## HAIL OF FAME



## **RON TURNER**

Ron Turner is a graduate of Memphis State University and retired in 2013 after a 36 year career teaching band in and around the Memphis area. His teaching career included directing the band programs of Frayser High School, Briarcrest Junior and High School, Collierville Middle and High School, Ridgeway Middle and High School, Craigmont Middle School, and Schilling Farms Middle School in Collierville, TN. His bands have performed in Florida, Illinois, Georgia, Oklahoma, Texas, Missouri, Mississippi, and Kentucky and consistently received "superior" ratings at local and national festivals for the past 20 years. He was the co-conductor, with his wife Paula, of the Bartlett Community Concert Band for almost 10 years and has been a clinician, judge, and guest conductor in Tennessee, Kentucky, Missouri, Arkansas, and Mississippi. He was a member and past officer of West Tennessee School Band and Orchestra Association (WTSBOA), for whom he chaired numerous events including All West Tennessee Band and Orchestra Auditions, West Tennessee Concert Band Festival, and Tennessee All-State Jazz Ensemble. He was also a member of National Association for Music Educators, Phi Mu Alpha, a professional music fraternity, and Phi Beta Mu, honorary band director's fraternity.

## **BETTY EUBANK**

Betty Eubank, recipient of a Lifetime Achievement award from the West Tennessee School Band and Orchestra Association, proudly affirms her heritage as a life-long Memphian. A graduate of Kingsbury High School, Betty grew up playing the piano, violin, and viola. The viola eventually became her primary instrument. Relatives on both sides were "fiddlers," and she followed their lead but with classical training.

Betty received a Bachelor of Music Education from the University of Memphis and a Master of Music Education from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. She served in Memphis City Schools as a String Music Specialist for grades 4-12 from 1977-2011.

Betty is herself recognized as an accomplished music professional. Her expertise spans both teaching and performing. Her career as a music educator included string instructor in the string preparatory programs at the University of Memphis and the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point; and string instructor at Bellevue, Leawood, and Germantown Baptist churches.

Betty is listed in Who's Who Among American Teachers, a significant professional honor and national recognition. She spent many summers in Bennington, Vermont, at the Chamber Music Conference and Composers' Forum of the East. For several years, she was the string orchestra conductor at the Jackson (TN) Symphony Orchestra summer youth music camp: an instructor at the Rhodes College Chamber Music Camp: and guest conductor with the Southeast Missouri High School Honors Orchestra and the Quad-State Orchestra Festival at Murray State University.

A career high point was conducting her school orchestra in a national festival at the acclaimed Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center in Dallas, a hall recognized as one of the world's top performance centers.

Betty has the gift of passing on her love of music to her students. She enjoyed her one-on-one interactions with college students as a supervising teacher and mentor for student teachers from the University of Memphis and the University of Mississippi.

"A number of my former students and those I mentored are now orchestra directors with Shelby County Schools and in other states," Betty says. Her current professional memberships include the American String Teachers Association and Sigma Alpha lota Professional Music Fraternity for Women. She also has been a member of WTSBOA, Music Educators National Conference, National School Orchestra Association and Tennessee Music Educators Association. She served on the board of directors of the Memphis Youth Symphony Orchestra, Concerts International, and the Jackson (TN) Symphony Orchestra.

Betty is known in regional orchestras as a gifted musician and ensemble member. She plays viola with the Germantown Symphony Orchestra and is a free-lance musician in the greater Memphis area.

Since retiring after 34 years of service with MCS, Betty has continued her private instruction but expanded her volunteer work. She teaches violin and viola at Bartlett Music Academy. She volunteers as a reading tutor at Berclair Elementary School and serves as class administrator for Renew Bible study at Second Presbyterian Church. Betty has participated in two mission trips to Varanasi, India, and looks forward to more travel and much music making in the future.



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## DARYLE "SAMMY" VINSON

Daryle Vinson retired from Memphis City Schools in 1996 after 30 years as band director at Cromwell Junior High, Wooddale High, Messick High, and Wooddale Middle School. Mr. Vinson held both a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Music Education from Memphis State University (The University of Memphis).

Mr. Vinson was past Secretary/Treasurer for WTSBOA and chairman for countless district concert festivals and all-district honor bands. During his teaching career, he hosted concerts by the "President's Own" Marine Band and the U.S. Navy Band from Washington D.C. His professional affiliations included MENC, TMEA, WTSBOA, National Band Association (NBA), the American School Band Directors Association (ASBDA), and the AFM.

Mr. Vinson was a professional trombonist for 45 years. His love of music and teaching inspired students to continue music long after leaving his classroom.

