



All-State Middle School Band

Robert Herrings - Conductor

Mr. Herrings received his Bachelor of Music Education degree from Baylor University in Waco, Texas, where he studied under Michael Haithcock, Jeff Grogan, Dr. Kevin Sedatole and Barry Hopper. While in college, Mr. Herrings was a member of the Baylor University performing wind bands, as well as a member of the Baylor University Golden Wave Band.

Mr. Herrings conducts the Henry Middle School Honors Band, assists with the Symphonic Band, Concert Band and beginning trombone class. The Henry Middle School Honors Band was selected to perform at the 2010 and 2012 Midwest International Band and Orchestra Clinic. Most recently, the Henry Middle School Honors Band accepted another invitation to perform at the Midwest Clinic in December 2016.

An active clinician and adjudicator around the state, Mr. Herrings is a member of the Texas Music Educators Association, Texas Bandmasters Association and the Texas Music Adjudicators Association.

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Caroline Beatty - Conductor

Caroline Beatty is Director of Bands and Associate Professor of Music at Texas State University. Her responsibilities include providing administration and oversight of the university band program, conducting the Wind Symphony, and teaching conducting and band literature courses

Dr. Beatty maintains a vibrant conducting and teaching schedule outside of the university. She has been engaged as a conductor with the Austin Symphony, the Victoria Bach Festival, for various composers' recording projects, and for honor bands throughout the country

She holds the Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Conducting from the University of Michigan and holds both a Master of Music degree in Instrumental Conducting and a Bachelor of Music degree in Music Education from The University of Texas at Austin.



All-State Jazz Ensemble

Paul McKee - Director

Paul McKee, newly appointed Associate Professor of Jazz Trombone and Arranging/Composition at the University of Colorado at Boulder, received a BME from the University of Northern Iowa and an MM in Composition from the University of Texas at Austin. Over the years Paul has served on the jazz faculty at schools including DePaul University, Youngstown State University, Northern Illinois University, the University of Missouri at Kansas City and Florida State University. Paul maintains a busy schedule as a clinician and guest artist, and his arrangements and compositions have been performed and recorded by professional and academic jazz ensembles worldwide.



All-State Middle School String Orchestra Scott Laird - Conductor

Scott Laird, a native of Indiana, PA, is on the faculty of The North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics where he is Fine Arts Coordinator and Instructor of Music. He earned his B.S. in Music Education and his M.A. in Violin Performance from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. He has been an active string educator, clinician, and conductor for over 30 years and his orchestras have been recognized for their superior and musically mature performances.

He was a founding member of the Board of Directors for KidZNotes, an El Sistema USA program in Durham, NC. Laird is an active performer on acoustic and electric violins and is known for his ability to lead and perform in both the classical and improvisatory arena.

All-State High School Orchestra Larry Livingston - Conductor

Larry Livingston is a distinguished conductor, educator, and administrator, and a highly respected motivational speaker. The founding Music Director of the Illinois Chamber Orchestra, Livingston has appeared with the Houston Symphony and in the Los Angeles Philharmonic Green Umbrella Series. He has conducted at the Festival de Musique in Evian, France, and has led the Stockholm Wind Orchestra, as well as the Leopoldinum Chamber, Chopin Academy, Wroclaw Philharmonic and Academy Orchestras in Poland. He served as Music Director of the Pan Pacific Festival Orchestras in Sydney, participated as a performer at the 1982 International Jazz Festival in Rome, and conducted an electro-acoustic ensemble in concerts in Tokyo under the auspices of Yamaha International. Mr. Livingston has led the American Youth Symphony Orchestra, the Young Musicians Foundation Orchestra, the USC Thornton Chamber and Symphony Orchestras in Los Angeles and the USC Thornton Contemporary Music Ensemble in Berlin, and served on the jury for the renowned Besancon International Conducting Competition in Besancon, France.

