

# Minnesota Music Hall of Fame Inductee



## Les Fields

### Inducted in 2005

Les Fields – Les Fields, Rochester, was born in Cresco, Iowa, a town near the Turkey River. His musical history began at the age of five, playing a drum in the kindergarten rhythm band. Piano lessons in the third grade held his interest for only a year until the coronet took over in the fourth grade. Les played with orchestras from Lanesboro and Rochester including the Mayo Clinic's 22-piece big band, the Notochords. An event in 1968 changed his life. When someone forgot to hire a band for a Rochester Bank's Christmas party, Les was called and he rounded up six top-notch musicians to play. That band was the debut of the Turkey River All Stars.

