

State Wind Ensemble Festival Clinicians Announced

The University Interscholastic League is pleased to announce that the following guest clinicians will be joining UIL State Director of Music Dr. Bradley N. Kent for the State Wind Ensemble Festival on May 2, 2015. Come join us for a great day of music making and artistic growth. Interested directors are invited to visit <http://www.uil texas.org/music/state-wind-ensemble-festival> for more information.

Dr. Robert Carnochan is Director of The University of Texas Longhorn Band, Associate Director of Bands, and Associate Professor of Music at the Butler School of Music. His responsibilities include overseeing all aspects of the Longhorn Band, conducting the UT Wind Symphony, and teaching undergraduate and graduate conducting. Prior to his appointment at UT, he served as Associate Director of Bands at the University of Colorado at Boulder, Director of Bands at Northeastern Oklahoma State University, and Associate Director of Bands at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas. Dr. Carnochan began his teaching career as Director of Bands at Dundalk High School in Baltimore, Maryland. <http://winds.music.utexas.edu/about-us/faculty/#carnochan>

Dr. Kevin M. Gerald is Associate Professor of Conducting at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. In this capacity, he directs the overall orchestral program, conducts the UNCG Symphony Orchestra, Symphonic Band, and Casella Sinfonietta, and is associate conductor of the UNCG Wind Ensemble. In addition, he teaches graduate and undergraduate conducting. He coordinates the Southeast Honors String Festival, is associate director of the UNCG Summer Music Camp, and works with the Carolina Band Festival and Conductors Conference. <http://performingarts.uncg.edu/bios/kevin-gerald>

Dr. Christopher Knighten is Director of Bands and Associate Professor of Music in the University of Arkansas Department of Music. His duties include conducting the Symphonic Band, teaching conducting and band literature courses, directing the 330-member Razorback Marching band, and overseeing all aspects of Athletic Bands. Prior to his appointment at UA, Dr. Knighten served as Associate Director of Bands at East Carolina University. Under his direction the Symphonic Band performed at the 2005 NC Music Educators Association conference and the ECU Marching Pirates performed at seven bowl games and several NFL games for the Washington Redskins and Carolina Panthers. He has also served as Director of the Baylor University Golden Wave Band and taught instrumental music at Richland High School in North Richland Hills, TX. <http://music.uark.edu/7476.php>

Dr. Thomas E. Verrier is Director of Wind Studies and Associate Professor of Music at Vanderbilt University's Blair School of Music. He serves as Conductor of the Vanderbilt Wind Ensembles and Artistic Director of the Vanderbilt Music Acadèmie in Aix-en-Provence, France. His teaching duties include undergraduate and graduate-level courses in conducting, pedagogy, and education. In addition, Dr. Verrier is the Program Director of the Sistema Nacional de Educación Musical Instituto de Desarrollo Musical in San Jose, Costa Rica and Founding Director of the Conductors Lab (a joint project with members of the Berlin Philharmonic). <http://blair.vanderbilt.edu/bio/thomas-verrier>