

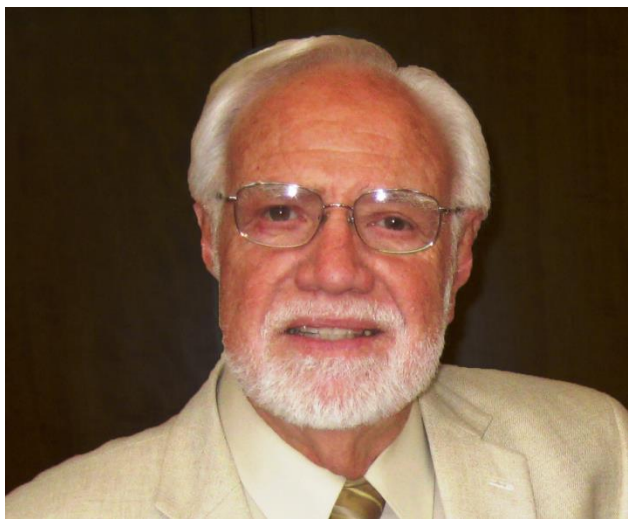
East Stroudsburg Area School District 2018 Music Hall of Fame Inductees



Deborah Gasdek Booth

Debbie is a 1971 graduate of Indiana University of Pennsylvania, having earned a B.S. degree in Music Education. She has also done extensive graduate study at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Crane School of Music, Potsdam University, Ithaca College, VanderCook School of Music, Villanova University, Pennsylvania State University and Grove City College. She served as the vocal music teacher (grades 7-10) and the choral director for 7th grade chorus, 8th and 9th grade choir, Glee Club and the Choraliers at East Stroudsburg High School, from 1971 through June, 1976, and in September, 1976, became the junior high vocal music teacher and the director of junior high chorus at the J.S. Bunnell Junior High School, while also creating the J.S. Bunnell Swing Choir. In 1988, Debbie received a PA Department of Education grant for Artist-in-Residence (and famous) Composer Bob Dorough to work with select student groups to create “jingles.” Then, in 1990, she arranged to acquire a second PA Department of Education grant, which secured the services of Composer Ross Care to guide 7th grade music classes in the processes of composition and improvisation. Debbie served as Director of two 7th and 8th grade choirs and as the Director of the J.T. Lambert Intermediate School Show Choir from 1990 to 2000, and as the school’s vocal music teacher from 1990 through 2011. She

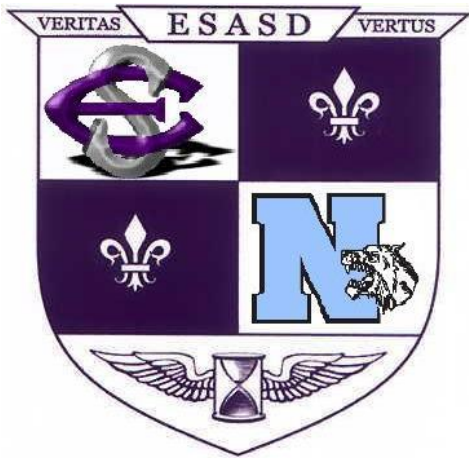
also served as Chair of the ESASD Vocal Music Department from 1988 through June, 1995, and as the Music Director for Spring Productions from 1992 through 1999, securing a joint grant from both the ESASD and the Monroe County Arts Council for Artist-in-Residence/Jazz Singer Janet Lawson to teach Jazz History and Vocal Improvisation to the 6th and 7th grade music classes. In addition, she served as Chair for PMEA District 10 Intermediate Curriculum and Instruction from 1998 through 2002. Debbie directed and prepared summer student demonstration groups for the “Music in the Mountains” summer workshops with composers Michael and Jill Gallina in 1994 and 1999, and was the Music Director for J.T. Lambert Intermediate School Theater Productions from 2002 through 2005. She was a member of Shawnee Recording Choir/Shawnee Press from 1972 through 1984, and performed in numerous community venues, including The Opera Scene, Pocono Garlic Festival and The Mansion Christmas Concerts from 1999 through 2005, while also having performed in Shawnee Playhouse Productions of the Sound of Music (Nun Choir), Oklahoma, The Music Man (Pick-a-Little Lady) and as a Cabaret singer for the River Dance Outdoor Theater. Debbie served as a member of the Pocono Community of Churches Holy Week Choir from 1998 through 2018, as well as the Discipleship In Song Music Ministry (2004 through 2018), and as a member of the Christ Hamilton United Lutheran Church Senior Choir.



