



M.L. Daniels

M. L. Daniels was born in Cleburne, Texas. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Abilene Christian University after serving three years in a U.S. Air Force band, and completed his doctorate at the University of North Texas, where he studied composition with Samuel Adler. He served on the music faculty at Abilene Christian University for over 30 years, where he served as assistant band director and taught music theory, orchestration, counterpoint, analysis, and composition. There he also served as chairman of the music department for 15 years. Since he began his early retirement in, he has spent much of his time writing music and judging school bands and orchestras. He has won the National School Orchestra Association's composition contest five times, and has won the Texas Orchestra Directors Association contest one time, which is the maximum allowed. He has over 100 published compositions. In addition, he has works published for brass ensemble, solo wind instrument and piano, solo voice and piano, SATB, SSA, and TTB choir, full orchestra, string orchestra, band, hymns, and string quartet. Currently he has numerous compositions on the Texas UIL Prescribed Music List. He remains extremely active as a composer and as an adjudicator throughout the Southwest.