone novelties. The Hofmeister family consists of Hayden, Frank, Peter, Hugo, Otto, Walt, Theodore, Anthony, Ludwig, sister Josephine (Mrs. Albert Hacker) and mother Maria. The surviving family is Anthony in Apache Junction, AZ and Josephine in Springfield, Minnesota.

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