

# Professional Bio

- Ph.D., Music Education, University of Colorado
- M.M.E., Music Education, University of Colorado
- B.M.E., Music Education, University of Colorado

Ed Cannava, Director of Bands at Regis University, was a public school music educator for 32 years, culminating with his 22 year tenure as director of bands at Arapahoe High School in Centennial, Colorado. He received his music education degrees from the University of Colorado.

Cannava has had ensembles perform in many invitational performances over his career including: numerous feature performances by his junior and senior high concert, jazz and chamber ensembles at the Colorado Music Educators Association Clinic/Conferences; the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade; two Carnegie Hall Concerts; the American School Band Directors Association National Convention; the New Year's Eve Vienna, Austria Parade; and the London New Year's Day Parade.

Under Dr. Cannava's direction, Arapahoe High School was twice recognized as a Grammy Signature School. He received an NBA Citation of Excellence Award, a Phi Beta Mu - Colorado Outstanding Band Director of the Year Award, and was inducted into the Colorado Music Educators Association Hall of Fame in 2017, along with an induction into the Colorado Bandmasters Association Hall of Fame in 2019. Cannava is active as a guest clinician, conductor, adjudicator and consultant in Colorado, California, Washington, Nevada, Utah, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Tennessee.

# Additional Bio

Cannava served as the American School Band Directors Association (ASBDA) national president, and was on the executive board for five years.

Cannava is the director of the Denver Jazz Club Youth All-Stars, who have performed in New Orleans and New York City, at the Sacramento Jazz Festival, the Montreux, Switzerland Jazz Festival, the Kongsberg, Norway Jazz Festival, the Montreux Meets Brienz Jazz Festival, the Assisi, Italy Music Festival, the Milan Expo in Citta Festival, and the Umbria, Italy Jazz Festival.

From 2010 through 2014, he was an instrumental music education instructor at the Metropolitan State University of Denver. The University of Colorado, University of Northern Colorado, and VanderCook College of Music have had Cannava as a guest presenter for their music education classes. In addition, he has served on the faculty of the Conn-Selmer Institute at Notre Dame University.

Since 1983 Cannava has written numerous articles for *Bandworld*, *The Instrumentalist*, the *Jazz Educators Journal*, and *School Band and Orchestra Magazine*. He is a proud member of Phi Beta Mu, ASBDA, CBA, CMEA, NBA, JEN, and NAFME.

Cannava has been the executive secretary for the Colorado Bandmasters Association since 2012. He has been the Colorado Friendship Cup Marching Band Festival Series Chief Judge since 2011. Cannava resides in Centennial with his wife, Pat, a retired 2nd grade elementary teacher. He has two daughters who are both teachers; Angela, a high school science teacher in Denver, and Tricia, an elementary music teacher in Everett, Washington.

## Creative & Professional Work

### CONDUCTOR/DIRECTOR: CONCERT BAND & JAZZ ENSEMBLES

#### **2014-Present**

- Regis University Jazz Ensembles. Eleven concerts in Claver Hall (2014-19); Performance at Meet Regis Day (2015); Live concert on KUVU-FM jazz radio show (2015); a feature concert at the Colorado Music Educators Association Clinic/Conference at the Broadmoor Hotel Ballroom (2016); and a Regis University Walker's Pub Concert (2020).
- Guest Concert Band Conductor for the Aurora Public Schools Honor Band (2016), the New Mexico State University High School Honor Band (2016), the Jefferson County School District Honor Middle School Band (2018), and the Lower Platte League High School Honor Band (2019).
- Regis University Concert Band. Five concerts in Claver Hall (2017-19).

#### **2012-14**

- Metropolitan State University of Denver Symphonic Band. Five performances at the King Center, Auraria Campus in Denver (2012 & 14)

## **2010-Present**

- Denver Jazz Club Youth All-Stars. Yearly performances at the Summit (Aurora, CO), Evergreen (CO), and Sacramento Jazz Festivals. Performance tours to New Orleans (2012 & 15) and New York City (2014 & 18). Performances at the Montreaux (Switzerland) International Jazz Festival (2011, 13, 15, 17 & 19), Montreux Meets Brienz Jazz Festival (2011, 15 & 17), Kongsberg (Norway) Jazz Festival (2019), Assisi (Italy) Music Festival (2013 & 17), Milan Expo in Citta Festival (2015), and the Umbria (Perugia, Italy) Jazz Festival (2013). Featured concert performances at the Colorado Music Educators Conference (CMEA), Grand Ballroom, Broadmoor Hotel, Colorado Springs (2013 & 19). Cameo performances at CMEA in the Colorado Hall and International Center, Broadmoor Hotel, Colorado Springs (2014).
- Evergreen Jazz Festival Education Clinic Co-Director

## **1987-2009**

- Arapahoe High School Band. Eight appearances by the Arapahoe HS Dry Creek Dixie Dawgs at the Sacramento Jazz Jubilee (2001-09); the 2009 London Central Westminster Hall - International Choral Festival Finale Concert - Arapahoe HS Wind Symphony; the 2009 London New Year's Day Parade; seven feature performances by concert, jazz, marching and chamber ensembles at the Colorado Music Educators Association Clinic/Conferences (1983 - 2008); two Carnegie Hall Concerts (Arapahoe Wind Ensemble (1998) and Arapahoe Wind Symphony (2005); the 2006 American School Band Directors Association National Convention - Arapahoe Wind Ensemble; the 2006 New Year's Eve Vienna, Austria Parade; the 2005 regionally televised New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade; the 1998 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade; NBC's "Today Show" (Marching Band - 1998); and the 1997 nationally televised Disney World Easter Parade.

