

School Bands Adjudicator



David Suomi Marttinen

Over his forty-two years as an accomplished conductor and music educator in both Canada and the United States, David successfully instructed instrumental music programs in public and private schools, as well as adult community bands, orchestras and musical productions. His school Bands have achieved excellent to superior ratings at regional music festivals. After eleven years of teaching at Glenlyon Norfolk School, David retired in 2017, but continues to be a Diploma Music Examiner for the International Baccalaureate Program.

David studied the guitar, clarinet and piano prior to earning a degree in secondary instrumental music education at Western Washington University (1980) and a Conducting/Wind Ensemble Literature Diploma at the University of Calgary (1986). While at the New England Conservatory of Music, Boston, where he studied with Frank L. Battisti, which earned him a Master of Music degree in Wind Ensemble Conducting (1989), David competed as a finalist for Canada Council for the Arts in Conducting (1988). He served as Director of Music, Lieutenant (N) for H.M.C.S Discovery Naval Reserves, Vancouver (1991-1994), and had two tours as Associate Director of Music with the National Band of the Naval Reserves.