



Joseph Torregano

Joseph Torregano was born in New Orleans on February 28, 1952. He attended Joseph A. Craig Elementary in the Treme' section of the city, Andrew J. Bell Junior High, and graduated from John McDonough High School (right across the street from the union) in 1970. He attended Southern University in New Orleans graduating in the first Instrumental Music Education Class in 1970.

Shortly after high school, he began his teaching career in the public schools around New Orleans, teaching most notably at Bell, McDonough, Gregory Jr. High, and East St. John High over a career that spanned 35 years. He has also had an extensive and colorful career as a sideman and leader in local groups including: ***Doc Paulin's Dixieland Jazz Band, The Fairview Brass Band, The Young Tuxedo Brass Band, Dejan's Olympia Brass Band, The Original Royal Players Brass Band, Bob French, June Gardner and Dwayne Burns.*** He has also recorded with Paul McCartney, and appeared on two HBO episodes of Treme', the movie "Undercover Blues" as well as documentaries for National Geographic, and Public Television on New Orleans culture, while also appearing on the Bob Hope and Dolly Parton Specials.

He joined the Union in 1972 and has maintained his membership without interruption of service. He feels that the Union offers the protection and solidarity that is so needed in today's tough business world.

In addition to all that he has done musically, he has served the New Orleans Police Department (NOPD) for 26 years as a Reserve Officer, achieving the rank of Lieutenant in July, 2013.

He is pleased to announce that the **Joseph Torregano Quartet** made the cut for bands that will be performing at this year's Jazz Festival. Mark your calendars Thursday, April 30th in the Economy Hall Tent, Performance Time TBA. "I'm looking forward to seeing you all there, and playing some tunes off the new CD, **"It Had to Be You,"** a tribute to everyone who supported me through my cancer battles."

