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**UNIVERSITY OF IOWA PROPOSED NAMING – VOXMAN MUSIC BUILDING**

**Action Requested:** Consider approval of The University of Iowa's request to name the replacement facility for the School of Music the Voxman Music Building.

**Executive Summary:** The University requests that the replacement School of Music building (scheduled for completion in 2016) be named the Voxman Music Building in honor of the late Himie Voxman, longtime director of the school who shaped it into the nationally renowned program it is today.

In 1995, the University of Iowa School of Music building was named the Voxman Music Building in recognition of Voxman's vast influence in the field of music education. The building, destroyed by the 2008 flood, is now being replaced. With the support of the faculty of the School of Music and the dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the University requests approval to uphold the recognition of Professor Voxman following construction of the replacement building.

Voxman was already an accomplished clarinetist when he came to the University of Iowa as a freshman in 1929, and though he did not major in music studies, he never ceased to be active as a performer and teacher of music. After earning a bachelor of science degree in chemical engineering, he began graduate work under the direction of renowned psychology professor Carl Seashore, ultimately earning a master of arts degree in the psychology of music.

Voxman joined the faculty of the School of Music on a full-time basis in 1939, and served as the school's director from 1954 until his retirement in 1980. Under his leadership the school grew into a comprehensive, pioneering music school with strengths across a range of fields including composition, conducting, music theory, and musicology.

Additional information is available from the Board Office.