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MUSIC PANEL

Darrin Davis (Broken Arrow, Oklahoma) is a graduate of Broken Arrow High School, currently serving as the Director of Bands and Executive Director of Fine Arts for the Broken Arrow school district and has enjoyed teaching band in the Broken Arrow Public Schools since 1993. As Director of Bands, Davis is responsible for guiding the 1,500 band students and 12 band instructors within the school district. Davis is the conductor of the nationally acclaimed Broken Arrow HS Wind Ensemble and director of the Pride of Broken Arrow Marching Band. His bands have performed at the 88th Annual Convention of the American Bandmasters Association, the Midwest Clinic in Chicago, Carnegie Hall, the Music for All National Concert Band Festival, and on six different occasions at the Oklahoma Music Educators Convention as a featured Honor Band. Davis' ensembles consistently earn highest honors at State and Regional Concert Band Festivals. Davis is an elected member of the prestigious American Bandmasters Association and the Oklahoma Bandmasters Association honored Davis as their "Band Director of the Year." Davis was recognized as the Broken Arrow "Citizen of the Year" and the Tulsa Signature Symphony "Signature Champion of Education." In 2020, Davis was inducted into the Bands of America Hall of Fame, recognizing individuals who have greatly impacted the nation's band activity and music education. Davis is also enshrined in the Oklahoma Bandmasters Association Hall of Fame and Broken Arrow High School's Great Graduates Hall of Fame. His marching bands have marched in the Tournament of Roses Parade and received the John Philip Sousa Foundation's Sudler Shield. Broken Arrow is a 29-time Oklahoma State Marching Band Champion, a 17-time BOA Grand National Finalist, a 21-time BOA Regional Champion, and the 2021, 2015, 2011 and 2006 Bands of America Grand National Champion.

Mark Hoskins (Marietta, Georgia) recently retired as Director of Bands at Wheeler High School in Marietta, Georgia, after 19 years and his 25th year of service in the Cobb County (Georgia) School District. He oversaw the entire band program, consisting of three concert bands, marching band, jazz ensemble, jazz combo, woodwind and brass choirs, winter guard, and percussion ensembles. He was the founder and director of the District 12 Honor Jazz Ensemble, created in 2018. A graduate of East Tennessee State University (ETSU), he is in constant demand as an adjudicator, clinician, and conductor in the marching band, jazz, and concert band arena. His program at Wheeler was regionally and nationally recognized in those fields as well, consistently receiving superior ratings and best-in-class awards. While at ETSU, Hoskins had the opportunity to perform with many of the jazz greats of our time, including Jon Faddis, Ed Shaughnessy, Allen Vizzutti, Dick Oatts of Flim & The BB's, and Ernie Watts. He is a music and brass adjudicator for both Bands of America and Drum Corps International, as well as a member of Phi Beta Mu Honor Music Society (2020), the Georgia Music Educators Association, National Association for Music Education, Jazz Education Network, and a founding member of the Minority Band Directors National Association. He was born in Norton, Virginia, and grew up in Big Stone Gap, Virginia, attending Powell Valley High School.

Chris Kaflik (Brownsburg, Indiana) currently serves as the Director of Bands at Brownsburg High School, in Brownsburg Indiana. Kaflik is responsible for guiding the Brownsburg Band students, their 7 band directors within the school district, and the talented marching band, percussion, and color guard staff. Before coming to Brownsburg, he was an Assistant Director of Bands at Broken Arrow High School in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, and he was the Director of Bands and Orchestras at Northrop High School in Fort Wayne Indiana. Kaflik and his high school Co-Director team teach the 4 wind bands at Brownsburg High School, he directs Jazz 1, and he is the director of the Sound of Brownsburg Marching Band. Under his direction, the Sound of Brownsburg has marched at the Macy's Day Parade (2021) and performed at Disney World's Magic Kingdom, in Orlando Florida. The Sound of Brownsburg has been a consistent Bands of America (BOA) Regional finalist. They have been named BOA Regional Champions, BOA Grand National Semi-Finalists, and in 2022 they were named BOA Grand National Finalists. The Sound of Brownsburg is a consistent ISSMA State Finalist. In 2021, the John Philip Sousa Foundation presented the Sound of Brownsburg the prestigious Sudler Shield. The wind bands at Brownsburg consistently receive Gold Ratings at ISSMA contest. During his time at Broken Arrow High School, the

marching band was consistently named BOA Regional Champions, and BOA Grand National Champions in 2015. Kaflik earned a Bachelor of Music Education degree at Ball State University. At Ball State he also studied Euphonium and Wind Conducting. Kaflik performed with the Blue Devils Drum and Bugle Corps (2008-2010), and has served as a staff member at the Blue Stars, The Colts, The Madison Scouts, and Phantom Regiment. He has been a member of the Music for All Summer Symposium Marching Band Faculty for 11 years. The Yamaha Corporation of America recognized Kaflik in their inaugural class of 40 under 40 Music Educators.

