

# **The Capital City Band Expo and The Capital Cup 2009**

## **Meet the Judges**

### **CHIEF JUDGE – MARK BEAMISH**

Mark Beamish is the former Director of Bands and Fine Arts Team Leader at Green Hope High School in Cary, NC and former Director of Bands at Sanderson High School in Raleigh, NC. Mr. Beamish received his Bachelor of Music degree from the University of Kentucky where he was a student of Vincent DiMartino. Mr. Beamish earned his Master's Degree at Eastern Illinois University where he served as the Graduate Assistant of Bands. Mr. Beamish was awarded the *Band Director of the Year* by the Central District Band Association in 1998 and the *Teacher of the Year* by the Wake County PTSA. In 2001, Mr. Beamish was a finalist for the Cary Chamber of Commerce Award of Excellence in teaching and was nominated for the Who's Who in America's Schools and the Disney Teaching Award. In 2003, Mr. Beamish was awarded the *Award of Excellence* by the Central District Band Association. Mr. Beamish is the Past President of the Board of Directors for the North Carolina Wind Orchestra, has served on the Board of Directors for the Central District Band Association and was Chairperson for the North Carolina Bandmasters' Marching Band Committee.

### **VISUAL PERFORMANCE - BRIAN BAMBAUER**

Mr. Brian Bambauer is currently pursuing his Masters Degree in School Administration from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, and is a Principal Intern at Eastover Elementary School in Charlotte, North Carolina. Brian graduated from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio in 1990 with a Bachelor of Music in Music Education. A native of Ohio, Brian began his professional career as the Junior High Band Director and assistant marching band director at Northmont City Schools, in Clayton, Ohio. He then took a position as the Instrumental Music Coordinator for the West Carrollton City Schools in West Carrollton, Ohio from 1994-1997. Brian's drum corps experience began with the Bluecoats from Canton, Ohio in 1988. A member for three years, he played mellophone his rookie year and was Drum Major in 1989 and 1990. In 1991 he joined the instructional staff as a visual tech. He then served as visual caption head in 1993 and 1994. Brian joined the Drum Corps International World Championship Finalist, Carolina Crown Drum and Bugle Corps in 1997 as a visual tech, drill designer from 1998-2000 (the corps was a finalist all four years), and began working full time for the organization as Director of Operations in 1999.

### **VISUAL EFFECT – PAUL ORSETT**

Paul Orsett is currently a full time theatre arts teacher at Wakefield High School in Raleigh, NC. He received his undergraduate degree in Music Education from East Carolina University in Greenville, NC and his Masters degree in Directing Theatre from Roosevelt University in Chicago, Ill. Paul marched with the Cavaliers Drum & Bugle Corps and Winter Guard of Rosemont, Illinois. He founded Assembly Line Winter Guard in 1985 and directed the three-time Tarheel Invitational Champion Northern Nash Marching Knights from Rocky Mount, NC. He currently serves as President of the Atlantic Indoor Association and has 30+ years of teaching experience, including Drum & Bugle Corps, marching band, Winter Guard and theatre. Paul is also an announcer for Atlantic Indoor Association and Winter Guard International Regional Competitions and World Championships.

### **MUSIC PERFORMANCE – CHRIS BRANAM**

Chris Branam is the founder and director of TrueNote Bands, the first independent band program in the state of North Carolina. He is the conductor/director of the Forest Hills Baptist Church Orchestra and the Youth Praise Band. He attended Campbell University as an A.J. Fletcher Scholar and received his Bachelor of Music Education (1992) while studying with composer/conductor Dr. Jack Stamp. Chris served as the Drum Major for D.C.I. Finalist, 27th Lancers Drum and Bugle Corp and while in Boston studied with conductor Frank Battisti at the New England Conservatory of Music. Chris has been an active visual/musical coordinator, clinician, and adjudicator throughout the region. He has conducted the NC State Baptist Instrumental Orchestra at Fort Caswell, North Carolina and has been a guest conductor for numerous honor bands in North Carolina. Chris is the former Director of Bands at Sanderson High School and was also the director of the award winning Durant Road Middle School Band. While there, he and Sallee Nelson built a year-round band program of over 500 students and performed for President Bill Clinton. Mr. Branam was also the director of bands at Garner Senior High, and Louisburg High Schools.

