

## **RICHARD SAUCEDO - BIOGRAPHY**

Richard Saucedo is currently Director of Bands, Emeritus after retiring from the William H. Duke Center for the Performing Arts at Carmel High School in Carmel, Indiana. During his 31 year tenure, Carmel bands received numerous state and national honors in the areas of concert band, jazz and marching band. The CHS Wind Symphony performed at the Bands of America National Concert Band Festival three times and was named the Indiana State Champion Concert Band in 2013. The group also performed at the 2005 Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic in Chicago. The Indiana Bandmasters Association named him Indiana's "Bandmaster of the Year" for 1998-99, and the Indiana Music Educators Association named him the Outstanding Music Educator in the state of Indiana for 2010. Mr. Saucedo was inducted into Music for All's Hall of Fame in March 2015.

He is a freelance arranger and composer, with concert band works performed all over the world by middle school and high school bands, as well as by college and university groups. His most recent work for orchestra, "Essay #1 for Orchestra," was premiered at the 2014 Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic. Mr Saucedo has received commissions from all parts of the United States and Japan, and in the near future will be releasing numerous works for university, high school and middle school bands and orchestras.

Mr Saucedo travels throughout the country as an adjudicator, clinician and guest conductor for concert band, jazz band, marching band and orchestra. He has been a featured clinician at the Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic in Chicago, the annual convention of the Texas Music Educators Association, and numerous other state MEA conventions. He has served as Music Caption Head for the Drum Corps Midwest Judges Guild and as a music judge for Drum Corps International (DCI) for many years. Mr. Saucedo also served as the brass composer/arranger for the Cavaliers Drum and Bugle Corps in Rosemont, Illinois from 2000-2008; the Cavaliers won the DCI World Championship five times during his tenure.

He is currently music coordinator as well as brass composer/arranger for the Blue Stars Drum and Bugle Corps in La Crosse, Wisconsin. He is an educational consultant for Music for All, as well as for Bands of America. He is a member of the Conn-Selmer Division of Education, and currently serves as assistant chief judge for Bands of America Marching Band Competitions.