Charlie Dentel Bio



Charlie Dentel is a singer and multi-instrumentalist who has been performing since his teens.

Growing up in Ann Arbor and singing and soloing with the choirs at Zion Lutheran Church is his earliest performance experience. After recording his first record with the band *Juice* in 1989, Dentel moved to the west coast to play and record in San Francisco. After another release with the band *Big Fun,* Dentel studied with gospel choral director Charles Hudspeth in San Francisco, and later with Jazz vocalists Jay Clayton and Beth Winter at Cornish College of the Arts in Seattle.

After returning to Michigan in 1996, Dentel recorded and released two albums of original music, *Walls of Stone* in 2000, and *Innocent Things* in 2003, (with the Motor City Horns). His music is available on many downloading and streaming sites, including iTunes, Spotify, and CDBaby.

Currently, Dentel is the singer with the TnT Big Band from Detroit, and sings and plays piano with the Beatles tribute act called Dig A Phony. He also occasionally performs alone or with a small ensemble as a solo artist.

Dentel has just retired after 27 years as a music teacher with Plymouth-Canton Schools, where he taught K-5 general music. He has three children in college and lives with his wife in Ypsilanti, Michigan.