



Adjudicator Biographies



Bands of America Virginia Regional Championship

October 26, 2019 • Williams Stadium at Liberty University • Lynchburg, VA

MUSIC PANEL (*alphabetical by last name*)

Steve Bentley, Draper, UT

An active educator since 1991, Mr. Steve Bentley has appeared as a wind band, marching band and orchestral clinician. He has also adjudicated throughout the United States, France, Germany, Holland, Japan and in 2016, Thailand. He also has judged for Bands of America and USBands. Mr. Bentley has a long history of experienced teaching, including serving as assistant music director for the 2002 SLC Winter Olympic Spirit Band, and the University of Utah Marching Band. He has also been involved with many DCI organizations, including the Boston Crusaders, The Cadets, Concord Blue Devils, and Santa Clara Vanguard. He has taught with Plymouth-Canton Educational Park and Northmont High School. Mr. Bentley holds a B.A. in Trumpet and Piano performance from California State University at Hayward.

Jon Gomez, Chandler, AZ

Jon Gomez is an educational consultant who serves as a clinician nationwide. Jon also serves as one of the conductors for the East Valley Youth Symphony in Phoenix, Arizona. Gomez received a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree and master's degree in Education Administration from Arizona State University. He served as Director of Bands and Department Chair for the Performing Arts at Dobson High School in Mesa, Arizona. He also served as Director of Bands at Coronado High School and as District Team Leader for Bands in the Scottsdale Unified School District. Jon's programs have earned numerous accolades and have presented notable performances, including: the 2010 World Expo in Shanghai, China; four invitations to the Music for All National Festival; Carnegie Hall; and five performances at the Arizona Music Educators Conference. Jon created a 5-part video and article series entitled *The Cornerstones for Successful Teaching*. As co-founder of Synergy Leadership Endeavors, Jon helped create the DVD entitled *Leadership Success* published by GIA Publications. Gomez serves on the Midwest Clinic Advisory Committee, the Musician's Toolkit Board, the Country Music Association Music Teacher of Excellence Selection Committee, and on staff with the Summer Marching Academy. Jon is a Charter Member of the Kappa Zeta Chapter of Phi Beta Mu. He is also the Recipient of the Arizona State University School of Music Alumni Award and the AMEA O.M. Hartsell Excellence in Teaching Music Award.

David Maccabee, Las Vegas, NV

David Maccabee was Director of Bands at United Township High School from 1986-2016. He previously taught in the Geneseo and Nokomis, Illinois, school systems. At United Township High School, he was director of all instrumental music ensembles, including Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Marching Band, and pep band. During Mr. Maccabee's tenure, enrollment in the UTHS Band program has grown from 100 to nearly 170 members. Mr. Maccabee was born in St. Paul, Minnesota, and raised in White Bear Lake, Minnesota. He moved to Illinois at age 16, and graduated from J.D. Darnell High School in Geneseo, Illinois. In 1982, he received his bachelor's degree in Music Education from Augustana College in Illinois. He received his master's degree in Music Education from VanderCook College of Music Education in 1989. David Maccabee is a frequent guest conductor, clinician, and adjudicator throughout the country. He has conducted numerous summer band camps, including Western Illinois University, the University of Iowa, and the University of Illinois. Mr. Maccabee has also served the Illinois Music Educators Association as Division Chair, All-State auditioner, and the IMEA Mentoring Council. His professional affiliations include the United Township Education Association, the National Education Association, the Illinois Music Educators Association, the Music Educator's National Conference, the National Band Association, and Pi Kappa Lambda. Mr. Maccabee has received citations for excellence from the city of East Moline, the East Moline Rotary Club, John Deere and Co., United Township High School, and Western Illinois University. In addition, he has received the National Band Association's Citation of Excellence on 6 different occasions. Under Mr. Maccabee's direction, the United Township High School Symphonic Band earned a national reputation for excellence, performing at such prestigious events as the Bands of America National Festival (4 times), the Illinois Music Educators Association All-State Music Convention, the Western Illinois University Band Showcase, and on numerous occasions at the prestigious University of Illinois Super-state Band Festival. In 1998, Mr. Maccabee became the first recipient of the "Dr. Victor Zajec Award", given to him in recognition of the United Township High School Symphonic Band performance at the 1998 Midwest International Band and Orchestra Convention. In 2000, Mr. Maccabee was elected to membership in the prestigious American Bandmaster's Association. David is currently a co-Director of Bands at in the Palos Verdes High School in Las Vegas, Nevada, and serves as a program consultant.

