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## Bio

**Todd Zimbelman** is the Director of Bands and Co-Director of the Symphony Orchestra at West Salem High School in the Salem-Keizer School District (OR). Prior to his current appointment, Mr. Zimbelman has held Director of Bands and Associate Director of Bands positions at the high school and college levels in Oregon and Texas. He holds bachelor and master of music degrees from the University of Oregon. While at the University of Oregon, he received the Centurion Award for outstanding service to the university and the Outstanding Music Education Graduate Student Award from the School of Music. He has studied conducting with David Booth, Robert Ponto, Wayne Bennett as well as attending conducting symposiums with Allan McMurray, Frank Ticheli, Gary Hill, and H. Robert Reynolds. While at Southridge High School, he was selected as a Nike Teacher Leader and served on the district Fine Arts Cadre. Mr. Zimbelman has received awards for Most Enthusiastic and Most Outstanding Teacher.

Wind Ensembles, Jazz Ensembles, and Marching Bands under his direction have received many accolades. Marching bands have received over fifty championships, hundreds of caption awards, and have performed on national television for millions of viewers. Jazz ensembles have consistently placed among the top in their division at local, regional, and international jazz festivals, including 1<sup>st</sup> place at the University of Portland Jazz Festival in 2009. Wind ensembles consistently receive superior ratings, qualify for the OSAA 6A State Band Contest every year, placing top three consistently, and most recently placed 1<sup>st</sup> in 2009. They have attended national and international festivals receiving gold and superior ratings as well as performing at the Oregon Music Educators State Conference. Students under his direction are regularly selected for All-State and All-Northwest honor bands as well as the OSAA state solo contest.

Mr. Zimbelman is active as an arranger, composer, and clinician for several programs in the United States. His arrangements and compositions have been performed at regional, national, and international festivals and competitions. He adjudicates for several circuits and organizations regionally and internationally including BOA, CBMA, DCI, FFCC, IHSCGC, NTCA, NWAPA, OBDA, SFWGA, TCGC, and RMCGA.

He is currently a member of the College Band Directors National Association, Music Educators National Conference, National Band Association, Oregon Music Educators Association, and has held positions as state chair for CBDNA and president for NWMBC (now NWAPA). Mr. Zimbelman resides in Beaverton, OR with his wife Trina and daughters McKenzie and Elizabeth.