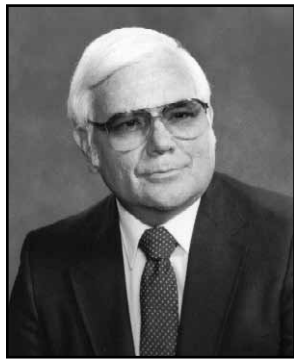


# Paying Homage to a Beloved Texas Band Director: The Eddie Galvan Consortium

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In February 2011 our profession said farewell to one of the most beloved musicians that music education in Texas and abroad has ever known. Mr. Eddie Galvan, former Roy Miller High School Band Director, former Corpus Christi Port Authority commissioner, and founding member of the Texas Jazz Festival, passed away surrounded by family and friends leaving behind a legacy that few have achieved.



Shortly after Eddie's passing a survey was taken regarding a

commission that would pay homage to his contributions to music education. The immediate response was overwhelmingly supportive. In fact, a naïve attempt was made to quickly organize such a consortium for a commissioned work to be premiered during the 2014 TMEA convention. Unfortunately, this zealous attempt was subdued by the shortness of consortium contributions. Admittedly, this exercise was introduced during a less than ideal time of the year for most music educators. This

subsequently led to a reorganization of the overall proposal with a more palatable participation fee and achievable consortium participation deadline. During the summer of 2013, Mr. Don Haynes, Director of Bands at LBJ High School and former Galvan student, became a co-commissioner along with Dr. Abel Saldivar Ramirez, conductor of the Del Mar College Wind Ensemble and Dr. Cynthia Bridges, chair of the Del Mar College Department of Music. It was decided that the Eddie Galvan Consortium is important enough to continue as the short term issues are worth the long term dividends.

For those who may not be completely familiar with Eddie Galvan's legacy, the following are highlights as printed by the *Corpus Christi Caller Times* in February 2011 of his professional and personal achievements.

## **Eddie Galvan (1927-2011)**

- Joined first band at age 13
- Performed big band and jazz with his brothers at the Galvan Ballroom
- Graduated from Corpus Christi High School in 1945
- Earned associate degree from Del Mar College in 1948
- Earned bachelor's and master's of music from Texas A&I University in 1952 and 1953, respectively
- Began teaching in the Premont school district in 1953
- Joined CCISD in 1956 and worked there through 1985
- Worked as associate professor of music at CCSU from 1985-91
- Served as dean of music at Vidal M. Treviño School of Communications & Fine Arts in Laredo from 1991-99
- One of the founders of the Texas Jazz Festival

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- Served as a Port of Corpus Christi commissioner for 21 years
- Served as president of the Texas Bandmasters Association
- Served on boards of the Buccaneer Commission, Mercantile National Bank, the Corpus Christi Arts Council and at Harbor Playhouse
- Served as vice president of the Texas Music Educators Association and Texas Jazz Festival Society
- Inducted into Texas Bandmasters Hall of Fame in 1992
- Miller High School's band hall was renamed "Eddie Galvan Music Center" in 2003
- Inducted into South Texas Music Walk of Fame along with his brother Bobby Galvan in 2004

### **2013-2014 EDDIE GALVAN CONSORTIUM INVITATION AND AGREEMENT FORM**

Co-commissioners Dr. Cynthia Bridges, Dr. Abel Saldivar Ramirez, and Mr. Don Haynes cordially invite everyone to participate in the consortium for the composition of an exciting new work for wind band celebrating the life of Mr. Eddie Galvan. All consortium participants are entitled to:

a) Score and parts before the music becomes available for purchase (does not apply for private and business donors)

b) Credit as one of the commissioning parties (school/family/business) name permanently printed in score

c) License to perform the work within a certain time period agreed upon by the composer and after the premiere, but in no event before premiere

The consortium buy-in levels are \$350 for public/private schools; \$1000 for colleges/universities; and the levels for personal or business donations are at your discretion.

***The deadline for submitting payment has been extended to May 31, 2014*** at which time the commissioning party will determine whether there are enough participants to warrant approaching a

composer to write this delightful new work. In the unfortunate event of limited interest then all funds collected will be returned to those who have paid the consortium fee.

The influence that Eddie Galvan had on many of us—especially those who teach in South Texas—is profound. We hope that you find this to be a worthy cause and choose to contribute to the consortium. For those wishing to participate in this consortium, please send your payment to the following:

Del Mar College Department of Music  
c/o Dr. Cindy Bridges  
101 Baldwin Boulevard  
Corpus Christi, Texas 78404-3897

For your records, copies of the consortium participation payment form and an official letter to participate can be accessed on the Del Mar College Department of Music Web Page at [www.delmar.edu/music](http://www.delmar.edu/music).

We can think of no better way other than music to help preserve the legacy of this wonderful man and hope that you agree!