Stephen Meyer (Flagstaff, Arizona) is currently the Director of Bands and Assistant Professor of Music at Northern Arizona University. He previously served on the faculties of the Crane School of Music at SUNY Potsdam and University of South Carolina. As director of bands at Clear Creek High School, the Clear Creek Wind Ensemble was a featured performer at the 2013 Midwest Clinic, a three-time National Winner in the National Wind Band Honors project, and a two-time national finalist for American Prize in Wind Ensemble Performance. Prior to Clear Creek, Meyer taught at Harrison High School in Cobb County, Georgia, where he assisted with performances at The Midwest Clinic in Chicago, the Georgia Music Educators Association, and the University of Georgia. As co-director of the marching band, the ensemble was a consistent Bands of America (BOA) Regional and Super Regional Finalist, a BOA Grand National Finalist in 2007, and a featured ensemble in the 2009 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. Meyer graduated magna cum laude from the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music with a Bachelor of Music Education degree and earned both a master's degree and a doctorate from the University of Michigan. He is the author of "Rehearsing the High School Band," "Rehearsing the Middle School Band," and "Rehearsing the Marching Band," published by Meredith Music.

VISUAL PANEL

John Howell (Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania) resides in North Huntingdon Pennsylvania just outside of Pittsburgh. He is currently employed as a Business Education Teacher in the Hempfield Area School District where he serves as the Department Chairperson and teaches Sports and Entertainment Marketing, Web Page Design, Video Game Programming, and Personal Finance. Howell holds a Bachelor of Administration in Business Management and an Accounting minor from the University of Pittsburgh and a Bachelor of Science in Education from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. He is a visual designer and has taught and written shows for various nationally acclaimed marching bands, drum and bugle corps, and indoor winter color guards. Howell continues to conduct clinics and consultations for bands, winter color guards, and judging associations across the United States. He has been a visual adjudicator for over 28 years and judges for Bands of America, Drum Corps International, Winter Guard International, and various other judging associations. Howell has had the opportunity to judge internationally on numerous occasions. He also conducts both the Trinity Handbell and Hand Chime choirs at his church in which he has performed for over 38 years.

Deborah Torchia (Peabody, Massachusetts) began her pageantry experience as a member of the Danvers Blue Angels Drum and Bugle Corps, her local corps. She has been an instructor and designer for drum corps, winter guards, and marching bands, including The Guardsmen Drum and Bugle Corps, St. Joseph's Grenadiers Winter Guard, Triton Regional High School Band, Melrose High School Band, and The Boston College Eagles Marching Band, among others. Torchia has a long history of judging locally and nationally for several associations, including Eastern Massachusetts, CYO, Massachusetts Instrumental and Choral Conductors Association, Winter Guard International, Bands of America, Western Band Association, WGASC, and Drum Corps International. Torchia is a long-standing, active member of the Massachusetts Judges Association and is a respected member of the judging community in all seasons. Torchia has held many leadership positions within the judging community. These include Visual Caption Chairperson, Winter Guard Caption Chairperson, Association Education Director for the Massachusetts Judges Association, Equipment Facilitator and Ensemble Facilitator for Winter Guard International, Judge Administrator and Winter Activities Director for the New England Scholastic Band Association, and Judge Liaison of Visual Analysis and Judge Training for Drum Corps International. Torchia holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Occupational Therapy.

Michael Turner (San Francisco, California) began his career in the pageantry arts as a member of the Madison Scouts Drum and Bugle Corps. Trained in ballet, jazz and modern dance, Turner was one of the early color guard pioneers to

introduce dance and movement to the marching arena. While in Madison, Turner performed with Kanopy Dance Theatre, Presentense, Children's Theatre of Madison, Madison Opera, and Ballet Madison. With such a diversified background, Turner developed an artistically strong and original teaching style. For 18 years, he worked with the two-time World Champion Madison Scouts, serving as Color Guard Choreographer and Visual Coordinator. In the San Francisco Bay Area, Turner served as Dance Master and Choreographer for the six-time World Champion Santa Clara Vanguard Drum and Bugle Corps. Turner has judged for Winter Guard International, Bands of America, and Drum Corps International, and continues freelance judging for marching bands, drum corps, and color guard throughout the world.

CHIEF JUDGE

Richard L. Saucedo (*Fishers, Indiana*) 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 state, regional and national 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 Festival three times (1992, 1999, 2004) and was named the Indiana State Champion Concert Band two times. The group also performed at the 2005 Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic in Chicago. The Carmel Marching Greyhounds finished in the top ten at the Bands of America (BOA) Grand National Championship for 17 years under Saucedo and were named BOA Grand National Champions in 2005. Carmel became one of the few schools to win the BOA Grand National Championship and perform at The Midwest Clinic in the same year in 2005. The Marching Band was the Indiana Class A State Champion four times. The Indiana Bandmasters Association named Saucedo as 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 IMEA. 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, and was recently inducted into the Drum Corps International "Hall of Fame" in 2022. Saucedo is a freelance composer, having released numerous marching band, choral, concert band, and orchestral works. He is currently on the writing staff at Hal Leonard Publishing. He is the music ensemble coordinator for the Blue Devils Drum and Bugle Corps in Concord, CA, and is the Brass Arranger/Composer for the Cavaliers Drum and Bugle Corps in Rosemont, IL. Saucedo is a member of Music for All's Education Team and currently serves as the Chief Judge for BOA.