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MUSIC PANEL

Andrew Carr (*West Chester, OH*) is the Director of Bands at Lakota West High School. He oversees the entire band program, which consists of five concert bands, four curricular jazz bands, marching band, winter guard, percussion ensemble, and the pit orchestra. Under his leadership, the Lakota West Symphonic Winds have earned consistent Superior ratings from the Ohio Music Education Association (OMEA) and have been selected to perform at the OMEA Professional Development Convention three times. The Lakota West Marching Band is a frequent finalist at Bands of America (BOA) events and has been a BOA Super Regional Finalist, Grand National Championships Semi-Finalist, and a three-time Regional Champion. Under his direction, the marching band performed in the 2015 Rose Parade. Prior to Lakota West, Carr served as Associate Director of Bands at Kettering Fairmont High School and Director of Bands at New Richmond High School. Carr holds Bachelor of Music degrees from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, and was a Drum Corps International World Champion with the 2000 Cavaliers. He is active as an adjudicator for OMEA and BOA, has served on the staff of the BOA Honor Band in the Rose Parade®, and is the current president of OMEA District XIII. Carr now resides in West Chester with his wife Alyssa and their two sons Chandler and Maddox.

Patrick Duncan (*Greenacres, FL*) began his drum corps career at the age of 16 as a member of the 2003 Spirit of Jacksonville State University Drum and Bugle Corps. He marched as a trumpet player for Spirit in 2003, 2004, and 2005 before moving to The Cadets Drum and Bugle Corps for the 2006, 2007, and 2008 seasons, serving as section leader his final year. As a marching member, Patrick was a decorated member of The Cadets, earning the honors of being named Visual Rookie of the Year in 2006, Brass Distinguished Service in 2007, and Visual and Brass Cadet of the Year in 2008. Patrick has spent time teaching The Cadets, The Boston Crusaders, and is currently on staff with Carolina Crown. Patrick served as the Director of Bands for Wiregrass Ranch High School in Wesley Chapel, Florida from 2013-2017 and as the Director of Bands for Park Vista Community High School from 2017-2021. His bands at Park Vista appeared at the 2018 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade as well as the 2019 Bands of America Grand National Championships. Patrick holds a Bachelor of Music Education degree from Auburn University and a Master of Arts in Music Education degree from The University of South Florida.

Matt Jordan (*Jacksonville, AL*) currently serves as Associate Professor of Percussion at Jacksonville State University (JSU) in Jacksonville, Alabama. He is also the front ensemble arranger for Music City Mystique, the music coordinator and sound designer for the Bluecoats Drum and Bugle Corps (Drum Corps International 2024 World Champions), and a music designer for the "Commandant's Own" United States Marine Drum and Bugle Corps. Prior to starting at JSU, Jordan was the Concert Percussion Marketing Manager for Pearl/Adams Musical Instruments, and Assistant Director of Bands/Instructor of Percussion at Middle Tennessee State University. Jordan has worked as a percussion instructor and arranger with several Drum Corps International and Winter Guard International groups, including the Phantom Regiment, Carolina Crown, and Spirit of Atlanta. He is also very involved at the scholastic level as an arranger for indoor drumlines and marching bands. He has written for Max Percussion (Bangkok, Thailand), Bangkok Society Drumline, Franklin High School, Science Hill High School, McGavock High School, Dobyns-Bennett High School, and Father Ryan High School, among others. Jordan is very involved in the greater music and percussion communities, serving on both the Board of Advisors and the music technology committee for the Percussive Arts Society. He is also an active adjudicator with numerous marching arts circuits throughout the US, including Bands of America, the Southern California Percussion Alliance, Carolina Winter Ensemble Association, and more. Jordan completed a Doctor of Music degree from Florida State University, a master's degree from the University of North Texas, and a bachelor's degree from Middle Tennessee State University.

