

# Kevin Ecker

Inducted into the *Hall of Fame* in 2014

If you attended a performance at Washington High School in the mid 1970s, you most likely saw Kevin Ecker on the WHS stage. You also probably laughed and cried, right along with his characters. Kevin touched our hearts, he cracked us up, he made us want to sing along.

A 1978 graduate, Kevin enjoyed an action-packed theatre career at Wash, playing title roles in the musicals “Oliver” and “Androcles and the Lion.” Kevin once joked that he also had the title role in “The Pirates of Penzance.” He played a “pirate.”

While at Wash, Kevin also starred in “The Glass Menagerie,” “Hello Dolly” and other theatre classics. He was a member of Washington’s concert choir and was selected Actor of the Year at the Paramount Theatre’s “Drama Recognition Night” in 1978.

Outside of school, Kevin performed extensively on the Cedar Rapids Community Theatre stage, at Coe College, and with the Olde Barn Players.

Kevin later delighted audiences in Los Angeles, Chicago and Orlando as an actor and stand-up comedian. Kevin often brought down the house with “Luke Bailey and his Ukulele,” his solo act of humoristic storytelling and unique, rhythmic ukulele playing.

In the late 1990s, Kevin performed at Universal Studios and Nickelodeon. His favorite role was “Gakmeister,” where he created the green slime made famous on Nick TV’s “Slime Time Live.”

To Kevin, performing was instinctive. He was a natural. From his early childhood to his untimely passing at the age of 52, Kevin embodied the art of performing. Both onstage and off, Kevin was, above all, a man of great humor and great fun.

