



## Gene Parker – '62

Gene Parker ('62) has been a professional musician in the Toledo area for more than 50 years, with jazz being his genre of specialization. He is best known as the leader of the Gene Parker Quartet and co-leader of the Parker-Wolkins Big Band. He attended the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music and studied with the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra.

Gene has been a guest artist with the Toledo Symphony Orchestra and other orchestras in Ohio and Michigan and played a concert at the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.

Gene is a true multi-instrumentalist, teaching saxophone, clarinet, flute, bass, piano, trumpet, trombone, and percussion, just to name a few. He has been giving private music lessons since the 1960s, has extensive studio experience in Toledo and Detroit, and is a frequent instructor at the collegiate and high school levels. Gene is in high demand throughout the mid-west, and he has worked with many of the great musicians of our time - Tony Bennett, Vic Damone, Nancy Wilson, Gladys Knight, Lou Rawls, Sammy Davis, Jr., The Four Tops, and Dizzy Gillespie as examples. Do you want to add family information? Do you want to add any details about volunteer/community service work?

*Nominated by Tom Brady '62*