

## Vita

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- Education:
- D.M.A. Music Education 1985  
University of Washington; Seattle, Washington
- Intensive post doctoral study: jazz improvisation (Garry Dial & Dave Liebman)
- Teaching Certificate (Elementary & Secondary) 1978  
University of Utah; Salt Lake City, Utah  
Master of Music (Music History) 1976  
University of Utah; Salt Lake City, Utah  
Bachelor of Music (Music History) 1974  
University of Utah; Salt Lake City, Utah  
A.A. Music Education 1971  
Rochester Community College; Rochester, Minnesota
- High School 1969  
Mayo High School; Rochester

## Teaching Experience (Higher Education)

- Saint Mary's University Winona, Minnesota (1981-2012) retired- professor emeritus  
Teaching areas at Saint Mary's- Music Industry Program Director  
Saxophone, Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Improvisation,  
Jazz Combos, Jazz History, Midi, Arranging, Recording Techniques  
Music Business & Technology Internship & Practicum supervision  
  
Winona State University Winona, Minnesota  
Instructor of Music (adjunct) 2012- present Jazz History & Improvisation

## Teaching Experience (Elementary and Secondary)

- Cotter High School Winona, MN (part time) 1991-2002  
Private Woodwind & Jazz Combo Instructor
- Rowland Hall -St. Mark's School  
Salt Lake City, Utah  
Instrumental Music (Elementary & Secondary) 1977-1979

## Recordings & Related Publications:

- 6 commercial CD's and five master class CD's for The Saxophone Journal  
10 original big band compositions from the John Paulson Big Band Project CD  
All 10 of the big band arrangements above are published by eJazzLines Publications in New York  
Numerous publications for Jazz Educators' Journal & others. Airplay on Pandora, Spotify, iTunes  
& other digital sites like cdbaby.com

John Paulson- musician, educator & composer

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 six 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 including Pandora and Spotify.

His latest CD & DVD recording, 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). The JPBB recording project and 2012 premiere performance were funded by a grant from the McKnight Foundation and the Southeastern Minnesota Arts Council. Highlights of performances in 2016 include being accepted to play at the national Jazz Educators Network convention in Louisville, KY and a concert at the Sheldon Theatre in Red Wing, MN which included a two day SEMAC grant sponsored residency at Red Wing High School.

Dr. Paulson officially endorses Jody Jazz sax mouthpieces & accessories. He is a member of ASCAP, the American Composers Forum and JEN (The Jazz Educators Network).