



Adjudicator Biographies



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MUSIC PANEL (*alphabetical by last name*)

Mark McGahey, Keller, TX

Mark McGahey is in his thirtieth year as a music educator. He has been Director of Bands at Keller High School in Keller, TX for 22 years. He also directed bands at South Grand Prairie High School in Grand Prairie, TX, and Shawnee High School in Shawnee, OK.

Bands under his direction have enjoyed notable success, including while at Keller High School: UIL Sweepstakes Awards, “Best in Class” recognitions, five-time National Winner of the Mark of Excellence National Wind Band Honors Contest, Bands of America Super Regional Finalist, First Runner-Up at the 1999 4A Texas State Marching Contest, 2012 5A TMEA Honor Band Finalist and the 2000 4A State Honor Band in Texas.

In 2015, the Keller High School Band was named a finalist at the prestigious Bands of America Grand National Championships, and a Sudler Shield of Excellence recipient. This past November, the Keller HS Band earned 5th place honors at the Texas 6A UIL State Marching Contest. Mr. McGahey holds a bachelor’s degree in Music Education from the University of Oklahoma, where he studied with Gene Thrailkill, William K. Wakefield and Roland Barrett. He was a student of Tom Bennett while earning his master’s Degree in Music Education from Texas A&M in Commerce.

Mark McGahey was formerly on the brass staff of the World Champion Cavaliers Drum and Bugle Corps from Rosemont, Illinois. Honors with this group include not only four World Championships, but also the highest score in DCI history, an undefeated season, and the 2002 and 2006 Jim Ott Award presented to the hornline with the highest score. He has authored an instructional DVD entitled *The Cavaliers Brass: From the Concert Hall to the Football Field* which has received international acclaim.

Mark is an active clinician and guest lecturer in many states including Oklahoma, Texas, Missouri, Florida and Illinois. He is an adjudicator nationwide, most notably with Drum Corps International & Bands of America. Mr. McGahey has judged at DCI World Championships from 2013 to 2015. Mark has been named Teacher of the Year at Keller High School in 2000 and 2015 and was also named a UIL Sponsor of Excellence recipient in 2016.

Caleb Rothe, Fontana, CA

Caleb Rothe serves as a percussion director and pit arranger at Ayala HS in Chino Hills, CA, a percussion instructor and arranger at Upland HS in Upland, CA, and as an instructor and arranger for the Impulse Drum and Bugle Corps from Buena Park, CA. He is a co-founder of the Pulse Percussion Ensemble an independent indoor percussion ensemble. Caleb was also a percussion director at Rancho Cucamonga HS in Rancho Cucamonga, CA, from 2000 to 2004.

He has been a percussion educator in Southern California since 1997, working with more than 20

different high schools and independent percussion ensembles. He is a nationally sought-after arranger and has written for various groups across the United States at all academic levels.

Caleb served as principle percussionist of the Cal Poly Pomona University Wind Ensemble from 1998 to 2003. He has also performed with the Irvine Valley College Wind Symphony; and has performed on various CDs and film soundtracks.

Caleb is endorsed by Yamaha Corporation of America. Caleb was a founding member of the Southern California Percussion Alliance. He is a member of the SCPA Executive Board and serves as Secretary. Caleb is also a member of the Winter Guard International Percussion Advisory Board. His ensembles have collectively won 6 WGI medals; have been Regional Finalists 36 times and Regional Champions 14 times.

Andy Sealy, Frisco, TX

Andy Sealy is entering his thirteenth year as Director of Bands at Hebron High School in Carrollton, Texas. The Hebron High School Band is a consistent Texas UIL “Sweepstakes” Winner, Bands of America Regional/Super Regional Finalist and Champion, and “Best in Class” Winner. The Hebron Wind Symphony was recognized as the Texas Music Educators Association 5A Honor Band for 2010-2011 and performed for the 2011 TMEA Convention/Clinic. The Hebron Wind Symphony also performed at the 64th Annual Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic in 2010 and was awarded the prestigious Sudler Flag of Honor from the John Philip Sousa Foundation in 2012. The Hebron Marching Band has earned six straight appearances in the UIL Texas State Marching Band Contest including Silver Medalist finishes in 2012 and 2014. The Hebron Marching Band received the Sudler Shield in 2011. In 2009, the Hebron Clarinet Choir performed at the 63rd Annual Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic. And, in 2014, all of the Hebron Large Chamber Ensembles performed at the 68th Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic.

Andy is a frequent adjudicator and clinician. He maintains professional affiliations with the Texas Music Educators Association, Texas Bandmasters Association, Phi Beta Mu International Bandmasters Fraternity, American Bandmasters Association, Texas Music Adjudicators Association, International Clarinet Association, and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia. He currently serves as the TMEA State Band Chair.

