

2007年6月Dr. Gene Aitken受DownBeat雜誌頒予美國最崇高的爵士教育獎：2007 Jazz Educator of the Year，同時也是第七位榮登DownBeat雜誌爵士教育家名人堂的爵士大師。

自1976-2002年間Dr. Aitken擔任北科羅拉多大學爵士學所長，北科羅拉多大學爵士學是世界最知名的爵士學科。北科羅拉多大學是唯一一所榮獲葛萊美獎爵士歌手類提名的高等教育機構。這段期間，Gene總共錄製了36張專輯大碟。

1997年6月，國立教育協會在出版書籍中刊登了由Dr. Aitken所寫的“21世紀音樂”，發表美國未來音樂教育的理念。

1995年1月Gene Aitken與Ella Fitzgerald 個人同時榮登第32屆國際爵士教育家協會名人堂。在1985年2月，獲得美國葛萊美獎提名美國國家錄音藝術與科學獎。



Mercedes-Benz Taiwan Jazz Competition

Dr. Gene Aitken, Adjudicator

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In June 2007, Dr. Gene Aitken received the United States top jazz education honor by being awarded the 2007 Jazz Educator of the Year by *DownBeat* magazine and the seventh inductee into the *DownBeat* Magazine Jazz Educator Hall of Fame.

From 1976 to 2002, Dr. Aitken was Director of Jazz Studies at the University of Northern Colorado, one of the most well known jazz programs in the world. Under his direction, the UNC Jazz Studies Program received more *Down Beat* magazine awards and more National Endowment for the Arts grants than any institution of

higher education in the United States. Also, UNC is the only institution of higher education in the United States to ever receive a Grammy Nomination in the Vocal Jazz area. During his tenure, Gene produced 36 record albums and CDs.

In June 1997, the National Education Association published a chapter in their book, "Music in the Twenty-first Century" by Dr. Aitken on the future of music education in the United States.

In January 1995, Gene Aitken was the 32nd individual inducted into the International Association of Jazz Educators' Hall of Fame along with Ella Fitzgerald and Doc Severinson. And in February 1985, he was awarded a prestigious Grammy Nomination from the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences.