



Dan Geldert

**Director, Minnetonka
Concert Band**

Dan Geldert earned music education degrees from Augsburg College and the University of Colorado and was Director of Bands at Minnetonka High School from 1962 to 1997. His toured throughout the US, and twice participated in US Army Band rehearsals—the first high school group to be extended that honor. Geldert's bands also performed in Innsbruck and Salzburg, Austria.

Under Geldert's direction, the Minnetonka bands and jazz ensembles performed with Doc Severinsen and Woody Herman, along with classical artists Henry Charles Smith and Eugene Rousseau. Many band alumni are now professional musicians here and around the world.

In addition to band activities, Geldert was choir director at Minnetonka Lutheran Church from 1967 to 1989, director of the Minnetonka Choral Society from 1966 to 1968, interim band director at Augsburg College from 1971 to 1972, and director of the St. Louis Park Community Band from 2000 to 2002. He was the recipient of the Augsburg College Outstanding Music Graduate Award in 1987 and was named Minnesota Jazz Educator of the Year in 1991 by the International Association of Jazz Educators.

Geldert became director of the Minnetonka Concert Band in 2003.