

Bruce Dinkins

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Bowie HS

Texas

Bruce Dinkins. An educator for more than 30 years, Dinkins was recognized for leading his ensembles to national acclaim. He produced groups that have been heard at the Southern Division Music Educators National Conference, the Southern Regional College Band Directors Association/National Band Association Conference, the Bands of America National Concert Band Festivals in Chicago and Indianapolis, and invitational music festivals at the University of Florida, the University of Kentucky, the University of Southern Mississippi, the University of South Carolina, and the University of South Florida. In 2000, his band performed at the Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic and he has the distinction of being the only four-time recipient of the Honor Band Award at the National Adjudicators Invitational Festivals. The Bowie Band performed at the 2008 American Bandmasters Association Convention at Texas A&M University. The Irmo band performed at the South Carolina Band Director's Association. He has earned Sudler Shields and Sudler Flags from the John Philip Sousa Foundation and conducted numerous All-State Bands.

Dinkins earned degrees at the University of Tampa, and the New England Conservatory, with additional studies at the Juilliard School, Florida State University where he was a Graduate Assistant in clarinet performance, and Harvard University. Before joining the faculty at James Bowie High School in Austin, Texas (consistent top 10 rankings at State marching festival and Division I awards for concert band), he was a member of faculties at Irmo High School in South Carolina (5A State Marching Band Champions 7 years, and consistent Superior ratings for concert band), North Gwinnett High School, Avondale Center for the Performing Arts, Georgia State University, and Emory University, all in Georgia, and Florida Junior College in Jacksonville.

He played the clarinet for numerous regional orchestras including the Atlanta Chamber Orchestra, the Macon Symphony Orchestra, the Jacksonville Symphony, and the Florida Orchestra as a clarinetist. His principal teachers were Stanley Drucker, Anthony Gigliotti, Peter Hadcock, and Leon Russianoff.

His orchestra conducting experience includes having been the Conductor and Music Director of the Memphis Youth Symphony, the South Carolina Youth Philharmonic, and 28 years as Conductor-In-Residence of the Sewanee Summer Music Festival in Sewanee, Tennessee at The University of the South.

He was a member of Phi Beta Mu, the American Bandmasters Association, and Pi Kappa Lambda National Music Honor Society.