## **1986-1987**

- Teens of Dixie. Performances at the Montreux International Jazz Festival (1987) and the Sacramento Jazz Jubilee (1986 & 87).

## **1978-1987**

- Euclid Junior High School Band. Two feature performances by concert and jazz bands at the Colorado Music Educators Association Clinic/Conferences (1983-84)

## PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS HELD

- 2012 – Present** Executive Secretary, Colorado Bandmasters Association  
**2010 – 11** Education Committee Chair, Evergreen Jazz Festival Board  
**2009 – 16** Bylaws Committee Chair, American School Band Directors Association  
**2009 – Present** Board Member, Denver Jazz Club  
**2009 – Present** Concert, Marching, Jazz and Chamber Ensemble Adjudicator (Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, Nevada, Washington, Oklahoma, and Tennessee)  
**2007 – 09** Past-President, American School Band Directors Association  
**2006 – 07** President, American School Band Directors Association  
**2005 – 06** President-Elect, American School Band Directors Association  
**2003 – 05** Secretary, American School Band Directors Association  
**2002 – 09** Metro Denver 2A-5A Marching Band Qualifying Site Host, Colorado Bandmasters Association  
**2000 – 05** State Chair, ASBDA Colorado  
**2003 – 09** Marching Band Qualifying Sites Liaison, Colorado Bandmasters Association  
**1999 – 2000** Metro Denver Representative, Colorado Bandmasters Association  
**1998 – 2000** District One Representative, Colorado Music Educators Association

## MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- American School Band Directors Association (ASBDA)
- Colorado Bandmasters Association (CBA)
- Colorado Music Educators Association (CMEA)
- Jazz Educators Network (JEN)
- National Association for Music Educators (NAfME)
- National Band Association (NBA)
- Phi Beta Mu (PBM)

## Research & Scholarship

### PUBLISHED WORK

- Performance: Small Ensembles – School Band and Orchestra – (12/04)  
A Great Final Exam – Bandworld (7/03)  
Student Leadership – Bandworld (4/03)  
A Philosophy of Music Education – Bandworld (7/01)

The Band Letter – Bandworld (2/00)  
Professionally Guided Instrument Selection as a Factor of Beginning Band Retention – Published Dissertation (1994)  
Looking Back on Budget Cuts – The Instrumentalist (10/93)  
Lessons Learned Along the Way – The Instrumentalist (9/90)  
Matching Students and Instruments – The Instrumentalist (1/90)  
Look at Me – The Instrumentalist (10/89)  
Buying Music on Approval – The Instrumentalist (8/89)  
Excuses, Excuses – The Instrumentalist (4/89)  
Let's Make a Deal – The Instrumentalist (7/88)  
Create a Band Handbook that Works – The Instrumentalist (9/86)

### PRESENTATIONS, CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Colorado Music Educators Association Clinic/Conference - Intonation Checks - The Secret to a Well Tuned Band (2018)  
Colorado Music Educators Association Clinic/Conference - A Balanced Band Curriculum (2012)  
University of Northern Colorado Guest Lecturer - Marching Band Techniques (2008, 10, 11 & 12)  
Conn-Selmer Institute Guest Lecturer - Student Leadership; Balanced Band Program (2008)  
University of Colorado Guest Lecturer - Balanced Band Program; Marching Band Techniques (2005-08)  
MENC National Biennial In-Service Conference Research Poster Session - Professionally Guided Instrument Selection as a Factor of Beginning Band Retention (1996)  
Colorado Music Educators Association Clinic/Conference Research Session - Professionally Guided Instrument Selection as a Factor of Beginning Band Retention (1995)  
Vandercook College Summer Music Education Seminar Guest Lecturer - The Band Dropout Dilemma (1988)

## Community Involvement & Service

### 1998-Present

- Education Committee Chair, Evergreen Jazz Festival Board (2010-11)
- Bylaws Committee Chair, American School Band Directors Association (2009-16)
- Board Member, Denver Jazz Club (2009-Present)
- Past-President, American School Band Directors Association (2007-09)
- President, American School Band Directors Association (2006-07)

- President-Elect, American School Band Directors Association (2005-06)
- Secretary, American School Band Directors Association (2003-05)
- Metro Denver 2A-5A Marching Band Qualifying Site Host, Colorado Bandmasters Association (2002-09)
- State Chair, ASBDA Colorado (2000-05)
- Marching Band Qualifying Sites Liaison, Colorado Bandmasters Association (2003-09)
- Metro Denver Representative, Colorado Bandmasters Association (1999-2000)
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