



## Bands of America South Texas Regional Championship

September 18, 2021 • Veterans Memorial Stadium • McAllen, TX

### MUSIC PANEL (alphabetical by last name)

#### **Joe Allison, Richmond, KY**

Dr. Joseph H. Allison is a Retired Professor of Music at Eastern Kentucky University, currently serving as the Director of Outreach and the Marching Arts Research Team. He previously served as Director of Bands and the Graduate Conducting Division. Additionally, Dr. Allison is a Founding Partner of the Marching Roundtable Web Platform and Executive Director of the National Collegiate Marching Band Championship Bowl.

Dr. Allison taught in public high schools for eighteen years at Sumter High School in South Carolina. The Sumter High School Bands were the first, internationally, to be awarded both the Sudler Flag and Sudler Shield for concert and marching excellence.

Dr. Allison serves as an adjudicator, clinician, and consultant for concert, marching, and jazz events in North America, Europe, Southeast Asia, South America, and Japan. His personal honors include the National Band Association's "Citation of Excellence", the John Philip Sousa Foundation's "Sudler Order of Merit", as well as achievement awards from both the International Association of Jazz Educators and the Percussive Arts Society.

#### **Dave Carbone, Bluffton, SC**

Mr. David Carbone has over 30 years of experience in music education, including a 25-year career as a band director at the high school and collegiate levels in Florida, Ohio, Texas, and South Carolina. Mr. Carbone holds a Master's Degree in Wind Band Conducting from the University of South Florida, as well as a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education from the University of Miami.

Throughout his career, ensembles under Mr. Carbone's leadership excelled, consistently advancing to finals contests at Bands of America Regional and Super Regional Championships, making numerous Bands of America Grand National Semifinals appearances, as well as consistently receiving superior ratings on the concert stage and in sight-reading. At James Martin HS in Texas, his bands earned the University Interscholastic League Sweepstakes Award eight years consecutively. The Wind Ensemble received an invitation to perform at Carnegie Hall, and the Symphony Orchestra was recognized as the Texas UIL Honor Orchestra Runner-up in 2014. At Bellbrook HS (OH), his marching ensembles won two Bands of America Grand National Class Championships, and the Bronze Medal at the WGI Percussion World Championships.

Recently retired from public education, Mr. Carbone enjoys an active schedule advocating for music education locally and serving as an adjudicator for Bands of America and Drum Corps International. He is also in demand as a band consultant, concert festival judge, and guest conductor nationwide. He resides in the Hilton Head Island area of South Carolina with his beautiful wife Carrie, son Beckett, daughter Jordan, and dogs Grainger and Daisy.

#### **Marty Griffin, Toms River, NJ**

Martin Griffin received his Bachelor's Degree in Music Education from William Paterson University where he performed with the NJ Percussion Ensemble. He also has a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from Kean University. He has been a band director in New Jersey for 30 years, and he is currently the Director of Bands and Coordinator of Fine Arts at Monroe Township High School. His

responsibilities include directing the Marching Band (17 years), Wind Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble, and Percussion Ensemble, as well as teaching AP Music Theory.

The MTHS Marching Band was crowned New Jersey State and National Champions in 2013, and they were selected to represent New Jersey at the 75th anniversary of Pearl Harbor in 2016. In addition, the MTHS Wind Ensemble has received multiple Gold and Superior ratings, and they have performed at NJPAC and Carnegie Hall. The MTHS Percussion Ensemble has received numerous superior ratings and they twice represented Middlesex County at the NJ Teen Arts Festival.

Marty performed for five seasons with the Hawthorne Caballeros Drum & Bugle Corps. He has been a percussion arranger for high school bands throughout New Jersey since 1987 and is currently the arranger for JP Stevens High School, a Bands of America regional finalist. Marty currently judges for numerous organizations including Winter Guard International, Bands of America, and Drum Corps International. Marty has judged the Drum Corps Japan Championships held in Yokohama, Japan, and he is currently the Percussion Caption Head for Drum Corps Associates as well as judging coordinator for The Mid Atlantic Percussion Society. Marty has served as a member of the WGI Percussion Advisory Board, and he is on the faculty of the Bands of America Honor Band performing in the 2022 Rose Bowl Parade.