Paul Hubbell

Paul taught music and served as the band director at ESASD elementary schools J.M. Hill, Smithfield and Middle Smithfield from 1968 through 1982, receiving the highest grades during adjudications. He is a graduate of Hofstra University, where he earned his teaching degree. During his early years, Paul taught music at Long Beach Elementary School (in New York City), where the young Billy Crystal was one of his students. After his four children were born (David, Christine, Alan and Lauren), he and his wife Suzanne moved to the Poconos, in order to give his children a more positive place to grow up. At age 19, Paul performed with the Carnegie Hall Big Band, beginning a lifetime of the performance of music, in the New York Metropolitan area, later in the greater Pocono Mountains, and literally around the world—including, the Waldorf Astoria, the Rainbow Room,

the Tavern on the Green, as well as numerous jazz festivals throughout the United States and Canada. He and his band also performed on numerous cruise lines, such as the Norway, the Queen Elizabeth-2, Caribe, Viking Sun, Mississippi Queen, and the M.S.C. Opera. Paul worked with world-renowned band leaders, including Tex Beneke, Bob Wilber, Ray Anthony, Parke Frankenfield, Bobby Levine and Buddy Morrow. He performed on the album “Jazz From Then Till Now,” which was ordered by the military and sold more than 30,000 copies, while being selected for inclusion in the National Library of Congress in Washington, DC. Paul played with the “Bob Cats” band, who performed in President Ronald Reagan’s second inaugural ball, and on the group’s “Going Places, Doing Things” album, and was voted “Outstanding Musician of the Year” in 1996 by the Pennsylvania Jazz Society. He has performed numerous times at the Celebration of the Arts (COTA) Festival in Delaware Water Gap, while also touring with his brother’s band “The Village Stompers”, who recorded the 1960’s hit record “Washington Square, which later became the Paul Hubbell Band’s theme song.



Past inductees into the East Stroudsburg Area School District Music Hall of Fame have included: (2002) Doreen Derr Bondy, Marguerite Cramer, John Eaton, Bernice Nauman, Dr. Kenneth Raessler, Clement Wiedinmyer, Robert Zellner; (2003) John E. Casagrande, Judith Farmer, Stuart Jones, David Lantz Jr., Melissa Mary Lengua, Louis Millard; (2004) Suzanne Anderson, Sallie Ferrebee, Jere Lantz, Stanley R. Schoonover, Michael Silvoy; (2005) Michael L. Ehrlich, Tasitha ("Tassy") Newcomb Gilbert, Steven R. Mathiesen, Larry Zaccaro Jr.; (2006) Jennifer Schoonover, Vincent Yanovitch; (2007) Dr. Katharine ("Katchie") Cartwright, Patrick C. Dorian and Rebecca DeSanto Taylor; (2008) Robert C. Hartman, Susan Farmer Talley, David Springfield and Ly

Wilder Tartell; (2009) Samuel DeRenzis, Zachary Giffel, Cory D. Miller and Robert Posten; (2010) Cynthia (Cindi) Bowman Copeland, Daniel Gelber, James A. Martini and Jenny Wunder Galunic; (2011) Michael Drolet, Brian McNulty, Kristen J. Smith and William Stine; (2012) Susan Moore Jordan, Caryn Kerstetter and Jennifer Kitchen; (2013) Christina Caiazzo-Pritchard, Jeremiah Downes, Kathaleen Joffe, Gordon L. Fung and Daniel Omelio; (2014) Robert E. Fetterman, Jr., Peter F. Maaser and Gail Stettler Napoliello; (2015) Kimberly Sisson Conklin, Debbie Myers, Judy Myers and Linda M. Schaller; (2016) Anthony DeAngelis, Robert L. Hickey Jr., and Najwa Parkins; (2017) Erica Hanrahan Ball, Amanda (Sibley) Cunard, and Nicole (Snyder) Rideout.