



Jim Colonna

Dr. Jim Colonna received his Doctorate of Musical Arts degree from Michigan State University in 2007 where he studied conducting with John Whitwell, John T. Madden and Kevin Sedatole. He is the Director of Instrumental Music at York College of Pennsylvania. He served as the director of bands at Utah Valley University, director of concert bands at the University of Wisconsin- Eau Claire, Indiana/Purdue University and Laramie County Community College. Prior to joining the faculty at LCCC, he was a conducting graduate assistant at the University of North Texas where he earned his master of music performance degree in wind conducting with Eugene Corporon.

For the last 20 years Colonna has been a frequent guest conductor throughout the United States where he has premiered many of his own compositions. As a conductor, Colonna has been praised by many composers for his meticulous attention to their work. In 1994 Jim released a CD with the LCCC Wind Symphony and Jazz Band, *Wind Dancer*. Norman Dello Joio, and Sammy Nestico have granted critical acclaim for this release of their music. "The Wind Symphony's performance of my variants will be placed among those of the very fine," stated Norman Dello Joio. "We can help change the world one note at a time," said Sammy Nestico.

As a trumpet performer, he has performed with the Fort Wayne Philharmonic, MSU Wind Symphony, North Texas Wind Symphony, 113th Army Band, Cheyenne Symphony Orchestra, the Night Flight, Jim Colonna Big Band, Voices of Unity, and notable artists' Patti Austin, Connie Francis.

In 1996, he began his career as a composer and has composed more than 30 original compositions, of which many have been published. He has received many commissions to create unique works for large concert ensembles. His works have been recorded by the Indiana University of Pennsylvania Bands four times, the North Texas Wind Symphony, The Symphonic Band of the Belgian Guides and has numerous performances by All-State Honor Bands, University Bands, and various community ensembles throughout the world. His work, "Fanfare Antiphonal vox Gabrielli", was one of seven featured fanfares by the Dallas Wind Symphony for their 2009-2010 season. In addition, his concert band work "Dancing Day" was recently added to the Texas Prescribed Music List. His compositions have been performed at CBDNA, Midwest Clinic, and the WASBE conferences as well as internationally in the UK , Canada , Japan , Belgium , and Finland.