



John M. Parshall

Born on August 17, 1939, John M. Parshall is a graduate of Richmond (IN) High School. After starting as a trumpet player he later switched to French horn which he played in high school and at Indiana State, where he earned his B.S. in 1961 and M.S. in 1962.

Mr. Parshall began his teaching career in 1962-63 at Knox High School in an assistant position that included band and choir. From there he returned to his high school alma mater from 1963-1976. While at Richmond (in a challenging position that included traveling weekly to 4 or 5 elementary schools for band and strings!) his high school bands earned high praise: constant top ten placing at the Indiana State Fair and champion in 1973; Rose Parade in 1974; constant Division I ratings with the concert band; and numerous appearances at pro football and baseball games.

From 1977-1997 Mr. Parshall was Director of Bands at Anderson Highland where brought the band back into field show competition in 1978. The Highlanders were consistent state finalists and one of Indiana's most identifiable bands with their kilts and bagpipes. The band attended 3 Orange Bowl Parades and the Fiesta Parade and Field Show contest and was also the 'featured band' at the Smokey Mountain Scottish Games. His concert bands again earned constant First Division ratings.

John Parshall's career also included stints at National Trail High School (OH) and then Pendleton High School after ten years of retirement. In retirement he also served as Student Teacher Supervisor for Anderson University. He has served the music profession as President of IBA, President of Phi Beta Mu, President of Phi Delta Kappa (Anderson Univ.), member of the Board of Directors of the NBA, and was recruited as President of the Board of Directors of the Anderson/Noblesville Symphony Orchestra.

Awards under by Mr. Parshall include Phi Beta Mu Outstanding Bandmaster in 1988 and induction into the Hall of Fame in 2003; recognition from Ball State University for work with Student Teachers in 1989; Indiana Music Educators Association-Outstanding High School Music Educator of the Year 1990-91; ISU School of Music Music Alumni Achievement Award in 2001.

Highlights of his career include the Rose Bowl Parade and Severinson TV Show; 8 Cincinnati Bengals halftime shows, and playing the National Anthem accompanying Mel Torme at the World Series 7th game (Cincinnati-Oakland) along with numerous other special appearances nationally and at Purdue, Indiana State, Ball State, Butler, Earlham, and Anderson Universities.

In retirement John and his wife Rhea live in Anderson where they enjoy playing golf and continue with music in their church, in addition Rhea plays in a bell trio and John directs the Lapel Community Band.