

# The Historic Roll of Honor of High School Concert Bands 1920-2007

Recognizing Historic High School Concert Bands  
of  
Very Particular Musical Excellence

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*The Sousa Foundation "Historic Roll of Honor of Distinguished High School Concert Bands" was researched in three phases:*

*PHASE I (1920-1960) was chaired by Dr. Dale C. Harris and completed in 1987 following five years of review and evaluation and named 44 high school bands and 70 band directors.*

*PHASE II (1960-1980) was chaired by Dr. Victor Zajec and was completed in 1996 following six years of review and evaluation and named 61 high school bands and 63 band directors.*

*PHASE III (1980-1996 and continuing) consists of those high school bands and their directors who are award the "Sudler Flag of Honor" which involves a quality selection process equally rigorous as for Phases I and II.*

*Some 24 nationally recognized band directors, most of whom directed high school bands at one time in their career, served with Dr. Harris on the selection committee which handled the research and evaluation of the bands named to the 1920-1960 Historic Roll of Honor. More than two hundred high school concert bands were reviewed in the selection process.*

*In the same manner 18 equally qualified band directors served with Dr. Zajec in the selection process for the 1960-1980 Roll of Honor which reviewed some 320 band programs.*

*The purpose of the project is to identify high school concert bands "which are of a particularly high standard of musical excellence at the national level and which are considered to be of historic importance and influence to the high school concert band program."*

*In the evaluation procedure the bands were selected as being particularly outstanding during a specific period of time and while they were under the direction of a particular conductor or conductors. No effort was made to achieve a "quota" of bands from any given state.*

*The result is not only a listing of truly outstanding high school band programs of historic interest from the inception of the school bands circa 1920, but, in addition, the names of the conductors form a veritable "Who's Who" in the concert band field.*

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1920-1960

<b>State</b>	<b>Name of Band</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Director(s)</b>
<b>Alabama</b>	Robert E. Lee High School	Montgomery	John M. Long
<b>Arkansas</b>	Little Rock High School	Little Rock	Bruce Jones Al Lape
	North Little Rock High School	N. Little Rock	Ray Brandon
<b>California</b>	Modesto High School	Modesto	Frank Mancini
<b>Colorado</b>	Boulder High School	Boulder	Hugh McMillen Harry Holmberg Randell Spicer Ed Kehn L.E. Smith Kelsey Kirk Lloyd Jensen
	Sterling High School	Sterling	John J. Heney Al G. Wright
<b>Florida</b>	De Land High School	De Land	Robert Barr
	Miami Sr. High School	Miami	John Barabash
<b>Georgia</b>	Jordan High School	Columbus	Gardner Huff
<b>Illinois</b>	Harrison Technical High School	Chicago	Al Gish
	Lane Technical High School	Chicago	Charles Ostergren
	Senn High School	Chicago	George S. Howard
	Moosehart High School	Moosehart	Louis Blaha
	J. Sterling Morton High School	Cicero	Maurice McAdoo
	York High School	Elmhurst	Theodore Chopp Louis Reimer
	Lockport High School	Lockport	Ernest Caneva
	Joliet High School	Joliet	A.R. McAllister
<b>Indiana</b>	Waukegan High School	Waukegan	Bruce Houseknecht
	G.R. Clark High School	Hammond	Otto Graham
	Hobart High School	Hobart	Nilo Hovey Wm. D. Revelli B.W. Francis Fred Ebbs
<b>Iowa</b>	Centerville High School	Centerville	W. Grower Robert Donaldson Mark Kelly
	Mason City High School	Mason City	Gerald Prescott Carleton Stewart
	Spencer High School	Spencer	Robert Dean
<b>Louisiana</b>	Alcee Fortier High School	New Orleans	Peter Dombourian
<b>Maryland</b>	Oxon Hills High School	Oxon Hills	William Johnson
<b>Michigan</b>	Cass Technical High School	Detroit	Clarence Byrne Francis Hellstein Harry Begian
	Pontiac High School	Pontiac	Dale C. Harris
<b>Minnesota</b>	Edina Morningside High School	Edina	Butler Eitel
<b>Mississippi</b>	Greenwood High School	Greenwood	Roy Martin Perry B. Dennis J. Clark
<b>Nebraska</b>	McCook High School	McCook	William Kelley
<b>New Jersey</b>	Thomas Jefferson High School	Elizabeth	Arthur Brandenburg
<b>New York</b>	Port Washington High School	Pt. Wash.	Paul van Bodegraven

