

TOB ALL-STAR BAND DIRECTOR

Jeffrey Dent Jeff recently retired from Jersey Shore Area School District, completing thirty-four years as a music educator in Pennsylvania. His middle school concert band was honored to perform twice at PMEA. As one of the directors of the Williamsport Repasz Band(1831), he conducts a community ensemble of 70+ adult musicians. Recently, the band has been invited to perform at the National Association of Concert Bands Festival and Appomattox 150 Anniversary Celebration. He conducted the Repasz Band in their premier performance at PMEA/Erie. For the past eleven years, his “part-time” job as Director of Tournament of Bands involves coordinating 70+ events in the TOB season as well as the four-day Atlantic Coast Championship Series each year. Jeff has served as both a music and visual NJA adjudicator for TOB and TIA for over 30 years. During the TIA season he facilitates TIA Winds, as well as the TIA ACC Jazz Championship and special events in the Starlight Ballroom at TIA ACC. He has been part of the TOB All-Star Staff since the beginning in 2009.



TOB ALL-STAR MARCHING BAND MUSIC EDUCATION STAFF

Ray Troxell: Music Coordinator Raymond is a forty plus year veteran of NJA and has been TOB-10 Coordinator for 10 years. As the music coordinator for the TOB All-Star Marching Band, Ray has arranged, taught and supervised music instruction of the performers since the initial event in 2009. Recently, Mr Troxell was inducted into the National Judges Association Hall of Fame.

Al Bazzel: Brass Al recently retired after serving as a NJ music administrator/educator in New Jersey for 40 years. As a member of the NJMEA Board he oversaw the annual NJ State Band Festival. Al works with new NJA music judges as a mentor and clinician. He has been a member of NJA for 20 plus years and is a member of the NJA Hall of Fame.

Shawn Campopiano: Woodwinds Shawn is currently the Director of Bands at New Oxford High School, Pennsylvania. A graduate of Messiah College, he has an emphasis in saxophone and studied under Dr. Todd Goranson. Previously, Shawn has served as a program coordinator and visual designer for several local marching band programs and as the BANDtastic Honor Band Coordinator for Drum Corps International. Mr. Campopiano has been an active adjudicator with the National Judges Association since 2015.

Marc Garside: Percussion Marc Garside is the Founder/CEO of EPIC Percussion which was established in 2013. He has been a percussion designer and instructor for the marching arts in central PA since 2002, working with several very successful high school programs. Currently he is the program coordinator and drill designer for the Raiders Drum and Bugle Corps, a TOB GE judge and a music and/or drill designer as well as instructor for several high school programs. Marc was also with the White Sabers Drum and Bugle Corps, the Hawthorne Caballeros Drum and Bugle Corps, and the Penn State Indoor Drumline. Marc and his team at EPIC started the EPIC Cadets indoor drumline, for students grade 4-8, the first Independent Junior Marching Ensemble in the region. He also manages EPIC Percussion's daily operations, retail, and oversees the studio which has 50 private lesson students and several concert ensembles. Many of his students have gone on to become music teachers, instructors, show designers, and performers with top DCA, DCI and WGI ensembles.

Laura Garside: Percussion Laura Garside is looking forward to working with the All-Star Marching Band for her second year. Laura has been the middle school band director and assistant marching band director in the Williamsport Area School District since 2004. She holds a Bachelors degree from Mansfield University and a Masters degree from Lebanon Valley College. Laura resides in Williamsport with her husband Marc and their four dogs.

Deanna Hill: Woodwind DeAnna has been a music educator and an NJA adjudicator for more than 30 years. She is a clinician for marching, concert and jazz programs along the East Coast. As a program coordinator and consultant, DeAnna has created numerous competitive marching band productions. As a woodwind specialist, she has judged woodwinds and music captions at the TOB Region and Atlantic Coast Championships, as well as assisted with the TOB All-Star Marching Band. She is a professional flutist residing in Virginia Beach, VA.

