



## **Bands of America Northwest Ohio Regional Championship September 21, 2019 • University of Toledo • Toledo, OH**

### MUSIC PANEL (alphabetical by last name)

#### **George R. Boulden, Lexington, KY**

George R. Boulden holds the rank of Associate Professor of Music and is the Associate Director of Bands at the University of Kentucky, where he serves as the conductor of the Symphony Band. Additionally, he teaches conducting, music technology, and supervises student teachers. Previously, he taught for nine years in the public schools of South Carolina and Florida and was the recipient of the ASBDA-Stanbury Award as the outstanding young band director in Florida as well as the Southeastern region of the United States. In 2011 George was selected as the Kentucky Music Educators Association College/University Teacher of the Year. Currently, he is president-elect of the Kentucky Music Educators Association (KMEA).

Active as an adjudicator for Bands of America, Drum Corps International, and Drum Corps Japan, George has also served as a clinician and guest conductor throughout the United States, Canada, and Japan. He has presented lectures and clinics at the Midwest International Band & Orchestra Clinic, Music Educators National Conference National Convention, National Band Association National Conventions, College Band Directors National Association National Conventions, numerous Music for All/Bands of America Summer Symposium, Drum Corps Japan, and many MENC State Association Conferences.

#### **Levi Chavis, Garland, TX**

Levi Chavis is currently the Fine Arts Coordinator/Director of Bands at Lake Highlands High School in Richardson, TX. From 2015 to 2017, he served as the first Director of Bands at Rick Reedy High School in Frisco. In their inaugural year, the Reedy Wind Ensemble placed 6th in the 2016 TMEA 4A State Honor Band Contest. Prior to opening Reedy, Mr. Chavis was the Director of Bands at Ronald Reagan High School in San Antonio from 2009 to 2015 where he oversaw the Marching Band, Wind Ensemble and Jazz Band. Under his direction, the Ronald Reagan High School Wind Ensemble was twice named a state finalist in the TMEA Honor Band Contest and was also selected to perform at the Music for All National Concert Band Festival in Indianapolis, IN. The Ronald Reagan High School Marching Band was a consistent UIL State Marching Band Contest Finalist, a Bands of America Regional and Super Regional Finalist every year, a BOA Regional Class Champion in 2010 and a Grand National Championship Finalist in 2012.

Mr. Chavis was also named the Outstanding Young Bandmaster by Phi Beta Mu's Texas chapter in 2015. He previously served on the instructional staffs of The Cavaliers and Santa Clara Vanguard Drum and Bugle Corps. He received his Bachelor's degree from the University of Houston and is currently pursuing a Master's degree in Music from Southern Methodist University. Mr. Chavis is an active adjudicator nationally through his work with BOA, DCI, and WGI, and proudly serves on the staff of the SASi Leadership Company.

### **Bob Chreste, Pflugerville, TX**

Bob Chreste is an active arranger, consultant, and adjudicator residing in Pflugerville, Texas. Bob spent 16 years as a high school band director at several prominent programs in Texas. Those schools include Cedar Park HS, Stephen F. Austin HS, Berkner HS, and Weiss HS. His marching bands qualified for the UIL State Marching Contest every year the contest was held for his school's classification. His marching bands were also perennial finalists at Bands of America events across Texas. In 2018, only their 2nd year of existence, Weiss HS became the youngest school to ever make the finals of Bands of America Super Regional event. Mr. Chreste is currently on the brass staff for the Bluecoats Drum & Bugle Corps and spent nine years on the brass faculty for the Carolina Crown. During his time there the brass section won multiple Jim Ott Memorial High Brass Awards at the DCI World Championships. Bob is also one of only a few instructors in DCI that have been both a brass caption head and a visual caption head at a finalist corps. In 2008, he was the brass caption head for the Santa Clara Vanguard, and in 2016, he was the visual caption head for The Cadets. He is currently judging for Bands of America, Winter Guard International, the Texas Music Adjudicators Association, and several other local, regional, and state level competitions. Bob has an accomplished performing background as well. In 2001 and 2002, he was the conductor and a musician in the Tony and Emmy Award winning musical production, Blast! His educational background includes receiving his Bachelor of Music degree from the University of Houston in 2000 and his Master of Music degree from Sam Houston State University in 2003, where he was a graduate teaching assistant under the direction of Matthew McInturf. Bob's professional affiliations include the Texas Music Educators Association, the Texas Bandmasters Association, the Texas Music Adjudicators Association, the Association of Texas Professional Educators and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia.

### **Evan VanDoren, Cedar Park, TX**

Evan VanDoren is an Associate Director of Bands at Cedar Park High School in Austin, Texas, where he teaches the Marching Band, Wind Symphony (2nd Band), and Jazz Ensemble, assisting with all others. Since his arrival in 2009, the band program has continued its tradition of excellence. The Timberwolf Marching Band is a consistent Bands of America Regional and Super Regional Finalist and former Band of America National Finalist. The band is the current 5A State Marching Champion, after earning the 4A title in 2011, as well as the 5A State Silver Medal in 2013. In addition, the Cedar Park Honor Band was selected as the 4A State Honor Band in 2013. Cedar Park's concert bands and jazz ensemble are consistent sweepstakes award winners.

