Dr. Gene Aitken, the seventh person ever inducted into the DownBeat Magazine Jazz Educators Hall of Fame, will give a lecture titled "Jazz Education in Unlikely Places – An Original American Art Form Circles the Globe" on Thursday, November 13, at 7:30pm in the UA Huntsville Roberts Recital Hall.

Part of the Distinguished Speaker Series at UAH, this lecture, which is open to the public, is sponsored by the Office of the Provost, the Faculty Senate, and the Department of Music.

Retired from the University of Northern Colorado, Dr. Aitken currently lives in Southeast Asia where he spends his time giving music clinics in major cities from China to Iraq. His presentation will describe his experiences taking jazz education into these non-western cultures.

Dr. Aitken will also serve as guest bandleader for the UAH Jazz Ensemble concert on Friday, November 14, at 7:30pm in the UA Huntsville Roberts Recital Hall. The concert will feature contemporary big band jazz compositions from many of Dr. Aitken’s former students.

Admission for the lecture is free.
General admission for the concert is $5; students are admitted free.