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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Dynamic arranger, educator, adjudicator, and marching-arts designer with nearly three decades of experience. I specialize in crafting custom musical productions that elevate ensembles of all sizes while maintaining clarity, challenge, and competitive effectiveness. Known for collaborative design, clear communication, and a student-focused educational philosophy.

SKILLS & EXPERTISE

- Custom Show Design and/or Consulting
- Brass, Woodwind, Battery & Front Ensemble Arrangements and Compositions
- Student Leadership & Drum Major Development
- Ensemble Coordination & Communication
- Music Adjudication (Cavalcade, USBands, TOB/NJA)

RECENT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Winds Arranger — Quixotic Winds (Pomona, CA) | Sept 2025 – Present

- Design team member for a developing WGI-style indoor winds ensemble.
- Provide full musical arranging and original compositions.

Brass Caption Head & Music Arranger — Great American Drum & Bugle Corps (Philadelphia, PA) | June 2024 – Present

- Lead brass caption head for a project celebrating America's 250th anniversary.
- Brass arranger and music coordinator for parade and concert performances.

Battery Percussion Instructor — Big Spring High School (Newville, PA) | Aug 2025 – Present

- Battery instructor for the 2025 Cavalcade Liberty A Conference Champions.
- Expanding instructional duties for 2026.

Music Arranger/Composer & Show Consultant — West Perry HS | Jan 2024 – Present

- Arranger for brass, woodwinds, front ensemble, and battery.
- Advisor for pacing, clarity, and design effectiveness.

MARCHING ARTS BACKGROUND

Teaching since 1996 and writing since 1997, providing custom arrangements tailored to ensembles nationwide. Originally a saxophonist who transitioned to brass for drum corps; experienced writing effectively for all sections.

CLINICS & EDUCATION

- Drum major training, leadership clinics, and performance education throughout the Northeastern U.S.
- Former drum major in both high school and drum corps (ten total years).

ADJUDICATION EXPERIENCE

- Cavalcade of Bands Music Adjudicator (2020–Present)
- **USBands** Music Adjudicator (2024–Present)
- Tournament of Bands/NJA Music Adjudicator (2011–2019)

DRUM CORPS DESIGN & LEADERSHIP HISTORY

- Bushwackers Manager, Brass Caption Head, Staff Coordinator, Hall of Fame Inductee.
- Fusion Core Brass Arranger/Music Coordinator (2008); Show Coordinator (2016).
- Windsor Regiment Founding member; arranger/composer and caption head.
- Reilly Raiders Arranger (2008).
- Blue Saints Composer/arranger (2010 Danny Elfman-inspired production).

EDUCATION

- Charter Oak State College B.S. Organizational Leadership (2011–2015)
- West Chester University Music Theory & Composition (1995–1999)

MUSIC INTERESTS & AFFILIATIONS

- Performer, Carlisle Town Band (alto saxophone)
- Member, ASCAP
- Vocalist, Saint Patrick's Church Choir