

Dennis McPartland

Inducted into the *Hall of Fame* in 1995

A 1973 graduate of Washington, Dennis McPartland worked with a large group of Washington's talented and disciplined student musicians such as Peter Harris, Mike Daugherty, Pat Daugherty, and Phil Smith. Many have made music their careers.

He went to the University of Iowa and earned his BA in 1977 with a major in sociology and a minor in music. Dennis moved to L.A. and did graduate work at USC, working as a professional musician for three years before returning to Iowa. He earned his Master's in Percussion Performance becoming proficient on the drum set, snare drum, timpani, and keyboard percussion. Throughout his education he kept performing and did considerable teaching as well. He was one of the founding members of the Daugherty, Davis, and McPartland Trio in 1983.

His career includes percussion instructor at Indian Hills College, William Penn College, and Cornell College, free lance coach for drummers and jazz bands in Eastern Iowa, and as a guest clinician and performer at the South Dakota All-State Jazz Fest. Dennis performed in Mexico in 1988 and

was chosen as Cultural Ambassador to travel to Stavropol, Russia in 1991. He has been very active locally in various public and private music education projects.

