

Band Adjudicator – Hugh Johnston

Hugh is an active conductor, adjudicator, and music educator in Kingston, Ontario. He is currently music director of The Kingston Youth Orchestra and The Kingston Community Strings.

As a music educator for over 30 years, and concert band conductor, Hugh directed ensembles in music festivals throughout North America and in prestigious concert halls such as Orchestra Hall Chicago, Carnegie Hall, The Music Center at Strathmore in Washington D.C., and Cadogan Hall in London (U.K.). He has guest conducted with the Nepean Concert Band in Ottawa and the Northdale Concert Band in Toronto and was formally principal conductor of The Brockville Concert Band.

As a trumpeter Hugh studied with James Spragg and Robert Oades. In addition to performing as a trumpet soloist and in concert and jazz ensembles, Hugh performed regularly with the Kingston Symphony from 1999 to 2013, and was a founding member of BrassWerks, a professional brass ensemble in Kingston.

Hugh studied music at Queen's University and conducting at the University of Calgary. He holds a Master's in Music Education from The University of London. While in London, Hugh studied with distinguished music educators, Keith Swanwick and Lucy Green, and a chapter of his dissertation on *The Conductor Educator* was published in the British Journal of Music Education.

During a distinguished career in music education, Hugh was honoured to receive a Juno Award in 2012 as Musiccounts Teacher of the Year.