

KENZIE BENTLE

SOUTHEASTERN INDIANA MUSICIANS HALL OF FAME

BIO

**Kenzie Bentle is a musician and educator from Southeast Indiana. He began his music career at the age of 10 playing drums in his brothers eight piece dance band named THE HARMONY LADS. Then as popular music changed, he joined the five piece Rock and Roll Band called THE DUKES, playing teen dances in the Tristate area. He attended the Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music achieving a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education and later obtained a Master's Degree in Music at Ball State University. He was the drummer and music arranger for the show band COPS AND ROBBERS, which traveled throughout the United States playing night clubs and show rooms. He has also been the music director at Mores Hill High School, the assistant director for the East Central High School Bands, Director of the East Central Junior High Bands and the first music director of the Sunman Dearborn Middle School. He then later became the Head Director at East Central and the Music Department Head for the Sunman Dearborn Community Schools. He is the composer of the East Central High School Alma Mater and was the music director for Sunman Elementary before retiring from the school system. He has been a private music instructor for the Bowman Creative Arts Center located in Burlington, Kentucky. He also composed the horn arrangements on the album "HELICOPTER ROSE" by Blake Rainey in Atlanta, Georgia. He recently composed and recorded the music entitled "THE RISING" for the internet video "WHAT HAS OUR WORLD BECOME" on the websites, happinessfusion.com and YellowBodhi.com. He is a solo pianist with a CD entitled "DIAPASON" on the Southern Lovers Music Label and Electron Sound Garden Studios of Atlanta, Georgia.**