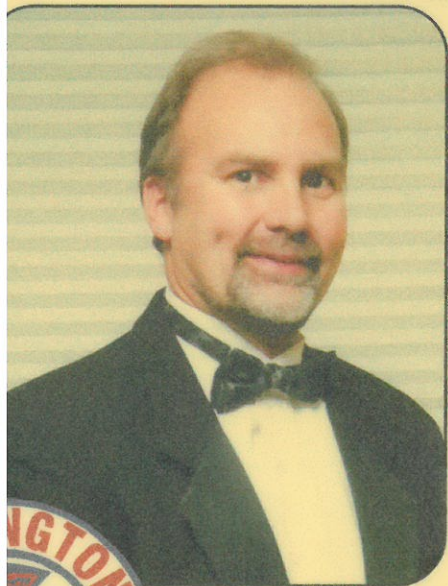


Jerry Henry

Inducted into the *Hall of Fame* in 2008



After graduating from Washington High School, Jerry left his native roots of Cedar Rapids and began a career in music education. He attained his BME from Wartburg College and was offered an unexpected opportunity for a Masters in Education at Southwestern Oklahoma State University. Following a quick trip back to the Midwest to marry Jennifer and enjoy a year-long honeymoon, the couple taught for two years in Edinburg, Texas. There, Jerry developed his passion to teach beginning orchestra students and to form in high schoolers an inner drive towards constant improvement. Jerry challenged his own professional skills by playing as associate concertmaster of both the Pan Am Symphony and the local chamber orchestra.

In 1984, Jerry was beckoned back to his hometown to revive the Washington orchestra which had dwindled to 12 players. He also taught in three feeder elementary schools and Franklin Middle School. When Jerry once again said good-bye to Cedar Rapids, the orchestra had regained its reputation as one of Iowa's premier orchestras. This time the good-bye to Cedar Rapids found Jerry and his wife moving to Quingdao, China and

teaching English to Chinese college students.

Cedar Rapids was never far from his thoughts during his two-year stay in China. In 1994 Jerry returned, baton in hand, to teach at Linn-Mar where he received the Iowa String Teacher of the Year Award. Most recently, you may find Jerry conducting at North High and Wood Intermediate Schools in Davenport. True to his lifelong pattern, Jerry continues to play as well as teach. He is presently the concertmaster of the Clinton Symphony Orchestra and he is in his 21st year of playing with the Cedar Rapids Symphony.

Jerry is a 1976 graduate of Washington High School. He was a two year All-Stater on violin, a three year member of Concert Choir, and a letter winner in football and swimming.