<b>No. Carolina</b>	Lenoir High School	Lenoir	James C. Harper
<b>Ohio</b>	Canal Fulton High School Cleveland Heights High School	Canal Fulton Cleveland Hts	E.W. Puffenberger Mark Hindsley Ralph Rush John Farinacci Kaarlo Mackey Jack Wainwright
<b>Oklahoma</b>	Fostoria High School Durant High School	Fostoria Durant	Roy Weger Melburn Nixon Kenneth Peters Wm. Robinson Oakley Pittman Arthur Johnson
<b>So. Dakota</b>	Norman High School N.W. Clawson High School	Norman Okla. City	A.R. Thompson Ardeen Foss
<b>Texas</b>	Washington High School	Sioux Falls	James Murphy Robert Maddox
<b>Virginia</b>	Brownsville High School Odessa High School Plainview High School Maury High School	Brownsville Odessa Plainview Norfolk	R.G. Davidson Sidney Berg

1960-1980

<b>State</b>	<b>Name of Band</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Director(s)</b>
<b>Alabama</b>	Virgil Grissom High School Auburn High School	Huntsville Auburn	David Ward Tommy Goff
<b>Arkansas</b>	Pine Bluff High School	Pine Bluff	R.B. Watson
<b>Arizona</b>	Camelback High School	Phoenix	William Sylvestre
<b>California</b>	El Cajon High School Santa Monica High School	El Cajon Santa Monica	Benton Minor James Hile
<b>Colorado</b>	Grand Junction High School	Grand Junction	Marion Jacob
<b>Florida</b>	Riverview High School Winter Park High School Leon High School Ft. Walton Beach High School	Sarasota Winter Park Tallahassee Ft. Walton Beach	Andrew Crew Jack Williams F. Lewis Jones Ernest Hebson
<b>Georgia</b>	Hardaway High School	Columbus	David Gregory
<b>Hawaii</b>	McKinley High School	Honolulu	Henry Miyamura
<b>Illinois</b>	Ottawa High School La Salle-Peru High School Wheeling High School John Hersey High School	Ottawa La Salle Wheeling Arlington	Ray Makeever Chris Izzo Jack Williamson Don Caneva
<b>Indiana</b>	Harrison High School	West Lafayette	Gladys Stone Wright
<b>Iowa</b>	Davenport Central High School	Davenport	F.E. Mortiboy
<b>Kentucky</b>	Holmes High School Paul Blazer High School	Covington Ashland	Jim Copenhaver J. Larry Moore
<b>Louisiana</b>	Ouchita Parish High School La Grange High School	Monroe Lake Charles	Jack White Perry B. Dennis
<b>Michigan</b>	East Detroit High School Huron High School Muskegon High School	East Detroit Ann Arbor Muskegon	Al Marco Ed Downing William Stewart Carl Bjerregaard
<b>Minnesota</b>	Plymouth High School Grand Ledge High School Thomas Jefferson High School	Plymouth Grand Ledge Bloomington	James Griffith Mike Kaufman Earl Benson
<b>Mississippi</b>	Meridian High School Philadelphia High School Starkville High School	Meridian Philadelphia Starkville	Tom Frascillo Victor Zajec Kelly Love
<b>New Mexico</b>	Clovis High School Las Cruces High School	Clovis Las Cruces	Norvill Howell Gregg Randall
<b>New York</b>	Ithaca High School Clarence High School Oswego High School	Ithaca Clarence Oswego	Frank Battisti Norbert Buskey Edward Lisk
<b>Ohio</b>	Parma High School Findlay High School Warren G. Harding High School	Parma Findlay Warren	Barbara Rankin Clifford Hite Robert Fleming
<b>Oklahoma</b>	Sapulpa High School	Sapulpa	George Brite
<b>Pennsylvania</b>	North Hills High School East Allegheny High School	Pittsburgh Pittsburgh	Warren Mercer John Thompson

<b>Tennessee</b>	Christian Brothers High School	Memphis	Ralph Hale
<b>Texas</b>	Alice High School	Alice	Bryce Taylor
	Lake Highlands High School	Dallas	Eddie Green
	Berkner High School	Richardson	Robert Floyd
	J.J. Pierce High School	Richardson	Richard Floyd
	Crockett High School	Austin	Paula Crider
	McAllen High School	McAllen	Luther Snavelly
	Richardson High School	Richardson	Joe Frank
			Scott Taylor
<b>Utah</b>	Permian High School	Odessa	J.R. McIntyre
	Davis High School	Raysville	Gregg Hanson
<b>Virginia</b>	Fort Hunt High School	Alexandria	Frank Wickes
	L.C. Norcom	Portsmouth	Emery Fears
<b>Wisconsin</b>	Mary D. Bradford High School	Kenosha	James O. Froseth
	Oshkosh High School	Oshkosh	James Croft
	Oconomowoc High School	Oconomowoc	A.J. Hoefler
	River Valley High School	Spring Green	Lewis Schmidt
	Marionette High School	Marionette	Paul Luhring
	Beloit School District	Beloit	Donald Cuthbert

