



Over his many years of musicianship, veteran and community Salvation Army bandmaster Jack Green has received tributes for his contribution to the city's

talent. Now he's won the proudest accolade of his life—the Salvationist Order of the Founder, its top world tribute.

Salvation Army pays tribute to bandleader Jack Green

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Jack Green is a small, puckish man who has been making his talent heard in a big, big way for years.

As Belleville division Salvation Army bandleader, teacher and conductor of city musicians, he's been the community's patriarchal musician.

It hasn't gone without tribute.

But what happened to him this past weekend is for Jack Green a crowning tribute to decades of talented involvement.

He received the Salvationists' highest world recognition, the Order of the Founder. It was presented in Toronto at a congress of thousands of Salvation Army members by General Arnold Brown, now world commander of the Army—but once a years-ago graduate in Belleville of Jack's musical tutoring.

For Jack, modesty goes with his musical ac-

complishments.

"I was just stunned," was mostly all he could say back in town Monday.

Jack's specialty is the cornet, although he teaches every band instrument. The cornet is a smaller, brazen version of the trumpet and when he begins to play it's not hard to hear. But, it is not only the volume and control he produces. Everybody just stops to listen expectantly to a master who himself has won many an award.

It's also a talent and feel for music he's tried to perpetuate through countless pupils he's taken in the community over 40 years or more.

For that contribution—and his work across the country at music camps—he was given the city's civic cultural award in 1975.

But, Jack is also a Salvationist—his first contact dating from his youth in his native Wales. That's why Sunday's presentation had added emotion for him.

As a Salvationist he went to

the crowded Army congress at Toronto's Harbor Castle Hotel.

In the midst of the throng of events he heard his name hailed.

"I nearly fell off my seat. I never thought I'd be entitled to anything like that," he recalls.

The order was first instituted in 1917. And, reckons Jack, there are only 128 in the world—awarded for outstanding service.

The presentation by General Brown put the topping touch on the event.

General Brown came to Belleville as a youngster—some time after Green—spent his earlier years here before going onto the Army's staff college and eventually, in 1977, world commander of the Army.

Jack still has a momento from those early years of his commanding officer's student days: The manuscript of the general's first musical exercise sent for examination.

Jack says he intends to be a lively figure in the community's musical life for many a day yet. But, one thing is certain indication from his near-reluctance to talk about himself.

When he blows that cornet it'll be strictly to make music—not to trumpet his own latest prestigious accomplishment.