Todd Zimbelman (*Dallas, OR*) is the Director of Bands and Co-Director of the Symphony Orchestra at West Salem High School in the Salem-Keizer School District (Oregon). Zimbelman has held Director of Bands and Associate Director of Bands positions at the high school and college levels in Oregon and Texas. Marching bands under his direction have

received several championship titles and caption awards. His wind ensembles consistently receive superior ratings and have placed first at the 6A Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA) State Band Championships multiple times. His ensembles have attended national and international festivals and have performed at the Oregon Music Educators State Conference, the Western International Band Clinic, and the NAFME All-NW Conference. Students under his direction are regularly selected for All-City, All-State, and All-Northwest honor bands as well as perform and medal at the OSAA State Solo and State Chamber Ensemble Contests. Zimbelman's arrangements and compositions are performed at national and international festivals and competitions. His tone and technique books are used by several band programs across the United States. Zimbelman has adjudicated for several organizations, including Bands of America and Drum Corps International. He is currently a member of the American Bandmasters Association, College Band Directors National Association, National Association for Music Education, National Band Association (state chair), Oregon Band Directors Association, Oregon Music Educators Association (treasurer), and Phi Beta Mu.

VISUAL PANEL

John Fisher (Seattle, 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 Winter Guard International (WGI) and Music for All (BOA). Professionally, John is an Accountant.

Randy Nelson (Jacksonville, FL) is a freelance visual designer, consultant, clinician, and adjudicator throughout the United States and internationally. Nelson holds a music degree from Jacksonville State University, where he will serve as the visual designer for the Marching Southerners for his 16th year. He is also a visual designer for the University of Central Florida (UCF) Marching Knights and works extensively with the UCF Pegasus Winter Guard organization. Nelson has served as President of Winter Guard International (WGI), on the Board of Directors of the Florida Federation of Colorguards Circuit (FFCC), and as Adjudication Administrator for the South Florida Winter Guard Association. He is a member of the WGI Hall of Fame, the FFCC Hall of Fame, the Gulf Coast Color Guard and Percussion Circuit Hall of Fame, and a lifetime member of the Florida Bandmasters Association.

Damon Padilla (Atlanta, GA) has been involved in the marching band, drum corps, and color guard activity for over 30 years. In this time, he has become a highly sought-after designer, clinician, and judge. His teaching and design credits include numerous well-known drum and bugle corps including the Santa Clara Vanguard, Phantom Regiment, Blue Knights, Madison Scouts, and the Pride of Soka from Tokyo, Japan. He has also had the pleasure of working with many high school marching bands from around the country, including bands from Texas, Florida, Indiana, Georgia, Colorado, Nevada, and California. Under his guidance, many of these bands have gone on to achieve numerous state, regional, and national titles. In addition to designing, Padilla serves as both a clinician and judge. He has been a 5-time featured clinician at the Music for All Summer Symposium, leading both director and student sessions in visual design and rehearsal techniques. He also spent 10 years as the color guard director for Positive Performance Concepts, a camp/clinic he helped create and develop for students of smaller band programs in the Mid-South. He currently judges for Drum Corps International, Winter Guard International, and Bands of America. Padilla resides in Atlanta, GA. Outside of his work in the marching arts, he is also a Licensed Massage Therapist and the founder and owner of Rare Energy, his bodywork and holistic healing studio.

CHIEF JUDGE

Christopher Ferrell (Atlanta, GA) is the Supervisor of Instrumental Music for the Cobb County School District in metropolitan Atlanta, Georgia. The Cobb County School District has been named one of the Best Communities for Music

Education 21 times and over 34,000 students in the district are involved in performing arts activities within the district. Before moving to administration, he taught at Hillgrove High School in Cobb County, as well as at L.D. Bell High School, Harwood Junior High School, and Central Junior High School in Texas. Ferrell holds the Doctor of Philosophy of Instrumental Music Education and the Master of Education of Music Education from Auburn University, and a Bachelor of Music degree from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. Ferrell has received multiple Citations of Excellence from the National Band Association and holds memberships in Phi Beta Mu International School Bandmaster's Fraternity, NAFME, NBA, CBDNA, and GMEA. He is active as a clinician and evaluator for Music for All, as well as having conducted and performed as a soloist with honor groups at the local and state levels, as well as university ensembles across the United States. Ferrell is married to Shelley Ferrell, a band director at Lovinggood Middle School, and is father to three wonderful children, Katherine, Madailein, and Mason.