### **Richard Saucedo, Fishers, IN\***

Most recently the Director of Bands and Department Chairman at the William H. Duke Center for the Performing Arts at Carmel High School in Carmel, Indiana, Richard L. Saucedo retired at the end of the 2012-13 school year after teaching for 31 years. Under his direction, Carmel bands received numerous state and national honors.

The Indiana Bandmasters Association named Saucedo Indiana's Bandmaster of the Year for 1998-99 and named him the state's 2010 Outstanding Music Educator. Saucedo is a freelance arranger and composer, having released numerous marching band arrangements, concert band works, and choral compositions.

Saucedo travels throughout the country as an adjudicator, clinician, and guest conductor, and has been a featured clinician at a number of prominent conferences and clinics. He has served as Music Caption Head for the Drum Corps Midwest Judges Guild and as a music judge for Drum Corps International. Saucedo has also served as the brass composer/arranger for the Cavaliers Drum & Bugle Corps and was the brass composer/arranger for the Blue Stars in 2013. Saucedo did his undergraduate work at Indiana University in Bloomington and finished his master's degree at Butler University in Indianapolis.

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

#### **Mike Anderson, Eagle, ID**

Mike Anderson has been involved in pageantry arts for more than 30 years as a performer, instructor, designer, and adjudicator. Mr. Anderson serves as a program coordinator and visual designer for numerous programs throughout the United States. In addition to Bands of America, Mr. Anderson adjudicates for many other organizations, including Drum Corps International, Winter Guard International, and Drum Corps Japan. Mr. Anderson is the judges' coordinator for the Indiana High School Color Guard Association and enjoys spending time assisting the Maui Film Festival.

#### **Chris Moss, Clemson, SC**

Chris Moss is the Director of Bands at Pendleton High School in Pendleton, South Carolina, and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education from Florida State University, and a Master's Degree in Music Education from Anderson University. Chris has performed in many organizations including the Florida State University Marching Chiefs, the Cadets Drum & Bugle Corps, Paradigm Winter Guard, and Northeast Independent Winter Guard. Previously, Chris served nine years as the Assistant Band Director and Color Guard Caption Supervisor at Byrnes High School in Duncan, South Carolina. Additionally, Chris has served on the brass staff with Capital Regiment Drum & Bugle Corps and the Cadets Drum & Bugle Corps.

Moss studied Trombone with John Sizemore, Matt Anderson, and Dr. John Drew. He is currently a member of the Anderson University Wind Symphony, the Poinsett Wind Symphony, and the Palmetto Posaunen Trombone Choir

Moss, through his design company, Innovative Visual Concepts, currently serves as drill designer and conceptual consultant for many bands and winter ensembles across the Southeast. He has received numerous honors including Bands of America Regional Finalists, South Carolina Marching Band State Champions, Winter Guard Scholastic Circuit Champions, WGI Regional Finalists and Champions, and WGI World Championship Finalists.

Moss is currently a member of the South Carolina Band Director's Association and the National Association for Music Education, while being a National Board-Certified Educator. He currently serves as an Adjudicator for Drum Corps International and Bands of America and has attended the WGI Judge's Academy.

Chris is married to Dr. Alison Starr-Moss, has two daughters, Lily and Evie, and two dogs, Schatzi and Hamilton.

**Randy Nelson, Jacksonville, FL**

Randy Nelson is a Lifetime Member of the Florida Bandmasters Association, after serving as the Director of Bands at Choctawhatchee HS in Fort Walton Beach, FL for 26 years. He is a member of the Winter Guard International Hall of Fame and a Past President of the Winter Guard International Board of Directors. Randy is currently a member of the Board of Directors for the Florida Marching Band Coalition. He has adjudicated for Bands of America, Winter Guard International, Drum Corps International, ISSMA, CBA, FMBC and served as Chief Judge for the Western Band Association. Randy attended Jacksonville State University where he received his degree in Music Education. He is currently a freelance designer, adjudicator and clinician for bands and winter guards in the United States and Internationally. He resides in Jacksonville, FL.

**CHIEF JUDGE: Richard Saucedo\***