
JEFFREY D. WAGGONER

BRIEF BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Jeffrey Waggoner is a native of northwest Ohio and holds degrees from the University of Toledo and Bowling Green State University. While attending BGSU he served as a graduate assistant with the University Bands under the direction of Mark S. Kelly. He also holds a Certificate in e-Commerce from the Keller School of Management. Prior to 1985 Mr. Waggoner taught public school bands in Ohio, and in that year he moved to Illinois, where he became Director of Bands at Hinsdale Central High School in Hinsdale, Illinois, in the western suburbs of Chicago. During his tenure at Hinsdale Central he served as Director of Bands, Music Department Chairman, and Director of Jazz Studies. He also served as a technology resource for the faculty, serving as the Coordinator of Faculty Technology Instruction for four years. His musical groups performed in locations such as Walt Disney World, the Gimbel's Thanksgiving Day Parade in Philadelphia, a Bands of America Regional Competition, and the University of North Texas Jazz Festival.

In June of 2011 Mr. Waggoner retired from full-time teaching after 34 years in the profession.

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF JAZZ EDUCATORS

Mr. Waggoner served for many years in the International Association of Jazz Educators, first as newsletter editor for both Ohio and then Illinois (receiving the Outstanding Newsletter Award for his work) and later as Illinois Unit President. During his tenure Illinois won the Outstanding State Unit Award. He also served as Chairman of Special Publications for IAJE.

COMPOSITION PROJECT

During Mr. Waggoner's years at Hinsdale Central one of his priorities was to provide his students with the opportunity to interact with working composers. Through the years he commissioned works for concert band from Stephen Melillo and Reber Clark, and jazz ensemble pieces from Jeff Jarvis, Antonio Garcia, Frank Mantooth, Denis DiBlasio, Doug Beach, Steve Wiest, Brian Torff, and Jim Martin. The students also had the opportunity to work with Mark Colby, Fred Sturm, James Curnow, Jeff Coffin's Mu'tet, the USAF Airmen of Note, the USN Commodores, Rob Parton's JazzTech Big Band, Chris Green's Quartet, and Brian Torff's Trio. Mr. Waggoner is particularly proud to have been a co-commissioner of [Stephen Melillo's](#) epic work, *Last World Standing*.

COMPOSER AND ARRANGER

Mr. Waggoner has worked as a free-lance composer and arranger for over thirty years. Recently he formed Waggoner Music Publishing (www.waggonermusic.com) to make his compositions and arrangements available to others. In January of 2012 he will publish *Arranging a Classical Orchestral Work for Marching Band*, a textbook for the novice marching band arranger based on his experiences as an arranger and composer, a competing band director, and adjudicator.

CLINICIAN AND ADJUDICATOR

Mr. Waggoner has been a member of the Central States Judges Association (www.csja.net) for fourteen years, and has judged in Florida, Mississippi, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Nebraska, Missouri, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio, and in Canada, including State

Finals contests in Ohio, Mississippi and Tennessee. He has judged marching bands, drum corps (for DCI and Drum Corps Midwest), concert bands, and jazz ensembles, and often serves as a clinician with students at the middle school and high school levels.

REFERENCES

References will be provided upon request.

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