

PMEA Election Info

Band Content Area Rep Candidates:



Adam Gumble

Adam J. Gumble is in his eighth year as the Director of Bands at Hempfield High School in Landisville, Pennsylvania where he directs the Symphonic Band, Freshman Concert Band, Hempfield Marching Knights and JazzONE Big Band. Prior to his appointment at Hempfield, Mr. Gumble served as Associate Director of Bands at Quakertown Community High School for four years. Throughout his career, Adam's concert, marching, and jazz ensembles have earned top ratings and critical acclaim at festivals and performance assessments across the region. Concert ensembles under Mr. Gumble's direction have earned consistent Superior ratings at PMEA Music Performance Assessments and have been selected to perform at the PMEA All-State Conference in 2013 and 2009.

Mr. Gumble is an active guest conductor and clinician for concert, marching, and jazz ensembles across the region. Currently, Adam serves as the PMEA Band Content Representative on State Professional Development Council and contributes original articles for *PMEA News*. Mr. Gumble has been a quarterfinalist for the GRAMMY Foundation's Music Educator Award and has been nominated for "Who's Who Among America's Teachers" as well as multiple "Teacher Impact Awards" through Central Pennsylvania's NBC affiliate, WGAL.

Mr. Gumble graduated from West Chester University with a Bachelor of Music Education Degree in 2005, receiving the award for "Outstanding Senior in Teacher Education." Adam earned his Master's Degree in Music Education from Boston University in 2007 and a Master's Degree in Wind Conducting from West Chester University in 2016. He resides in Lancaster, Pennsylvania with his wife (Kelly) and two sons (Bennett and Dorian).



Jason Worzbyt

Dr. Jason Worzbyt is Professor of Bassoon and Associate Director of Bands at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. He holds a B.S. in Music Education from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, a Master of Music in wind conducting from the University of North Texas and a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in bassoon performance from the University of North Texas. Dr. Worzbyt has studied bassoon with Kathleen Reynolds, principal bassoon of the Dallas Opera Orchestra and professor of bassoon at the University of North Texas; Kristen Wolfe Jensen, professor of bassoon at the University of Texas; and David T. Borst, professor emeritus of bassoon at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. His conducting teachers include Jack Stamp, director of band studies at Indiana University of Pennsylvania and Eugene Migliaro Corporon, director of wind studies at the University of North Texas.

Dr. Worzbyt has performed, recorded and has been featured as a soloist with wind ensembles and orchestras all across the country. These ensembles include the Keystone Wind Ensemble, IUP Wind Ensemble, North Texas Wind Symphony, North Texas New Music Ensemble, Lexington Philharmonic Orchestra, Johnstown Symphony Orchestra, Highland Wind Quintet and the IUP Faculty Woodwind Quintet. In 2001, Dr. Worzbyt gave the world premiere of Bruce Yurko's **Concerto for Bassoon and Wind Ensemble** with the Keystone Wind Ensemble at the College Band Directors National Association conference. From 2006 to 2009 he was a member of the artist-faculty at the Western Chamber Music Institute hosted by Western State College in Gunnison, Colorado. Additional performances include several recitals at meetings of the International Double Reed Society. In March of 2013, Klavier Records released a compact disc recording (*Five in the Sun*) by the Keystone Chamber Players of which Dr. Worzbyt is a member. Most recently, Dr. Worzbyt premiered and recorded Bruce Yurko's **Concerto No. 2 for Bassoon and Wind Orchestra** in October of 2014. Since the fall of 2015, he has been principal bassoon of the Butler Symphony Orchestra.