### **MUSIC PERFORMANCE – LARRY MARKS**

A native of California, Dr. Larry Marks, has been associate professor and director of bands at University of North Carolina - Charlotte since 1999. He also instructs courses in conducting and music education. During his tenure, the band program has grown to include three concert bands: the Symphonic Wind Ensemble and Concert Band, and a Chamber Winds organization. The Symphonic Wind Ensemble has appeared in behalf of the North Carolina Music Educators Association (2002); and was the first UNCC ensemble ever invited to play at a national event, performing at the College Band Directors National Association's 2006 convention at Nashville, TN. Dr. Marks also conducts the Charlotte Youth Wind Ensemble, a regional honors band that draws talented high school students from North and South Carolina. He frequently serves as a clinician, adjudicator and guest conductor, having appeared in twenty-three states and Canada. Dr. Marks holds degrees in clarinet performance and music education from San Jose State University; a master's in music education from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign; and the doctorate in music education/wind conducting from the University of Southern California. Prior to undertaking doctoral studies, Dr. Marks produced nationally prominent high school bands in California. He came to UNC-Charlotte from the University of Missouri-Columbia where he served as Associate Director of Bands, which included conducting the 300-member Marching Mizzou. Other prior appointments included positions at the University of Oklahoma and the University of Louisville.

### **MUSIC EFFECT – STEVEN KUNI**

Steven T. Kuni, a National Board Certified Teacher, joined the Durant Road Middle School staff in July of 2005. He graduated from The Pennsylvania State University. While at Penn State, Mr. Kuni studied trumpet with Rob Howard and John Daniels as well as performing in the Symphonic Wind Ensemble, Concert Band, Jazz Bands, Orchestra, Brass Choir, University Choir, Phi Mu Alpha Brass Quintet, and the Nittany Valley Symphony. In 2002, Mr. Kuni completed a Master of Music in Music Education from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Mr. Kuni has taught middle school and high school bands in Pennsylvania and North Carolina. Ensembles under the direction of Mr. Kuni have consistently received Superior and Excellent ratings at Marching and Concert Band festivals sponsored by the North Carolina Bandmasters Association State Contest Festival. Mr. Kuni maintains membership in the Music Educators National Conference, North Carolina Music Educators Association, and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia.

### **MUSIC EFFECT – MARK JOHNSON**

Mark B. Johnson is the director of wind ensembles and wind studies at Armstrong Atlantic State University in Savannah, Georgia. He is also conductor of the AASU Wind Ensemble, Chamber Winds, and the Savannah Winds Community Band. Courses taught by Professor Johnson include: Advanced Instrumental Conducting, Band Methods, Band Repertoire, Brass Methods, Marching Band Techniques, Performance Techniques and Supervisor of Music Student Teaching. Mark Johnson has completed course work for the doctorate of musical arts-band and orchestral conducting at the University of Kansas. He received his master of music in conducting and brass pedagogy from Louisiana State University and his bachelor of music education from Murray State University. He is the former assistant director of bands at the University of Nebraska-Omaha, show designer of the University of Kansas Marching Jay Hawks, and former director of bands at Terry Sanford High School in Fayetteville, North Carolina where under his direction the bands of Terry Sanford received consistent superior ratings in performance and numerous invitations to perform for national, state, and local events. Johnson is in constant demand as conductor, clinician, and adjudicator throughout the United States. He lives in Savannah, Georgia.

### **COLORGUARD – BRAD TILLEY**

Originally from Mt. Airy, North Carolina, Brad Tilley has performed with Carolina Visual Productions Winter guard, The Study Independent World Winterguard, and the Cavaliers Drum and Bugle Corps. After having been a performer, Brad was a clinician and adjudicator for Drum Corps Germany (in the colorguard caption) and taught teams that competed in the Color Guard Netherlands circuit. He currently resides in Raleigh and is in charge of the German-speaking market for a self-publishing company.

### **DRUM MAJOR – MICHAEL KRIER**

Michael Krier is a native of Raleigh, North Carolina. He is currently the Band director at Coats-Erwin Middle School located in Dunn, North Carolina. CEMS is a small school of 600 students with 153 of them participating in the band program. He received a music education degree from Appalachian State University. During his college career he spent two years as the Rehearsal Assistant for the Marching Mountaineers. He has been working with Sanderson High School as their marching and woodwind instructor since 2004 and in the past two years he has begun working with other bands around the state.

### **PERCUSSION – NATE CAMPBELL**

Nate Campbell is the owner and instructor of NC Drum Studio, where he educates students in all areas of percussion. He is currently the marching percussion instructor at Sanderson High School and director of the percussion ensemble at Franklin Academy. He earned his B.M. and M.M. degrees from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln where he studied percussion performance with Al Rometo, Tony Falcone and John DeStefano. Nate has held previous appointments as Marching Percussion Instructor at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and Director of Percussion and Percussion Ensemble at Concordia University, Nebraska. Mr. Campbell is very active as a percussion clinician and adjudicator for music school programs throughout the country. He has played a part on the reality television show, "Tommy Lee Goes to College" and his drumline students appeared on "Extreme Home Makeover" while they were filming in Nebraska. Nate is a regular performer with the Triangle Brass Band and serves on staff at the Matt Savage Drum Camp in North Carolina.