Mr. VanDoren began his tenure at Cedar Park in the fall of 2009, after graduating with honors from Butler University in Indianapolis, Indiana. While at Butler, he was selected as one of Butler's Top 100 graduates, amongst other achievements.

Mr. VanDoren spent eight years as a marching member of Drum Corps International marching ensembles. His final two years were spent as a drum major at the Carolina Crown, during which time he was honored to receive the Jim Jones Leadership Award, awarded by the DCI, and two consecutive "Member of the Year" awards, awarded by the Carolina Crown membership. His DCI teaching experience includes the Blue Stars, and the Madison Scouts. He is currently a member of the brass faculty at the Carolina Crown.

Mr. VanDoren is an active clinician, adjudicator, and arranger, presenting for Drum Corps International, the Music Educator's National Convention, Solutions and Specialized Innovations (SASI), and the Texas Bandmasters Association. His professional affiliations include the Texas Music Educators Association, the Texas Bandmasters Association, the Association of Texas Professional Educators, and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity.

**VISUAL PANEL** (*alphabetical by last name*)

**Brian Wilt, Spring, TX**

Brian Wilt has been involved in the marching arts since the age of 15. In that time, he has served in many capacities within DCA, DCI and High School Marching Bands in the Northeastern United States and Canada. His capacities include being a performer, staff member, designer, management, director and adjudicator. Brian currently resides in The Woodlands, Texas where he teaches within the Conroe Independent School District. He holds a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Medaille College in Buffalo, New York, and a master's degree in Educational Leadership from Walden University in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

**John Fisher, Bellevue, WA**

John Fisher has been involved in the Pageantry Arts in one form or another for over thirty years. John has performed with several drum and bugle corps including the 27th Lancers, the Madison Scouts, Harrisburg Westshoremens, and Reading Buccaneers and was on staff, in 1990 with the Troopers Drum Corp based out of Casper, WY. Mr. Fisher has instructed and designed for many high school units throughout the United States. Mr. Fisher currently serves as an equipment judge for Winter Guard International (WGI) and a visual judge for Bands of America (BOA). Mr. Fisher adjudicates for the Northwest Pageantry Association, Northwest Association for the Performing Arts, and many other judging circuits throughout the United States. Mr. Fisher is an accountant originally from Pennsylvania.

**Ken Giese, Henderson, NV**

Ken Giese is a nationally recognized visual caption designer and adjudicator. He is an active visual caption judge for Music for All/Bands of America, Drum Corps International, Winter Guard International (Percussion Division), the Winter Guard Association of Southern California, the Florida Federation of Color Guards Circuit, and many other local circuits and organizations throughout the United States and abroad. He has served as a visual designer and instructor for numerous high school bands, winter guards, drum and bugle corps, and marching percussion units. He holds a bachelor's degree in secondary education and a master's degree in educational leadership. Mr. Giese currently resides in Henderson, Nevada, where he is a high school mathematics teacher.

**CHIEF JUDGE**

**Richard L. Saucedo, Fishers, IN**

Richard L. Saucedo retired in 2013 as Director of Bands and Performing Arts Department Chairman at the William H. Duke Center for the Performing Arts at Carmel High School in Carmel, Indiana. During his 31-year tenure, Carmel bands received numerous honors in the areas of concert band, jazz

band and marching band. Under his direction, Carmel's Wind Symphony I performed at the Music for All National Concert Band Festival three times (1992, 1999, and 2004) and was named the Indiana State Champion Concert Band under his baton most recently in 2013. The group also performed at the Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic in Chicago during December of 2005. Carmel Jazz Ensembles won numerous awards at jazz festivals in Indiana and throughout the Midwest. The Carmel Marching Greyhounds finished in the top ten at the Bands of America Grand National Championship for 17 years under Saucedo and were named BOA National Champions in the fall of 2005 and 2012. The Marching Band was the Indiana Class A State Champion four times. The Indiana Bandmasters Association named Mr. Saucedo Indiana's "Bandmaster of the Year" for 1998-99 and he was named the "Outstanding Music Educator" in the state of Indiana for 2010 by the Indiana Music Educators Association. Mr. Saucedo's accomplishments have been highlighted in articles by Halftime and School Band and Orchestra Magazines. He was inducted into the Music for All "Hall of Fame" in 2015.

Mr. Saucedo travels around the world as an adjudicator, keynote speaker, clinician and guest conductor. He will be a guest conductor, clinician or commission composer in over 25 different states and 4 countries during the 2018-19 school year. He did his undergraduate work at Indiana University in Bloomington and finished his master's degree at Butler University in Indianapolis. He is also an aviation enthusiast and a certified private pilot. Mr. Saucedo is married to his wife Sarah and is most proud of his two children, Carmen and Ethan