As a guest conductor, Dr. Worzbyt has worked with elementary, junior high, senior high, and professional ensembles in Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia, Indiana, Georgia, and Kentucky. Highlights of these appearances include the Indiana Junior High All State Band, New Jersey All State Symphonic Band, PMEA All State Orchestra, PMEA Western Region State Orchestra, PMEA Region III Band, PMEA Region IV Band, PMEA Region V Band, PMEA District 4 and 6 Orchestras in Johnstown and Westmont, PMEA District 2,3,5 Orchestras in Indiana and Purchase Line, and PMEA District Bands in Pittsburgh, York, Berlin, Johnstown, Harrisburg, Punxsutawney and Philadelphia. From 2007 through 2013, he was music director and conductor of the Westmoreland Symphonic Winds, a professional wind ensemble in residence at Seton Hill University. Committed to

music education in the state of Pennsylvania, Dr. Worzbyt served as President of District 3 of the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association and continues to serve that organization as an adjudicator, guest conductor and clinician. He has also authored several study guides for the **Teaching Music Through Performance in Band, Middle School Band and Beginning Band** series published by GIA. Dr. Worzbyt lives in Indiana, PA with his lovely wife Michelle and very active seven year old, Christian James.

Orchestra Content Area Rep Candidates:



Sarah Lavelle

Sarah Lavelle has been teaching orchestra in the North Allegheny School District in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania for the past 11 years. During that time, the high school orchestra program has doubled in size and now includes 385 students in grades 9-12. Mrs. Lavelle's schedule includes two select high school ensembles and four sections of non-auditioned string orchestra. She also leads the Golden Strolling Strings, a strolling group that performs on a regular basis at banquets, conventions, and other events. Her ensembles have been featured at PMEA and ASTA conferences and consistently receive high ratings at adjudication festivals. Her groups, including the Golden Strolling Strings, have also performed at the PASA-PSBA School Leadership

Conference.

Mrs. Lavelle graduated Summa Cum Laude from West Virginia University with a Bachelor of Music in Music Education and was recognized as the Outstanding Graduate of both the WVU School of Music and the College of Creative Arts. She then earned a Master of Music Education in String Pedagogy from Florida State University. For several years she returned to the Florida State campus to teach Irish Fiddling at the FSU Summer Music Camps. Before coming to North Allegheny, Mrs. Lavelle taught orchestra in grades 4-12 in the Beaver Area School District in Beaver, PA.

Jeffrey Tedford



Dr. Jeffrey Tedford was appointed Director of Orchestral Activities at Grove City College in the Fall of 2011. He conducts the Symphony and Chamber Orchestras, teaches String Methods and Conducting courses, coaches string quartets, brass, and woodwind quintets, and works with student teachers. He is also the Audition Coordinator for the Department of Music and oversees all communication with high school students interested in majoring or minoring in music. From 2003-2011 Tedford was a member of the award winning music faculty in the Williamsport Area School District which won the NAMM foundation's award seven out of eight years for Top Schools for Music Education. Tedford was the Director of Orchestras at Williamsport Area High School where he conducted three string orchestras and the Millionaire Strolling Strings and received the 2010-2011 WAHS *Teacher of the Year* Award.

In addition to his work in academia, Tedford was the Music Conductor and Artistic Director of the Williamsport Chamber Choir and Orchestra, a semi-professional ensemble. Tedford is currently the Orchestra Content Representative for the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA), Collegiate Orchestra Representative for the Pennsylvania-Delaware String Teachers Association (PADESTA), and was the Eastern Division String Education representative for the National Association for Music Education (NAfME) from 2012-2014. An active violinist, Tedford performs with the Grove City String Quartet, Shenango Valley Chorale, Butler County Symphony Orchestra, Greenville Symphony Orchestra, and was a member of the first violin section of the Williamsport Symphony Orchestra from 2004-2011.

Tedford received his Bachelor's degree in Music Education from Grove City College and his Master's degree in conducting from Carnegie Mellon University where he was also the Assistant Conductor for the Mendelssohn Choir of Pittsburgh under the direction of world renowned conductor, Robert Page. He completed his Doctoral degree in Music Education at Shenandoah University. His dissertation is titled "College Instrumental Ensemble Participation Rates: A Study of Participants and Non-Participants at a Liberal Arts College" and explored the reasons college freshmen continue or discontinue playing in bands or orchestras in college. In addition to formal degree programs, he has pursued additional conducting studies at the Eastman School of Music and the Keenefest Choral Conducting summer festival.