1980-2007

**Sudler Flag of Honor Recipients**

<b>State</b>	<b>Name of Band</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Director(s)</b>
<b>Alabama</b>	Auburn High School	Auburn	Tommy Goff, 1987
<b>Colorado</b>	Wheatridge High School	Wheatridge	Larry Wallace, 1983
<b>Florida</b>	Buchholz High School	Gainesville	Paula Thornton, 2002
	Lakeland High School	Lakeland	John Carmichael, 1986
			Andrew Crew, 1993
<b>Georgia</b>	Leon High School	Tallahassee	Timothy Paul, 2000
	Hardaway High School	Columbus	William Pharris, 1984
	Harrison High School	Kennesaw	David Vanderwalker, 2006
	Lassiter High School	Marietta	Alfred Watkins, 1988
	Norcross High School	Norcross	William Pharris, 1996
	Parkview High School	Lilburn	Allen Beach, 2005
<b>Hawaii</b>	Pearl City High School	Pearl City	Michael Nakasone, 1991
<b>Illinois</b>	Glenbard East High School	Lombard	Ross Kellan, 1984
	Marion Catholic High School	Chicago Heights	Greg Bimm, 1991
<b>Indiana</b>	Valparaiso High School	Valparaiso	Robert Miller, 1985
<b>Iowa</b>	Mason City High School	Mason City	Gilbert Lettow, 1988
<b>Kentucky</b>	North Hardin High School	Radcliff	Charles Campbell, 2003
<b>Michigan</b>	Grand Ledge High School	Grand Ledge	Michael Kaufman, 1985
<b>Nebraska</b>	Papallon-La Vista High School	Papallon	Glen Koca, 1983
<b>Oklahoma</b>	Owasso High School	Owasso	David Gorham, 1997
	Westmoore High School	Oklahoma City	Allen Correll, 1997
<b>Pennsylvania</b>	North Hills High School	Pittsburgh	Warren Mercer, 1983
<b>So. Carolina</b>	Irmo High School	Columbia	Bruce Dinkins, 1999
	Sumter High School	Sumter	John Culvahouse, 1989
<b>So. Dakota</b>	Stevens High School	Rapid City	Milo Winter, 1985
<b>Tennessee</b>	Dobyns-Bennett High School	Kingsport	Lafe Cook, 2004
<b>Texas</b>	Alice High School	Alice	Bryce Taylor, 1983
	Bell High School	Hurst	Robert Winslow, 1983
	Berkner High School	Richardson	Robert Floyd, 1984
	Clear Lake High School	Houston	Richard Bass, 1985
	Clements High School	Sugar Land	Larry Matysiak, 1994
	Coronado High School	El Paso	Richard Lambrecht, 1989
	Cypress Falls High School	Houston	Frank Troyka, 2005
	Duncanville High School	Duncanville	Tom Shine, 1988
	Friendswood High School	Friendswood	Gregory Babbitt, 1998
	Georgetown High School	Georgetown	Robert Klett, 1983
	Jack C. Hays High School	Buda	Gerald Babbitt, 1998
	J.J. Pearce High School	Richardson	Tom Bennett, 1986
			Peter Warshaw, 2000
	Klein Forest High School	Houston	Paul J. Worosello, 1997
	Lake Highlands High School	Dallas	Malcolm Helm, 1987
			Marion West, 2002
	Langham Creek High School	Houston	Scott McAdow, 1997
	L.V. Berkner High School	Richardson	Michael Brashear, 2004
	Richardson High School	Richardson	Scott Taylor, 1983
	Robert E. Lee High School	Midland	Randy Storie, 1991
	Spring High School	Spring	Bill Watson, 1995

<b>Texas (cont.)</b>	The Colony High School The Woodlands High School Westfield High School Westlake High School	The Colony The Woodlands Houston Austin	Dick Clardy, 1994 Brett Johnson, 2003 Philip Geiger, 1994 Kerry Taylor, 1998
<b>Virginia</b>	George Marshall High School Herndon High School James Madison High School J. Robinson High School Lake Braddock High School McLean High School South Lakes High School Woodson High School	Fairfax Herndon Vienna Fairfax Burke McLean Reston Fairfax	Denton Stokes, 1993 Richard Bergman, 1990 Carl J. Bianchi, 1989 Gary Markham, 1992 Roy C. Holder, 1994 T. Kirchenbauer, 2000 Brad Draeger, 1985 John Casagrande, 1995
<b>Wisconsin</b>	Oconomowoc High School	Oconomowoc	A.F. Hoefler, 1984

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