

# Steve Buttleman

Inducted into the *Hall of Fame* in 2015

While a student he was involved in concert band, marching band, jazz band, swing choir, concert choir, madrigal singers, and theater. He is a member of the National Honor Society, All-State Band, and received the John Philip Sousa Band Award. He graduated from Washington in 1983 and attended the University of Louisville where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Trumpet Performance.

He began playing at Churchill Downs in the fall of 1995 and is the “*Official Bugler of Churchill Downs and the Kentucky Derby*”. He has played for the Belmont Stakes, Arkansas Derby, Indiana Derby, West Virginia Derby, Florida Derby, and the Ocala Championships. He has performed at the Breeders’ Cup seven times (five with the All-Star Buglers) and has bugled at the Hambletonian and Dan Patch harness races.

He has had the honor of playing at the last three inaugurations in Washington, D.C. He has performed on ABC’s *Extreme Home Makeover*, *Trading Spaces*, *Jeopardy*, *Cupcake Wars*, and for the wedding on *Outback Jack*. In 2008 he was featured on ESPN’s *Sport Center* for a segment about the Ryder Cup. He has performed at the World Equestrian Games, and is the bugler in the Disney movie, *Secretariat*. He has been the Horn Blower for the Lexington Junior League Horse Show, the World Championship Horse Show, and the Arabian Horse Celebration. He became the Official Keeneland Track Bugler in October 2013.

When he isn’t bugling at Churchill Downs and Keeneland he plays at numerous events locally and across the US and Canada.

