

Bands Adjudicator – Mark Caswell

Mark spent a lifetime teaching music at Markham District High School, a healthy, vibrant program with numerous award-winning concert bands, choirs, jazz ensembles and chamber groups. At the end of his career at MDHS, Mark and his department were presented with the distinguished *YRDSB Teaching Award of Excellence*.

For the past two years, Mark has worked with Yamaha Music Canada as an Artist Educator through which he has facilitated dozens of workshops, clinics and rehearsals for schools across Ontario. He is now very excited to be part of the *True North Master Educator program*, to inspire young musicians across Canada. Mark is also an active adjudicator at festivals across Ontario and Alberta, including Musicfest Canada Nationals. As recognition for his years of leadership and volunteering, Mark was honoured to be presented with the *Canadian Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers by The Chancellery of Honours, Rideau Hall, Ottawa*.

Mark is the newly appointed Music Director for the Northdale Concert Band, an ensemble with a tradition of musical excellence. Mark is also the current Music Director for the Unionville Theatre Company, conducting their most recent productions of *Into the Woods*, *Joseph*, *Grease* and *Matilda the Musical*.

Mark is a founding member of the Ontario Band Association, serving on several committees as well as a term as President. Mark launched the Ontario Provincial Band Festival in 2001/2002 and continued to serve as the Festival Coordinator for 22 years and is now the Festival Coordinator for the new *Markham Winds Festival for Developing Bands*.