Van Mathews, North Richland Hills, TX

Van Mathews is Director of Bands at L.D. Bell High School in Hurst, Texas, and an active adjudicator, clinician, and consultant for pageantry organizations throughout the United States and Europe. Under his direction, the L.D. Bell Blue Raider Band has earned multiple Bands of America Regional and Super-Regional Championship titles and advanced to the Grand National Championship Finals four times, with three top-three finishes. In Texas UIL competition his bands have twice finished as Texas 6A State Marching Contest silver medalists and once as bronze medalists. Van's concert ensembles consistently receive the highest ratings at UIL Concert and Sightreading contests and perform some of the most challenging literature in the wind band repertoire. Prior to L.D. Bell, Van instructed at Haltom High School, Lewisville High School, and Lake Highlands High School in Texas. He is a continuing adjudicator for Bands of America Regional, Super-Regional and Grand National Championship events, along with numerous other local and national contests. Brass consultant to the staff and members of the Crossmen Drum and Bugle Corps, his experience with drum corps started in 1984, as a member of Florida's Suncoast Sound. He aged out as a member of the Madison Scouts, continuing with them as an

instructor and brass caption coordinator through 1999. Van served on brass staff for the Concord Blue Devils from 2000-2009 and returned to the Madison Scouts as consultant and Music Coordinator in 2016-2017. He feels fortunate to have been partnered with incredibly talented educators and brass performers throughout his drum corps career, having earned DCI's Jim Ott Memorial Award on six occasions. Van received his Bachelor of Music degree from the University of South Carolina and his Master of Science degree from the University of Illinois. While at the University of Illinois he completed all coursework for the Ed. D. in Music Education. His professional affiliations include the Texas Music Educators Association, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, Pi Kappa Lambda, and Gamma Beta Phi. He lives in North Richland Hills, Texas with his patient and loving wife, Brenda, charming and talented daughter, Gabriella, and spirited firstborn son Derek.

VISUAL PANEL (*alphabetical by last name*)

Tony Cimino, Salem, OR

Tony Cimino is a marching arts professional who provides in-demand design, instruction, and adjudication services to organizations throughout the country. He is a staunch advocate for teaching life lessons through the performing arts. Cimino has served on the educational staff of the Bluecoats, Blue Stars, Boston Crusaders and Cavaliers Drum and Bugle Corps, as well as numerous high school programs in Illinois and Texas. In 1996, he began his career as an adjudicator, first for marching bands and more recently indoor percussion. He earned his bachelor's degree from Northern Illinois University and master's degree from the University of North Texas.

John Turner, Mason, OH

Mr. John Turner has been active in the pageantry arts since 1981 as a technician, caption head and visual designer. He has also served as a clinician, consultant and judge for marching bands, winter guards and drum corps during that span of time. Mr. Turner has worked with the Pride of Cincinnati Winter Guard, Glassmen Drum and Bugle Corps, Homestead Spartan Alliance Marching Band, William Mason High School Marching Band and Milford High School Marching Band. Since 1984, Mr. Turner has served as a member of visual adjudication panels for marching bands and winter color guards throughout Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana; and has served on panels in various states across the country judging local and championship-level competitions during that time. Mr. Turner served as Drum Corps International's National Judge Administrator from 1997-1999. He has served as the DCI Open Class Judge Administrator since 2003 and is a member of the DCI Rules and Systems Task Force. He holds a bachelor's degree in Computer Science and Mathematics from The University of Kentucky and is presently a Vice President and Senior Manager in Information Technology with Fifth Third Bankcorp, headquartered in Cincinnati, Ohio.

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.

CHIEF JUDGE

Dale Warren, Fayetteville, AR

W. Dale Warren is Senior Wind Band Conductor and Professor of Music in the University of Arkansas' Department of Music. Professor Warren's primary responsibility is conducting the UA Wind Symphony. He also teaches music education courses and is actively engaged in the Graduate Instrumental Conducting Program. Professor Warren is also the director of the highly successful UA Summer Music Camps. Under Professor Warren's direction, the UA Razorback Marching Band (1991-2000) and UA Wind Symphony have seen great success. He received his Bachelor of Music Education degree from Austin Peay State University and a Master of Music Education degree from the University of Kentucky. He also served on the music department faculty as Associate Director of Bands/Director of Athletic Bands at the University of Kentucky from 1986-1991. Professor Warren taught at Kentucky high schools Bremen and North Hardin from 1980-1986, where his bands saw great success. He has also guest conducted all-district, all-region, and all-state honor bands, as well as university bands in 35 states. Professor Warren is a computer clinician/designer for Advantage Showare, Inc. and Arrangers' Publishing Company. For 20 years he served as an adjudicator/clinician for Musicfest Orlando. During Mr. Warren's affiliation with Music for All/Bands of America, he served as a member of the Educational Advisory Board and for the past 30 years as an adjudicator and chief judge. In addition to serving as chairman of the John Philip Sousa Foundation's Sudler Shield Award Committee, Mr. Warren is a John Philip Sousa Foundation Board Member, and a Past President of the Southeastern Conference Band Directors Association. Professor Warren's affiliations include the National Band Association, Phi Beta Mu Bandmasters Fraternity, the National Association for Music Education, College Band Directors National Association, World Association of Symphonic Bands and Ensembles, Conductors Guild, Arkansas Bandmasters Association, Arkansas Music Educators Association, Arkansas School Band and Orchestra Association, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, Kappa Kappa Psi, Tau Beta Sigma, and Pi Kappa Lambda.