

MSASB 2024 - Guest Director - Honor Band



Randall Standridge (b.1976) received his Bachelor's of Music Education from Arkansas State University. During this time, he studied composition with Dr. Tom O'Connor, before returning to Arkansas State University to earn his Master's in Music Composition, studying with Dr. Tom O'Connor and Dr. Tim Crist. In 2001, he began his tenure as Director of Bands at Harrisburg High School in Harrisburg, Arkansas. He left this post in 2013 to pursue a career as a full-time composer and marching arts designer.

Mr. Standridge's music is performed internationally. He has had numerous works selected for the J.W. Pepper's editor's choice. His compositions *Snake Charmer*, *Gently Blows the Summer Wind*, and *Angelic Celebrations* have been included in the

"Teaching Music Through Performance in Band" series. He has had numerous works performed at the prestigious Midwest Clinic in Chicago, Illinois. The Arkansas State University Wind Ensemble premiered his work *Art(isms)* at the 2010 CBDNA conference in Las Cruces, New Mexico, and his work *Stonewall: 1969* was premiered at the National LGBA conference in 2019. His *Symphony no. 1: A Ghost Story* was premiered in 2023. In addition, Mr. Standridge's "unBroken Project," a musical initiative about mental health, has received widespread acclaim for its musical content and for providing opportunities to normalize discussions about mental health for music students and audiences.

In addition to his career as a composer, Mr. Standridge is the owner and editor of Randall Standridge Music. He is in demand as an arranger/designer for the marching arts. He lives in Jonesboro, Arkansas, with his husband, Steven, and their very, very spoiled pets.

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Dr. Larry Petersen serves as Director of Bands at Marshall High School (Marshall, MN) where he directs three concert bands, jazz ensembles, athletic bands, and the Marshall Tiger Marching Band. Prior to arriving in Marshall, Petersen served as the Assistant Director of Bands and Instrumental Music Education at Augustana University in Sioux Falls, SD. Petersen earned his bachelor's degree from South Dakota State University where he majored in Music Education. He holds a master's degree in conducting from the University of Manitoba, and a doctor of musical arts in conducting from The University of Iowa.

Petersen has served as President of the South Dakota Bandmasters Association and the South Dakota chapter of Phi Beta Mu - International Bandmasters Fraternity. He was named Huron (SD) High School Teacher of the Year in 2000 & 2008. Additionally, he has twice presented research on the utilization of the iPad in the rehearsal setting at the South Dakota Teaching and Innovation in Education convention, and at the *Internationale Gesellschaft Zur Ergorschung and Forderung der Blasmusik* in Wadgassen, Germany.