

# Edwin Masters

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## Objective

**Experienced, dedicated, community-oriented, state certified educator with master's degree seeks Director of Music position in a secondary school program.**

## Educator Profile

- Member of the Strategic Planning and Development Team, which founded the Kalamazoo Performing Arts High School.
- Successful five-year career as administrator and educator.
- Appointed to direct two ensembles and serve as adjudicator of the All-State Band & Choir competitions in the states of Michigan and Ohio.
- Directed a small jazz ensemble and vocal jazz groups, which placed first at the Berklee High School Jazz Festival.
- Selected by the International Association of Jazz Educators to have two student ensembles perform at their annual conference.

## Teaching Experience

**Kalamazoo Performing Arts High School, Kalamazoo, MI**

Director of Bands & Choirs

Sept. 1997 -

present

- Contributor, developer, and designer of the school's music curriculum since its inception five years ago.
- Director of the large jazz ensemble, contemporary vocal ensembles, private lesson woodwind instructor, and teacher of music theory and humanities courses.
- Developed a program to improve the performance of students with lesser music abilities, yet challenge even the most advanced high school students.
- Introduced music technology into the classroom with two MIDI workstations. Includes software for sequencing/programming, composition, notation, and recording.
- Chair of the Music Committee, which ensures the development and implementation of challenging lesson plans for students as they practice and improve on their instrument throughout the year.
- Utilize unique and effective rehearsal techniques such that in difficult passages I demonstrate parts on various instruments. This enables students to learn more quickly and apply immediately what they have learned both aurally and visually.
- Author of the school's motto: "Making Music a Part of Our Lives Forever"

## Education

**Crumbly College, Toledo, OH**

May 2000

Masters of Music Education degree.

**Berklee College of Music, Boston, MA**

May 1997

Bachelors of Music Degree: Music Education major.

## Related Experience

- **Director of the Community Band** – Weekly evening rehearsals and performances at the area's community events and periodically at the city's high school football games.
- **Conductor** in local and regional theater groups.
- **Performer** in various local jazz groups.