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Lovell Ives Receives 2022 Service to Music Award

April 2022 - **Lovell Ives** has been presented with the **2022 Service to Music Award**. This annual award is designed to recognize someone who has had a sustained impact on community music organizations in the state. The award recognizes impact in multiple areas such as education, community outreach, activity in state and national organizations and service to the music community. The award is traditionally presented at the annual AWSO workshop, however due to circumstances, Professor Ives received his award a little early.



Professor Ives was a member of the UW-Green Bay music faculty from 1960 until his retirement in 1997. During his tenure, he founded the jazz program at UWGB, served as longtime director of the UWGB jazz ensemble, performed on trumpet in venues ranging from symphony orchestras to Dixieland jazz groups, and led the Lovell Ives Orchestra. He was both a teacher and mentor to hundreds of students, many of whom went on to careers in music. Quotes from former students include, "those were some of the best performances of my life!" "Lovell helped set a whole lot of folks up for long professional careers." "I feel lucky to be part of such a storied program." "So thankful."

In speaking with Dr. John Salerno, one of his former students who is now an Associate Professor of music at UW-Green Bay, he had this to say about his mentor, Lovell Ives:

He was and still is an inspirational educator of music. He could do it all: perform, compose, arrange, conduct, as well as educate. He was always available, and indefatigable in his efforts to teach his students about music, but especially jazz music. He was one of the first jazz educators in the state and a pioneer in moving jazz into the college music curriculum.

Lovell Ives has written numerous orchestral arrangements and has been an advocate for music education, not only jazz, throughout his lifetime. One of the many highlights of his musical career include directing the Green Bay Packer Band from 1982 to 1997. He also was the music director for the Cerebral Palsy Telethon for more than 25 years. Lovell Ives still calls Wisconsin his home.

When asked in an oral history interview done by the UW-Green Bay Archives and Area Research Center, what he was most proud of, a very humble Lovell Ives said "teaching."

About AWSO

The [Association of Wisconsin Symphony Orchestras](http://www.wisconsinorchestras.org) serves as a resource for the growth and appreciation of orchestral music in the State of Wisconsin. The Association promotes and facilitates the exchange of ideas among the various state orchestras and their affiliate organizations through its annual conference and by providing a structured professional network. AWSO is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. [Previous Service to Music Awardees](#) are listed on the AWSO website.