



Adjudicator Biographies



Bands of America Waco Regional Championship

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MUSIC PANEL (alphabetical by last name)

Mike Back, Roswell, GA

Mike Back retired at the end of the 2018 school year after completing 34 years as a music educator. He had served at Walton High School in Marietta, Georgia since 1985, where he was the Director of Bands and Fine Arts Department Chair.

Under Mr. Back's leadership, the band program at Walton received national recognition through performances at Bands of America Regional and Grand National competitions. The band is also a three-time participant in the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, California. In 2010, the John Philip Sousa Foundation presented the Walton Band with the prestigious Sudler Shield, an international award recognizing marching bands of world class excellence. In 2011, the Walton Symphonic Band was selected to perform at the GMEA State In-Service Conference in Savannah, Georgia.

Mr. Back lives in Roswell, Georgia with his wife Andrea.

Allan Kristensen, Clovis, CA

Allan E. Kristensen is a retired music educator and arts supervisor, currently working part time as an arts consultant with the Fresno County Office of Education.

He earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree from San Jose State University where he studied percussion with Anthony J. Cirone. He also credits Fred Sanford, Robert Kalkofen, Ralph Hardimon and Andy Narrell for his percussion development. He has performed with various symphonies and artists, as well as having marched with and taught the Santa Clara Vanguard Drum and Bugle Corps.

Mr. Kristensen is a highly recognized music adjudicator and clinician world-wide, having judged both the Bands of America Grand Nationals and the DCI World Championships several times.

He has served as President of the Western Band Association (WBA) and President of the Fresno-Madera County Music Educators Association (FMCMEA). In 2015, he was recognized by CMEA as California's Outstanding Administrator.

He is married to Kim, and they have a daughter named Ryann.

Dave Morrison, Arlington Heights, IL

David Morrison built and maintained a nationally recognized band program at Prospect High School in Mount Prospect, Illinois, for nearly three decades. Under his direction, both the symphonic and marching bands consistently achieved top honors at state and national competitions, including the Illinois SuperState Honor Band, Bands of America Regional Champions, and multiple time Grand National Finalists. In addition to performance for both Presidents Ronald Reagan and George W. Bush, the bands also participated in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade and the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, California. Following his tenure at Prospect, Mr. Morrison worked as an adjunct faculty member at several colleges and universities. He also served as interim conductor at Illinois Wesleyan University and director of bands at the University of Illinois, Chicago, thereby completing a cycle of teaching that encompassed every level of music student, from beginning through college graduate. Some of Mr. Morrison's honors include the Citation of Excellence from the National Band Association, the John Paynter Lifetime Achievement Award, and the John Philip Sousa Foundation Legion of Honor Award. In 2003, Mr. Morrison was honored as the State of Illinois Teacher of the Years, and in 2004 was inducted into the Phi Beta Mu Bandmasters Hall of Fame at Northwestern University. He has been published in numerous music education periodicals and has presented at the Midwest Clinic International Band and Orchestra Conference in Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Morrison remained active as a guest conductor, clinician, and adjudicator both in the United States and abroad.

Greg Williams, Acworth, GA

Mr. Williams earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in Music Education from Jacksonville State University in Jacksonville, Alabama. He was a member of the Spirit of Atlanta Drum and Bugle Corps and the Jacksonville State University Marching Southerners. He also served as drum major for both organizations.

Mr. Williams spent his professional career as a high school band director and Fine Arts department chair in the Cobb County School District, located in a suburb of Atlanta, Georgia. During his career, he received the National Band Association Citation of Excellence three times and was honored as Teacher of the Year twice. He served as Director of Bands at North Cobb High School in Kennesaw, Georgia for 20 years. The North Cobb Bands won many local and regional contests and were selected to perform at the GMEA in-service conference in 2006 and 2012. Mr. Williams was named the Acworth Citizen of the Year in 2016, for his many years of devotion and commitment to the community. He enjoys spending time with his family, playing golf, fishing, traveling, and judging high school bands. He and his wife of 35 years, Dr. Lisa Williams, reside in Acworth, Georgia.

