



Adjudicator Biographies



Bands of America Orlando Regional Championship

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MUSIC PANEL (alphabetical by last name)

Wayne Dillon, Roselle, NJ

Wayne Dillon holds a master's degree in jazz performance/pedagogy from The University of Miami (FL). He completed both his Honors Fine Arts and Education degrees from York University in Toronto, Canada. Wayne is currently the Director of Bands at the Frank J. Ciccarell Academy in Elizabeth, New Jersey. His teaching responsibilities include Music Technology, along with Jazz, Symphonic, and Marching Bands. The Elizabeth High School Symphonic and Jazz bands have consistently earned superior ratings during Wayne's tenure. The marching band was awarded three consecutive State Championships from 2005-2007. In 2011, 2012, and 2013, the marching band was named USSBA State and National Champions in group VA.

Wayne is an active adjudicator for Drum Corps International, Bands of America, and Winter Guard International. He has judged national championships for all three organizations over the past thirty years. He is currently a judge liaison for DCI, responsible for judge assignments and training. Wayne previously served as the brass caption head with the Boston Crusaders Drum and Bugle Corps from Boston, Massachusetts. He has also worked on the music staff of the ten-time world champion Cadets of Bergen County, New Jersey, serving as the music supervisor in 2002. In 2010-2011, Wayne served as a staff member for the US Army All-American Marching Band.

As a performer, Wayne has played with the Studio Jazz Band and the Art Blakey jazz ensemble from the University of Miami. Outside of school, Wayne has performed and recorded with; Jeff Healey, Albert Collins, KC and the Sunshine Band, Al Chez (from the Dave Letterman band), Steve Brosky, The Meteors, Jay and the Technics, Don Mayer, and The Hamilton Philharmonic. He currently plays with Tower Suite. In 2008, Wayne was awarded the State of New Jersey Governor's teacher recognition award for his work with the music program at Elizabeth High School.

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, OK, for 29 years. She also taught color guard at Midwest City H.S. for 18 years. Her first job was in Miami, Texas, teaching art, band, and yearbook. Jackie

received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Ceramics and her Master of Music Education degree from Southwestern Oklahoma State University. She is also accredited in Secondary Education Administration from the University of Central Oklahoma.

Ms. Gilley earned accreditation in 2002 as a "National Certified Teacher" in Instrumental Music, and she was also "Monroney Teacher of the Year" in 1992 and 2003. In 2012 Jackie was inducted into the Oklahoma Bandmasters Association Hall of Fame. In 2014 she was inducted into the Oklahoma Music Educators Hall of Fame and was awarded "OKMEA Exemplary Teacher" in 2013. She is past president of the Beta Chapter of Phi Beta Mu International Bandmasters Fraternity and a member of OMEA, OBA, MENC, and WIBDA.

Ms. Gilley is well-known as an adjudicator throughout the United States. She has been an adjudicator for Winter Guard International, Drum Corps International, Bands of America, the Texas Color Guard Judges Association, and Oklahoma Music Adjudicators Association. She also judged for Drum Corps Japan and the Calgary Stampede.

Jackie currently serves as president of the Stratford Education Foundation, which serves students in the Stratford Independent School District in Texas. She also completed her internship for Master Gardener certification in 2019.

Chris Harris, Owasso, OK

Chris Harris has taught in Owasso since 2004. In June of 2014 he was named Director of Bands for Owasso Public Schools. He conducts the wind ensemble, concert band 2, basketball pep band and teaches AP Music Theory. Mr. Harris also conducts the Owasso High School musical each spring and coordinates the Pride of Owasso Marching Band. Harris' bands have earned 25 OSSAA Sweepstakes Awards and 9 OSSAA Junior High Outstanding Achievement Awards.

Harris graduated from the University of Oklahoma with bachelor's and master's degrees in music education in 1990 and 1992 respectively. He has taught BOA Finalist bands at Union, Broken Arrow and Owasso. Most recently, the Pride of Owasso performed for the 6th time at the Tournament of Roses Parade on January 1, 2020. Chris was a member of the Concord Blue Devils, conducted the Union HS Percussion Ensemble at the 1995 PASIC Convention and taught WGI Percussion Finalist Union HS in 1995 and 1997. Harris was a guest conductor of the Owasso H.S. Wind Ensemble at the Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic in 2012.

Mr. Harris is a member of Phi Beta Mu, OkMEA, NAFME and is the 2019-2020 Vice President of the Oklahoma Bandmasters Association.

