



Judges & Clinicians

Drum Line Clinicians

Mr. Scott Dudley is a graduate of Baylor University, where he earned a Bachelor of Music Education degree, studying percussion with Dr. Larry Vanlandingham and conducting with Michael Haithcock. Following his graduation, Mr. Dudley dedicated more than 20 years to the Belton Independent School District, where he served with distinction in a variety of roles, including Director of Percussion, Assistant Band Director, Associate Band Director, and ultimately Director of Bands. Throughout his tenure, he demonstrated exceptional leadership, fostering musical excellence and positively shaping the lives of countless students.

Since 2016, Mr. Dudley has continued his commitment to music education through his independent percussion studio, where he provides high-quality instruction to students ranging from beginners to advanced high school performers. A cornerstone of the regional arts community, Mr. Dudley has been a member of the Temple Symphony Orchestra for nearly three decades and currently serves as Principal Percussionist. His artistry and professionalism have made a lasting impact on the ensemble and its audiences. In addition to his teaching and performing, Mr. Dudley is an active clinician and consultant, widely respected for his expertise and dedication. His ongoing contributions continue to elevate music education and performance throughout the Central Texas region, leaving a meaningful and enduring legacy.

Mr. Russell Holcombe retired in 2018 after teaching for 29 years in CypressFairbanks ISD. When Normangee ISD needed a band director, he decided to go back into the band hall. He has since retired, again. Over the course of his career, Mr. Holcombe has received the UIL Sweepstakes award 25 times. In 2009, he was named as a Denius UIL Sponsor Excellence award winner. His bands have performed at the National Concert Band Festival in Indianapolis three times and his percussion section in the National Percussion Festival twice. He currently performs with the "Dash Drummers" in Houston, Texas and was a snare drummer for the Troopers Drum and Bugle Corps (Casper, Wyoming), the Sky Ryders Drum and Bugle Corps (Hutchinson, Kansas), and the Night Hawks Drum and Bugle Corps (Houston, Texas). Russell currently resides in Cypress, Texas with his wife Vicki. Having served as a judge for the TAPPS State Solo and Ensemble Contest for percussion the last several years, Mr. Holcombe is excited to serve as a clinician in today's drumline competition. In his opinion, all the kids performing today are winners and their performances are to be celebrated.

Mr. Rob Toups is retired Director of Bands and Fine Arts for the Canton Independent School District in Canton, Texas. His tenure at the CISD lasted 23 years before retiring in 2014. Under Mr. Toups' direction, Canton bands earned 20 years of consecutive Texas UIL Sweepstakes awards and from 1998 through 2012, have been finalists in the Texas State UIL marching championships, TMEA Concert Honor Band and ATSSB Outstanding Performance Series competitions. His Canton High School bands have performed in Dublin Ireland, Montreal Canada, throughout the United States, most notably West Point Military Academy and Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Under his direction, the Canton High School Symphonic

Band was named the 2003 TMEA State AAA Honor Band, and in addition to earning two UIL State Bronze medals and one Silver medal, his CHS marching bands were named the three-time consecutive UIL Texas State Marching Champions in 2002, 2004 and 2006.

Mr. Toups is a member of the Association of Texas Small School Bands, Texas Music Educators Association, Texas Band Masters Association, Texas Music Adjudicators Association, Central States Judges Association and Phi Beta Mu. He holds a Bachelor of Music Education degree from the University of Southwestern Louisiana and has 35 years teaching public and private school music. During his tenure at Canton ISD, Mr. Toups served as the Association of Texas Small School Bands 3A representative and ATSSB President from 1998 to 2010. He also served as the Texas Music Adjudicators Association marching band Vice-President from 2004-2008. Rob is a recipient of the prestigious Texas University Interscholastic League Sponsor Excellence award, the Texas Bandmasters Association Exemplary Bandmaster award and was inducted into the Texas Bandmasters Hall of Fame, class of 2022.

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Mr. James Bode is the director and drummer for the West Texas Jazz Orchestra, a 16 piece big band based in San Angelo, Texas. He also performs in the jazz sextet, Jazz Concho, and is principal timpanist in the San Angelo Symphony Orchestra. He holds degrees from The University Of North Texas and The University Of Texas at Austin. Mr. Bode retired after a successful 24 year career band directing career, most recently at Irion County High School. He also taught at Fredericksburg High School, San Angelo Central High School and Angelo State University.

An active adjudicator and clinician for concert, marching and jazz bands, Bode is also an arranger and composer of marching, jazz and concert band music, he has over forty arrangements for bands and percussion groups, as well as the author of "The Smart Drummer", a class percussion method. He is a member of the Texas Music Adjudicators Association, Texas Music Educators Association, Texas Bandmasters Association and the Percussive Arts Society. Mr. Bode is currently on the faculty of Howard Payne University.