Tyler Schwirian: Brass Tyler is a performer and educator based in New York City. He is currently principal tuba with the Springfield Symphony (OH) and has performed with the Louisville Orchestra, Mid-Atlantic Opera Orchestra, Johnstown Symphony (PA), and Westmoreland Symphony Orchestra, among others. He holds an M.M. in orchestral performance from

Manhattan School of Music, a B.F.A. in tuba performance from Carnegie Mellon University, and is completed his Ed. M. at Teachers College - Columbia University. Tyler's teachers include Craig Knox of the Pittsburgh Symphony and Alan Baer of the New York Philharmonic. Tyler is a music adjudicator and is the IA Music facilitator for TOB. Tyler recently presented an NJA/TOB music clinic session at our 2015 and 2019 TOB Education Days. He is currently a music educator in New York.

TOB ALL-STAR MARCHING BAND VISUAL EDUCATION STAFF

Liz Barnhart: Twirlers Elizabeth (Liz) Barnhart is a graduate of Temple University with a bachelor's degree in Education and a minor in Dance. She got involved in twirling at age 7 when she was part of the Rangerette Baton Corps in Philadelphia. In school, she was part of the Wissahickon Raiders Twirling Corps. She competed in parades twirl team, dance twirl and in many solo competitions. She also marched as a rifle while in college. Liz has been involved in the TOB All-Star Marching Band since it was started 11 years ago and is currently the twirling instructor. In addition to the visual captions for TOB, she has judged all the TIA visual captions. She thinks this activity is great for students. It teaches them discipline, the benefit of hard work how to set goals and work towards accomplishing them. You also get to make life-long friends. Liz is still friends with many people she marched with to this day.

Tim Bean: Visual/Auxiliary Tim Bean is a graduate of Norristown High School and performed in TOB competitions including Atlantic Coast Championships in 1990. After graduating from high school, he was a field tech for various high school bands competing in Tournament. He became a visual adjudicator for National Judges Association in 2007 and have been an active member of the judging community for 13 seasons. In addition, Tim is the Region 3 Coordinator for TOB/TIA representing Southeastern Pennsylvania.

Amy Bendekovits: Dance/Poms Amy Bendekovits started dancing at age 3, and continued her education for 15 years at Sue Albert's School of Dance in Pennsylvania. She also spent 4 years on the Northampton Dance Team, and as Captain, during the team's World Class run. Upon graduation, Amy decided to become an adjudicator for the National Judges Association, now reaching her 8th season of judging both indoor and outdoor seasons as a Movement and Individual Analysis judge. Amy continues to take adult dance classes on occasion and enjoys choreography opportunities, such as the All Star Band. Amy's main focus always returns to basic training for all performers, and specializes in jazz, Broadway, and ballet styles of dance. Amy looks forward to working with and teaching the Pom dancers in this year's band!

Beth Gensemer: Auxiliary Beth, and her family, join us for the annual Thanksgiving Day Parade. She has been the auxiliary staff at Shamokin Area HS for both the competitive band and football bands and also leads Releve IAG as a TIA member. As a performer, Beth is a long-time member of West Shore Senior Guard. She spends her time balancing work and raising her three boys. Her husband, Greg, serves as our overnight security staff.

Michael Hope: Flag Michael Hope is a resident of Newark, DE. He has been the Color Guard Director at Appoquinimink HS, Middletown, DE, since 2010, and the Appoquinimink Maroon and Silver Indoor Color Guards since they began in 2012. In his normal life, Mr. Hope is a middle school science teacher in the Appoquinimink School District. He is a building Union Representative, and an Area Director for the AEA. Mr. Hope has also been a judge for NJA since 2008, where he judges the TOB visual captions and TIA movement and equipment captions. He also currently serves as the Assistant Coordinator for Region 9.

David Silverman: Rifle David Silverman is a resident of Center City Philadelphia and has been a member of NJA since 1995. Mr. Silverman adjudicates all visual captions for marching band and indoor with a strong emphasis on the auxiliary, movement and equipment captions. Mr. Silverman has designed and instructed many successful marching band and indoor color guard programs in Regions 1 and 3 over the years. Mr. Silverman also has extensive dance training at Temple University, the Dancer's Studio Workshop and Koresh Dance Company to name a few and is currently taking a course at the Pennsylvania Ballet. Mr. Silverman travels to Hokkaido, Japan twice yearly with his spouse and has also completed three marathons including Philadelphia, Reykjavik, Iceland and Tokyo, Japan. Outside of color guard, Mr. Silverman is a Paralegal Specialist for the Law Department for the United States Postal Service's Eastern Area. Mr. Silverman is excited to assist Mr. Hope with the color guard for the All-Star Marching Band for the very first time.