

TBA Bandmaster of the Year 2019

Frank Troyka

Frank Troyka is the retired Director of Bands and Coordinator of Fine Arts at Berkner High School in Richardson. He began his college career at Western Michigan University under the baton of Eddie Green and completed his undergraduate degree at the University of Texas at Arlington where he studied conducting with Ray Lichtenwalter and clarinet with Carol Jessup. In the spring of 1984, he student taught under Brian Gibbs at Forest Meadow Junior High School (Richardson) and under Malcolm Helm at Lake Highlands High School, where he began his professional career. In 2009 he received his Master of Music degree from Sam Houston State University under Matthew McInturf.

A teacher for over 30 years, Frank came to Berkner in May of 2006 following seven years as Director of Bands at Cypress Falls High School in Houston where the Golden Eagle Band was presented the Sudler Flag of Honor. Ensembles under his direction have been selected to perform at the Music For All National Festival; the Percussive Arts Society International Convention; and at the Midwest Clinic on two occasions with the Cypress Falls Symphonic Band in 2004 and with the Berkner Symphonic Band in 2011. Also, Berkner High School Symphonic Band I was named Runner Up on two consecutive occasions in TMEA Honor Band competition.

Frank is an active clinician, presenting workshops and professional development sessions across Texas, throughout the United States, and at international destinations

including Canada, The Philippines, Singapore, China, Europe, and South Africa.

Mr. Troyka is a Senior Educational Clinician with Conn-Selmer, Inc.; the Director of Education for System Blue, the educational arm of the Blue Devils Drum and Bugle Corps; and for the Midwest Clinic, he is the coordinator of the Generation Next track and co-founder of the Day One track. He was honored as the 2002-2003 Teacher of the Year at Cypress Falls High School and, while at Berkner, was one of fifteen teachers in the state of Texas to receive the 2010 UIL Sponsor Excellence Award. In 2014, Frank was honored by the Texas Bandmasters Association as a recipient of the Meritorious Achievement Award. In 2015, the World Music Contest of Kerkrade, The Netherlands, named him to its International Board of Experts



and in March of 2016, he was inducted into the Bands of America Hall of Fame. In 2017, Frank joined the faculty of the Meadows School of the Arts at Southern Methodist University in Dallas as Adjunct Associate Professor of Music Education where he teaches both undergraduate and graduate level courses. He is also adjunct faculty at Sam Houston State University where he mentors student teachers.

In addition to TBA, Frank is a member of the Texas Music Educators Association and Phi Beta Mu International Bandmaster Fraternity.