Mr. Steve Fry is in his 30th year of teaching band, and the 2026–2027 school year marks his 10th year as Director of Bands at A&M Consolidated High School. Prior to coming to Consol, Mr. Fry served as the Director of Bands at Tomball High School for four of his six years.

Originally from Oklahoma, he was the Director of Bands at Edmond North High School in Edmond, Oklahoma, where he served for 11 years. He also spent time teaching at Jenks High School and Edmond Memorial High School.

Throughout his 30 years of teaching, Mr. Fry's bands have consistently received superior ratings in both marching and concert band competitions. Under his

direction, both the Tomball High School and A&M Consolidated High School band programs have qualified for the UIL State Marching Contest. The A&M Consolidated Tiger Band has qualified for the UIL State Marching Contest four of the last five years.

Mr. Fry is a 1996 graduate of the University of Oklahoma, where he earned a Bachelor of Instrumental Music Education degree. His professional affiliations include the Texas Music Educators Association, Texas Bandmasters Association, and Phi Beta Mu.

Outside of the band hall, Mr. Fry enjoys spending time with his wife, Wendy, and their golden retriever, Tabi. His other hobbies include cooking, playing golf, and watching all things OU. When he is not in the band hall or at home, Steve and Wendy enjoy sitting on a patio listening to live music or relaxing poolside while listening to the waves.

Ms. Krystal Michal currently serves as Head Band Director at McGregor ISD and brings 18 years of experience in music education. She holds a degree in Music Education from Texas Tech University and previously served on the band staff at Robinson ISD. During her tenure at Robinson, Ms. Michal was on staff for multiple trips to the UIL State Marching Band Contest and when the Robinson Band was selected as a TMEA Honor Band. She has led numerous UIL Sweepstakes bands at both the junior high and high school levels throughout her career.

Ms. Michal is passionate about helping students in small schools find success and believes that music education provides students with opportunities to develop not only as musicians, but also as confident leaders and individuals. She serves as an All-Region Band Coordinator for Region 8 ATSSB. She is a member of the Association of Texas Small School Bands, Texas Music Educators Association, and Texas Music Adjudicators Association.

Band Clinicians

Mr. Tony Clines served as a high school band director for 31 years, dedicating 27 of those years to leading the Robinson High School Band program. Under his direction, "The Pride of the Blue" established a strong tradition of musical excellence, earning decades of consecutive Division I ratings, numerous state level accolades, and multiple appearances at the Texas State Marching finals. His bands earned the gold medal at the state contest four times.

Mr. Clines holds both a Bachelor and Master of Music Education degree from Texas Tech University. Following his retirement from public school teaching, Clines continued to serve the Texas music education community as the Executive Secretary for UIL Music Region 8. He is now enjoying his first year of retirement from that endeavor after spending twenty years with UIL. He remains heavily involved in local church choral music ministries in the Waco/Robinson area.

Mr. Steven Moore is a retired Texas band director with a distinguished 34-year career in music education and currently serves as Executive Director of the National Association of Military Marching Bands (NAMMB), Contest Director for the UIL/NAMMB State Military Marching Band Championships, and a Student Travel Tour Consultant with Kaleidoscope Adventures.

Mr. Moore served in Lindale Independent School District from 1990 until his retirement in 2024, including 28 years as Director of Bands. Under his leadership, the Lindale band program consistently earned UIL Sweepstakes Award and achieved significant state recognition. These honors include multiple UIL State Military Marching Band Class 4A Championships (2020–2023), designation as a TMEA Honor Band finalist, performance as the 2007 3A State Honor Band at the Texas Music Educators Association Convention, and recognition as the Texas Bandmasters Association Exemplary High School Band (2008). In 2024, Mr. Moore received the TBA Meritorious Achievement Award for significant contributions to music education and a life-long commitment and outstanding service to the profession of band directing and music education in Texas.

Mr. Moore has held numerous leadership roles in Texas and national music education organizations, including President of the Texas Bandmasters Association (2016), President of the National Association of Military Marching Bands (2003), President of the Association of Texas Small School Bands (2006), President of Phi Beta Mu – Alpha Chapter (2018–2020), and Region 21 TMEA Band Division Chairman (2016–2022). He served on the TBA Board of Directors from 2010–2017.

A graduate of Stephen F. Austin State University, Mr. Moore earned a Bachelor of Music Education and later completed a Master of Education degree at The University of Texas at Tyler. He is an active clinician, adjudicator, and presenter, and remains deeply engaged in supporting music educators, students, and programs across Texas and beyond. He maintains professional affiliations with TBA, TMEA, ATSSB, NAMMB, TMAA, and Phi Beta Mu.

Mr. George Strickland is the retired Assistant Director of State Music Activities of the University Interscholastic League. Prior to becoming a UIL staff member, he taught instrumental music in the public schools for twenty-nine years. Bands under his direction were awarded consecutive UIL Sweepstakes honors. Individual members of his bands were recognized with All-Region, All-Area, All-State, and UIL Regional and State Solo and Ensemble awards. He was recognized in 1991 by being nominated for the UIL – Denius Award by his school district.

