

## Bio. John Paulson

John Paulson earned his B.M. and Master of Music degrees from the University of Utah in Salt Lake City and his D.M.A. in music education from the University of Washington in Seattle. He studied flute and clarinet with players in the Utah Symphony and the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra, jazz arranging with Henry Wolking and Jan Kanopasek and studied jazz improvisation on sax and flute with famed improvisation teachers Garry Dial, and Dave Liebman. His jazz groups have performed throughout the Midwest for over 30 years and he has performed internationally with jazz groups from Saint Mary's University where he retired from over 30 years of teaching in 2012. He is now professor emeritus at Saint Mary's University of MN and an adjunct instructor at Winona State University in Winona, MN. As a freelance artist, Dr. Paulson has performed with The Cab Calloway Orchestra, Mel Torme, Andy Williams, Bob Hope, The Temptations, Johnny Mathis, and The Pioneer Memorial and Repertory Dance Theatres in Salt Lake City. In the last 20 years, he has produced seven commercial jazz CD's and done 5 Master class CD's for the Saxophone Journal. His CD's have received airplay and excellent reviews throughout the Midwest. These CD's are available at [www.cdbaby.com](http://www.cdbaby.com) and iTunes plus numerous digital download and streaming sites.

His 2012 release "The John Paulson Big Band Project," features 10 originals recorded live and in the studio. Scores & parts from the big band project are available worldwide from [walrusmusic.com](http://walrusmusic.com) or [eJazzLines.com](http://eJazzLines.com). Paulson has received numerous grants in support of his concerts, clinics and recordings from the McKnight Foundation and the Southeastern Minnesota Arts Council. Highlights of JPBB performances include being accepted to play at the national Jazz Educators Network convention in Louisville, KY and several grant funded concerts and residencies with members of his big band. Dr. Paulson's second big band CD "Five Years On" is slated for release in the fall of 2018.

Dr. Paulson officially endorses Jody Jazz sax mouthpieces & accessories. He is a member of ASCA, JEN (The Jazz Educators Network) and the River Arts Alliance.