



## G. KEITH RUDOLPH

Keith Rudolph was born February 22, 1948 in Boonville, IN. As a student he learned to play trombone, tuba and string bass as a member of the school bands. He and his brother Steven, now a jazz pianist in Harrisburg, PA, were very active in local music events. After graduating from Boonville HS in 1966 he attended Butler University where he received a B.S. in Music Education in 1970, earning the J.B. Vandaworker award as the outstanding band student in his class. While an undergraduate he was President of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia and Vice-President of Kappa Kappa Psi. Upon graduation he was named Graduate Assistant for the Butler Bands and assisted with the symphonic and marching bands while directing the jazz ensemble. In 1971 he accepted a position as Assistant Director and Arranger for the University of South Carolina Bands. Following a successful year as an arranger, he returned to Butler to complete his M.M. in Music Education in 1973.

In 1973 Rudolph accepted a position as Director of Bands at Penn High School in Mishawaka, IN. From 1973-1983 he directed the Penn HS bands and the Schmucker Middle School 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> grade band. In 1984 he was named Instrumental Music Coordinator for the PHM Schools and Director of Bands at Penn HS. One of his first achievements as coordinator was the initiation of a string program in PHM.

During his tenure at Penn High School his bands received consistent First Division and Gold ratings. Under Rudolph's direction, the band program at Penn High School has grown from two concert bands with 80 students in 1973 to five concert bands numbering over 300 students today. All five concert bands regularly earn Gold ratings at ISSMA events and on several occasions the top three bands all earned Gold ratings in Group I. The Symphonic Winds performed at the prestigious Midwest Clinic in 2008 and have been a frequent state finalist with a runner-up finish in 2009 and numerous top 5 placings. The concert bands are the heart of a program that also features outstanding marching and jazz bands: Penn Marching Bands have been featured in the Tournament of Roses Parade, Orange Parade, Fiesta Parade, Philadelphia Thanksgiving Parade and Gator Bowl Parade. The Marching Kingsmen Band has been a state finalist on numerous occasions with 5<sup>th</sup> place finishes in 2007 and 2008. From 1973-2000 Mr. Rudolph also directed the Jazz Ensemble which earned numerous Honor Band and soloist Awards. From 1982-1994 Rudolph hosted "Jazz at Penn." The popular invitational was headlined by the Northern Illinois University Jazz Band directed by Ron Modell. Jazz Ensembles under Rudolph's direction have appeared nationally at events including the American Association of School Administrator's convention in San Francisco and the Central Pennsylvania Friends of Jazz Festival in Harrisburg, PA.

Rudolph is a member and Past President of Gamma Chapter, Phi Beta Mu National Bandmaster's Fraternity, and a member Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, Kappa Kappa Psi, Music Educator's National Conference, IMEA, and the Indiana Bandmaster's Association. Recognitions include selection as the 2003 Indiana Outstanding Bandmaster and induction into the Hall of Fame in 2012. Mr. Rudolph has been active in ISSMA since its inception and has served as president on two occasions. He was also president of NISBOVA shortly before the merger that created ISSMA. Rudolph is well known as an adjudicator and clinician for many ISSMA, IMEA, and other regional and national contests and events. In April 2009 *the Instrumentalist* band directors magazine highlighted Mr. Rudolph and the Penn Bands in a feature story.

Keith is married to Julia Carr. In retirement they share many hobbies including travel, golf, home projects and time with friends and family. They share five grown children, Gary (Mary Beth) of Indianapolis, Daniel of Phoenix, AZ, Kasey of Denver, Colorado, Nichole (Todd) of Michigan City, and Natalie (Tim) of Noblesville. They currently have four wonderful grandchildren! Keith and Julie are members of Clay United Methodist Church in South Bend.