He is an active adjudicator for marching bands, concert and sight-reading band events, and instrumental solo and ensemble events in Texas. He has also adjudicated events in Colorado, Tennessee, Indiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas festivals held in Dallas, Denton, San Antonio, Corpus Christi, and Houston. Mr. Strickland has served as President of the Association of Texas Small School Bands and as Region President of Texas Music Educators Association, Regions 2 and 7. He previously served on various committees with the National Federation of

High School Activity Association and as Chair Pro-tem and Treasurer for the Texas Coalition for Quality Arts Education. He is currently a member of the Association of Texas Small School Bands State Board of Directors, Texas Music Adjudicators Association, Texas Bandmasters Association, Texas Music Educators Association, and Phi Beta Mu International Bandmaster Fraternity. In 2019 he was inducted into the Bandmasters Hall of Fame of Phi Beta Mu, Texas Alpha Chapter.

Band Judges

Mr. Collin Anderson is beginning his 35th year as a band director, having taught in Crockett, Centerville, and Breckenridge before becoming the head director at Groesbeck ISD. This is his 20th year at GISD.

Mr. Anderson and his wife of soon to be 35 years, Melanie, have 3 children, Matthew, Kathryn, and Micah. Matthew and Kathryn both graduated from Groesbeck HS, and Micah is currently a senior at GHS and drum major of the GHS Band. His family has been active at First Baptist Church, Groesbeck since joining in 2007.

Collin is a graduate of Linden-Kildare HS, East Texas Baptist University (Bachelor of Music in All-Level Music Education), and Hardin-Simmons University (Master of Music Education). He is an active member of the Association of Texas Small School Bands (ATSSB), Texas Music Educators Association, Texas Bandmasters Association, and Texas Music Adjudicators Association. Collin is also an inductee into the Phi Beta Mu band directors national fraternity. Collin has served as ATSSB Region 8 Coordinator twice, once while in Centerville, then again after coming to Groesbeck, and has served as the State Chairman of ATSSB's Outstanding Performance Series since 2017.

Mr. Michael Childs is in his 35th year of teaching, currently serving his 25th year as the director of bands and fine arts department chair at Stephenville High School. His teaching responsibilities include the high school marching band, wind ensemble, jazz ensemble and jazz combo as well as beginner woodwind classes. Bands under his direction have consistently received UIL Sweepstakes awards and his wind ensemble has been selected three times as a finalist in the ATSSB Outstanding Performance series and a TMEA honor band finalist. The Stephenville HS Wind Ensemble has performed at the UIL State Wind Ensemble Festival five times. The Stephenville HS jazz ensembles are also competitive, their awards including: outstanding 4A band at the Texas Tech, UTA, TSU and EFWCJB jazz festivals. Mr. Childs has held previous positions in Mexia, Abilene Cooper HS, and Millsap. He is a graduate of the University of North Texas, earning both his bachelor's and master's degrees at UNT.

Mr. Childs has been a proud member of ATSSB for 28 years. He is currently serving as the president of TMEA Region 7 and is the Region 7 Texas Band Masters Association representative. This year he is serving as the ATSSB Region 7 Jazz Coordinator and was the 2023 and 2024 All-State Jazz Organizer. He has also served in various capacities as Region and Area Honor Band host and Region,

Area, and State Honor Band Judge. He is an active adjudicator with TMAA in concert and marching bands and has adjudicated jazz festivals as well.

Mr. Childs is an active educator statewide, having served as a clinician for the Region 11 TMEA concert band, and Regions 2, 6, 8, and 25 jazz ensembles. Mr. Childs also mentors several schools with concert and marching band clinics. He was selected to be a presenter at the Texas Bandmaster's Association in 2016. Mr. Childs continues to be an active performer, playing saxophone in the Tarleton Ultra Club Big Band and Granbury Jazz Orchestra.

His professional affiliations include ATSSB, TMEA, TBA, TMAA, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia and is a recent inductee into Phi Beta Mu. Michael and his wife Stephanie have two children Caitlin & Cameron, both alumni of the Yellow Jacket Band.

Mr. Keith Zuehlke is an accomplished Texas music educator, clinician, and UIL marching band judge with 32 years of experience and a distinguished record of excellence in fine arts leadership.

As a director in Clifton, TX, he guided his ensembles to the pinnacle of Texas music performance, earning seven state finalist appearances and two 2nd place silver medal performances at the prestigious Texas State Marching Contest.

Transitioning into district-wide administration, Keith now oversees comprehensive music, dance, theatre, and visual arts programs as the Director of Fine Arts in Belton, TX. Driven by a passion for student access and artistic rigor, he leverages over three decades of expertise to elevate program standards, mentor educators, and expand fine arts opportunities across all grade levels.