Jeremy Spicer, Leander, TX

Jeremy Spicer is the owner of SASI – The Leadership People. Mr. Spicer also serves as the Associate Conductor of the Cedar Park Winds. Created to provide free concerts to Northwest

Austin music students, the band also serves as an outlet for local music educators to continue developing their individual musicianship through performance. The band has grown rapidly in both size and quality, they celebrated their 10-year anniversary with a performance at the 71st Annual Midwest Clinic.

Mr. Spicer is the former Director of Bands at Vandegrift High School. The Wind Ensemble placed third at the 2013 Texas Music Educators Association State Honor Band Competition. The marching band was named the 2013 University Interscholastic League 4A State Marching Band Champion and was a consistent Class Champion and Finalist in Bands of America Competitions. Prior to his appointment at Vandegrift, Mr. Spicer served as Conductor of the Symphonic Band and Director of both the Marching and Jazz Ensembles at Cedar Park High School. During his tenure, the marching band was a consistent finalist at both the UIL State Marching Contest and BOA competitions. They are also the 2006 recipient of the Sudler Shield.

Mr. Spicer is active in the United States as a clinician and adjudicator. His professional affiliations include the Texas Music Educators Association, Texas Bandmasters Association, and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia. He lives in Leander with his wife Elizabeth and their two children Coral and Aiden.

VISUAL PANEL (alphabetical by last name)

Bruce Jones, North Huntingdon, PA

Bruce Jones is currently living in Fleming Island, Florida. A graduate of the University of Pittsburgh with a degree in education, Mr. Jones has been involved in the pageantry arts for over 35 years. His experience includes being a performer, designer, instructor and consultant for drum and bugle corps, marching bands and winter color guard programs. Many of those programs have been finalists in Drum Corps International, Drum Corps Associates, Bands of America, Winter Guard International, state champions and state finalists. He has also been involved as a clinician at national marching band and color guard workshops throughout the United States.

Bruce's judging background spans 25 years in which he has been involved in judging local, regional and international events. He has adjudicated in such prestigious events as Drum Corps International Championships, Drum Corps Japan Championships, Drum Corps Europe Championships, Drum Corps Indonesia and Bands of America. He has also judged numerous state and regional marching band, color guard and percussion competitions across the United States.

Kevin Nix, Plano, TX

Kevin Nix is a music educator, guard instructor, visual design coordinator, and adjudicator with over twenty-nine years of experience teaching in public schools. Mr. Nix received a

Bachelor of Music Education degree in Trumpet Studies from the University of Oklahoma. In addition to his many years of service as a band director, he has served as a visual designer and consultant for numerous performing ensembles competing in Bands of America Regional and Grand National Championships, Winter Guard International, and various Division I drum corps. His collaborative efforts with many high school bands and color guards throughout the country have helped mentor programs reach higher standards and established him as one of the most respected designers of recent years. Kevin currently resides in Plano, Texas where he serves as visual coordinator for the Coppell High School Band program.

Adam Sage, Delray Beach, FL

Adam Sage is an active choreographer, designer, and adjudicator in the pageantry arts. Adam's drum corps experience includes being a performing member of the Suncoast Sound from 1988 to 1989 and The Cadets of Bergen County from 1990 to 1991. Adam is also actively involved with Winter Guard International (WGI). He was the director of The Company Colour Guard from Tampa Bay, Florida from 1995 to 1999. The Company was a two-time WGI World Champion in Class A (1995) and Open Class (1996).

Currently, he is the designer and choreographer for the Yokohama Scouts Drum and Bugle Corps in Yokohama, Japan and the artistic director and color guard co-director at Park Vista High School (FL). Park Vista was recently named the 2019 Bands of America Grand National Semi-Finalist and the 2018 WGI Scholastic Open champions. Adam is also the color guard designer and visual director at the Phantom Regiment Drum and Bugle Corps from Rockford, Illinois. Adam is an adjudicator for Bands of America and Winter Guard throughout the country. When he is not teaching color guard, Adam is a third grade teacher in Parkland, Florida where he resides.

CHIEF JUDGE

Tim Ochran, Tyler, TX

Tim Ochran has been a Bands of America judge since 1985 and has had the privilege of participating in over 100 BOA Regional Championships and over 20 Grand National Championship judging panels. He has served as the visual judge administrator for Drum Corps International and 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 Graduate School.