



Dr. Adam F. Brennan has been director of bands and professor of percussion studies at Mansfield University since 1995. The Mansfield University Music Department is recognized as one of the finest in the State of Pennsylvania and has an undergraduate enrollment of over 230 students and a graduate enrollment of over 30 master degree candidates. The university enrolls approximately 3300 students and offers over 70 academic degrees. Dr. Brennan is served as Chair of the Music Department from 2001-2007. In 2008 he returned to full-time teaching duties as the Director of Bands and continues to coordinate the graduate and undergraduate instrumental conducting program. He is also serving as the campus-wide Assessment Coordinator at MU. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in music education and a Master of Arts degree in theory and composition, with an emphasis in composition, from Western Illinois University. He earned his Doctor of Musical Arts degree in instrumental conducting from the University of Oklahoma where he studied with Dr. William K. Wakefield.

Dr. Brennan has recorded numerous compact discs with the Mansfield University Bands including *Strike Up the Bands!*, *This Could Be the Start of Something Big*, *Music From the Endless*

Mountains, *Tenebrae*, which features the world premiere of Dr. Brennan's composition for band entitled *Tenebrae (Dark Hours)*, *American Portraits*, *North Central Winds* and *Concord!*. Dr. Brennan can also be heard as a percussionist on *Twilight Offering Music* released by the University of Oklahoma Percussion Ensembles, and as a conductor on Western Illinois University's *Fantasy Variations*. His compositions and recordings can be found on www.allthingsbands.com.

Dr. Brennan's responsibilities include administrating the band program, coordinating the instrumental conducting graduate program and conducting the Concert Wind Ensemble, the school's top wind and percussion ensemble. Dr. Brennan also directs the Marching Band, *The Spirit and The Pride of Pennsylvania!* where he writes all musical arrangements and coordinates the staff. In addition to these ensembles, he teaches courses in percussion techniques and instrumental conducting to both undergraduate and graduate students. Dr. Brennan has also served as the percussion ensemble arranger and pit ensemble consultant for the World Champion Empire Statesmen Drum and Bugle Corps and was caption head of the DCI Class-A 60 Champion Northmen Drum and Bugle Corps. He is the Musical Director of America's Ensembles and is the artistic director and arranger of the International Marine Tattoo of Rochester, New York. He is twice a past president of the Pennsylvania Collegiate Bandmaster's Association and has been involved in ten world premieres at Mansfield University, has received numerous invitations to state conventions to present papers, clinics and performing ensembles, and is actively involved in commissioning projects both locally and regionally.

From 1989-1995, Dr. Brennan was Associate Director of Bands and Percussion at Western Illinois University. Prior to this, he served as Director of Bands at Kankakee Valley High School in Wheatfield, IN. An active composer and clinician with over 100 arrangements and compositions and over 150 guest conducting and clinical engagements, Dr. Brennan travels extensively serving as guest conductor and clinician at festivals and conventions. In November of 2005 Dr. Brennan was awarded *The Silver Baton* from Kappa Kappa Psi for having maintained a record of excellence and continuous quality of service to bands band members, and instrumental music education. In April of 2003, Dr. Brennan received Mansfield University's *Bertram Francis Award* from Kappa Kappa Psi for outstanding contributions to the MU Band program. In October of 2002 he was honored by Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia with the *Orpheus Award* for significant and lasting contributions to the cause of music in America and he was recently elected for membership in the prestigious American Bandmaster's Association.

Dr. Brennan's professional memberships include the College Band Director's National Association, the Music Educator's National Conference and the Pennsylvania Music Educator's Association, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia National Music Fraternity, Tau Beta Sigma and Kappa Kappa Psi Band Fraternities (honorary member), and the Autism Society of America. An advocate for autistic children, Dr. Brennan and his wife Katherine are actively engaged in promoting autism awareness and educational rights for special needs children and serve on the Board of Directors for the Tioga County Autism Coalition (TASC). Dr. Brennan resides in Wellsboro, Pennsylvania with his wife Katie, and three children, Max, Ian and Maggie.