

Phi Beta Mu

Congratulations!



Phi Beta Mu, the International Bandmasters Fraternity, and its International Board of Directors awarded the 2011 Outstanding Contributor Award at The Midwest Clinic in Chicago this month to Al Sturchio.

Al Sturchio served as the Texas Bandmasters Association President in 1986, was named TBA Bandmaster of the Year in 2000, and received the TBA Lifetime Administrator Achievement Award in 2007. Al retired as TBA Executive Director in 2008. In June of 1986, he retired from teaching after 34 wonderful years of assisting students and teachers with their musical desires and abilities. As Executive Director of TBA, he had the opportunity to assist band directors in improving skills with the convention's educational offerings. Working with the Board of Directors in accomplishing the purpose and goals of TBA has given him the opportunity to work with the finest people in our band world. Al Sturchio has been a part of the San Antonio music culture for many years. His background includes conducting on tour with Johnny Carson and Jack Benny as well as trumpet playing and /or conducting for the following: Ringling Brothers Circus, Ice Capades, Stevie Wonder, James Brown, Kenny Rodgers, and Grand Ole Opry during the 1968 San Antonio World's Fair, Sonny and Cher and many, many more. However, as much as he has accomplished, one of his greater performance satisfactions has been playing for the San Antonio Spurs for more than ten years as the "Sound of the Spurs". Al is married to Janice Marty Sturchio. Together they brought three beautiful and talented children into the world of music and teaching.