Katie VanDoren, Cedar Park, TX

Katie VanDoren is Associate Director of Bands at Vandegrift H.S. in Austin, TX. She graduated Summa Cum Laude from the University of North Texas with a bachelor’s degree in Music Education. While at the University of North Texas, Mrs. VanDoren performed in several ensembles, including the Wind Symphony under the direction of Mr. Eugene Corporon.

Mrs. VanDoren is a member of the Carolina Crown Drum and Bugle Corps Brass Staff. She joined the staff in 2013, after marching with the corps from 2008-2012 and enjoys learning from some of the best educators and teaching some of the best young brass performers in the country.

Mrs. VanDoren also works with the SASI Leadership Faculty, a group of current and former teachers dedicated to developing student leaders. Since 2013, she has enjoyed getting to be a part of the “SASI Experience”; an uplifting and empowering environment for both students and staff. Her professional affiliations include the Texas Music Educators Association, the Texas Bandmasters Association, and the Association of Texas Professional Educators. Mrs. VanDoren

currently resides in Austin, Texas with her husband Evan and their dog, Cooper, where both enjoy being part of a wonderful community of outstanding music educators.

VISUAL PANEL (*alphabetical by last name*)

Lee Carlson, Palm Springs, CA

Lee Carlson is an adjudicator for Bands of America, Drum Corps International, and winter guard circuits throughout the United States. He was Visual Caption Head for DCI for three years and served an additional two years as one of the Visual Judge Liaisons. Currently, Carlson is serving as the Judge Recruiting and Training coordinator for DCI. He has been on panels for the British Marching Band Championship, Drum Corps Japan, Marching Band Japan, and both winter guard and marching band shows in the Netherlands. He has been drill designer for the University of Southern California Trojan Marching Band for the last 31 years. Carlson lives in Palm Springs, California, where he owns and operates his pottery studio.

Jackie Gilley, Midwest City, OK

Jackie Gilley is a native of Stratford, Texas, and was the band director at Monroney Middle School in Midwest City, Oklahoma, for 29 years. She also taught color guard for Midwest City High School for 18 years. Her first job was in Miami, Texas, teaching art and music. Jackie received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Ceramics and her Masters of Music Education degree from Southwestern Oklahoma State University. She also has accreditation in Secondary Education Administration from the University of Central Oklahoma. Ms. Gilley also earned accreditation in 2002 as a “National Certified Teacher” in Instrumental Music.

Ms. Gilley is past president of the Beta Chapter of Phi Beta Mu Bandmaster Fraternity. She is also in the Hall of Fame for OkMEA and Oklahoma Bandmasters Association. She currently serves as president for the Stratford Education Foundation in her hometown.

Ms. Gilley is well-known as a clinician and adjudicator throughout the United States. She has been an adjudicator for Winter Guard International, Drum Corps International, Bands of America, Texas Color Guard Circuit, and Oklahoma Music Adjudicators Association. She has also judged numerous state concert band and marching band championships and served as a mentor for the Judges Academy of Marching Roundtable.

Tim Ochran, Tyler, TX

Mr. Tim Ochran has been a Bands of America (BOA) judge since 1985 and has had the privilege to be part of over 100 BOA Regional Championships, as well as over 20 Grand National Championship judging panels. He has served as the visual judge administrator for Drum Corps International (DCI), as well as had the honor of serving as a member of the Music for All Board of Directors. He is the Senior Vice President & Chief Administrator Officer for the University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler.

CHIEF JUDGE

Gary Markham, Dallas, GA

Mr. Gary Markham is recently retired Supervisor of Instrumental Music for the Cobb County School District in Marietta, GA. He is the former Director of Bands at Robinson Secondary School in Fairfax County, VA. He has over four decades of experience in music education, with 25 years as a high school band director and 20 years as a music supervisor. He currently serves internationally as clinician, guest conductor, adjudicator, and consultant. The Cobb County Music program has been named one of the "BEST Communities for Music Education in America, 12 times. Mr. Markham received his B. S. degree from Mansfield State University, M. Ed. degree from Penn State University, and studied for Ph. D. (ABD) in conducting and music supervision at George Mason University with Tony Maiello and Arnald Gabriel. His leadership experience includes membership on several state and national music education executive boards including the Mid-West Clinic Advisory Committee. He is currently the Senior Education Consultant and Chief Judge for Bands of America (BOA), Executive Director of the Music Administration Collaborative, and Judge Education Director for Drum Corps International (DCI). He is a 1992 recipient of the John Philip Sousa Foundation's "Sudler Order of Merit" and the Robinson Symphonic Band is the 1992 recipient of the "Sudler Flag of Honor." In 2006, Mr. Markham was presented with the Georgia Music Educators Administrative Leadership award and was inducted into the BOA "Hall of Fame." In 2007, Mr. Markham received the DCI & Coltrin & Associates "Excellence in Music Education Award." In 2009, NAFME presented the first "Excellence in Marching Music Education" to Mr. Markham for serving as chairman of the Blue Ribbon Commission for writing National Standards and a lifetime devoted to marching music excellence