

William D. Revelli

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When the history of instrumental music education of the Twentieth Century is written, the name, William Revelli, will be everywhere and inescapable. At the time of his death in 1994, at the age of 92, he was regarded as one of the great music educators and band conductors of the century. During his long career, he had received every honor and accolade imaginable. Revelli's years at Hobart High School are legendary. Under his direction, the band was named champion at the prestigious National Band Contest in 1930-31 and 1933-34. When the job of director of bands became open at the University of Michigan, he was encouraged to apply. He accepted the position at the University of Michigan in 1934. Revelli remained at Michigan for 37 years, until his retirement. Revelli was a Founder and Honorary Life President of the College Band Directors National Association. He was Past President of the National Band Association and the American Bandmasters Association. Additionally, he was an Honorary Life Member of the American Bandmasters Association.