VISUAL PANEL (alphabetical by last name)

John Fisher, Bellevue, WA

Mr. Fisher has been involved in the Pageantry Arts in one form or another for over 30 years. John has performed with several drum and bugle corps including the Harrisburg Westshoremens, 27th Lancers, the Madison Scouts, and Reading Buccaneers. He was on staff with the Troopers Drum Corp based out of Casper, Wyoming. John also has instructed and designed for many high school units on the East Coast.

He is a member of the National Judges Association and judges for the Northwest Pageantry Association, Northwest Association for Performing Arts, and many other judging circuits throughout the United States. John also is an adjudicator for Winterguard International (WGI) and Music for All (BOA).

Professionally, John is an Accountant.

Mickey Kelly, Chalfont, PA

Mickey has been involved in the pageantry arts for over 45 years. He has designed and instructed independent and high school guards since Winter Guard International (WGI) began. He has instructed groups including the world champion Skylarks, Miamisburg HS, Bishop Kearney HS, and Cheshire HS. Mickey has consulted many independent and high school units from Class A to World Class. He has taught and designed both visual productions and guard staging/programming for drum corps throughout his career including DCI and all age corps.

Mickey has also been judging for over 45 years. He is currently an East Coast Judges Guild member and has participated as a guest judge on the National level. He was previously chief judge for WGI for 7 years and assisted in the development of the subjective system still utilized today. He is actively judging with DCI, WGI, MAC and New York State Field Band Association and has participated throughout the US as an invited judge. Mickey is honored to be a member of the WGI Hall of Fame and the Drum Corps World Hall of Fame.

Michael Stone, West Hills, CA

Mike Stone resides in West Hills, California and has been adjudicating various pageantry competitions since 1997. He attributes his interest in pageantry to his high school music and marching band program. Mr. Stone has studied, performed, and taught in several music programs in California. He is recognized at the highest level of adjudicators for Drum Corps International, Winter Guard International and Bands of America.

Currently Mr. Stone serves as part of the judge Liaison team for DCI. He also is the Executive Director for the WGASC.

As a nationally recognized adjudicator, Mr. Stone is proud to be affiliated with the following organizations:

- Drum Corps International (DCI)
- Winter Guard International (WGI)
- Music For All - Bands of America (BOA)
- Winter Guard Association of Southern California (WGASC/MBOS)
- Florida Federation of Colorguards Circuit (FFCC)

CHIEF JUDGE

W. Dale Warren, Fayetteville, AR

Dale Warren is a Senior Wind Band Conductor and Professor of Music, Director of Summer Music Camps and former marching band director at the University of Arkansas. He received a bachelor's in Music Education from Austin Peay State University and a master's in Music Education from the University of Kentucky (UK). He also served on the UK music department faculty as Associate Director of Bands and Director of athletic bands from 1980 - 86. During his time on the faculty at UK he also taught at Bremen and North Hardin High Schools. Warren completed a faculty residency with the Kasetsart University Wind Symphony in Bangkok, Thailand.

Professor Warren has served as a computer clinician/drill designer for Advantage Showare, Inc. and Arranger's Publishing Company. For 20 years he served as an adjudicator/clinician for Musicfest Orlando. During Professor Warren's affiliation with Bands of America, he served as a member of the Educational Advisory Board and for the past 34 years as an adjudicator and chief judge. In addition to serving as chairman of the John Philip Sousa Foundation's Sudler Shield Award Committee, Professor Warren is a John Philip Sousa Foundation Board Member, a Past President of the Southeastern Conference Band Directors Association, and a member of the Institutional Review Board at Washington Regional Medical Center.

Professor Warren is a former marching member of the Guardsmen Drum and Bugle Corps of Schaumburg, Illinois and a former brass and visual staff member for the Guardsmen and the Imperial Guard Drum & Bugle Corps of Evansville, Indiana. Professor Warren has also served as a Drum Corps International adjudicator.