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## **EDUCATION**

*Temple University, Philadelphia, PA*  
M.M. in Music Education (1995)

*Temple University, Philadelphia, PA*  
B.M. in Music Education (1985) Magna Cum Laude  
Violin Major & Trumpeter

*Villanova University, Villanova, PA*  
Majoring in Astronomy, and Awarded a Naval ROTC Scholarship (1981-1982)

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE AND POSITIONS**

School District of Haverford Township, Havertown, PA  
Secondary String Instructor, Orchestra Director, and Classroom Music Teacher at Haverford High School and Haverford Middle School. Grades 5 – 12 (1986 – to date)

- Middle School Lead Music Teacher and Music Department Co-Chair (appointed in 2012)
- Member of Middle School Scheduling Committee
- Member of the Haverford Township Education Assoc. (HTEA) Negotiating Committee

Readington Township School District, Readington Township, NJ  
Director of String Program, grades K – 8 (1985-1986)  
Suzuki Violin Instructor

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Music Educators National Conference (MENC)  
Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA)  
American String Teachers Association (ASTA); President-Elect of PA/DE Chapter  
Association of Church Musicians in Philadelphia (ACMP) – Board Member

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

Participant at the 2011 Juilliard Conductors Workshop for Music Educators, Fellow in 2013

Citation Of Excellence Award from PMEA District 12 (2006)

Haverford High School Orchestra performs at PMEA State Conferences

Haverford Middle School String Orchestra performs at PMEA State Conferences

Various String Chamber Groups perform at PMEA State Conferences

Haverford High School Orchestra participates in “America’s 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary”, Jamestown, VA (2007)

Haverford High String Ensemble receives Best Overall Orchestra Award at the Disney Music Fest (2006)

Haverford High School Orchestra receives Best Overall Award at the Dixie Classics Festival (2004)

Haverford High School Orchestra participates in “Side by Side” with the Philadelphia Orchestra (2000)

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

Temple University, Phila. Pa

Eastern University, St. David’s, PA

Pennsylvania Music Educator’s Association (PMEA) State & District In-Service Conferences

Delaware Music Educator’s Association (DMEA) In-Service

American String Teachers Association (ASTA) National Conferences

Music Educators National Conference (MENC) Eastern Division Conferences

Music Educators National Conference (MENC) North Central Division Conference

Midwest Band and Orchestra National Clinic

New Jersey Music Educators Association (NJMEA) and Technology Institute for Music Educators (TI:ME) National Conference

Ohio Music Educators Association State Conference

Texas Music Educators Association State Conference/Clinic

New Jersey ASTA Annual String Symposium

Virginia Music Educator’s Association (VMEA) In-Service Conference

Eastern String Workshop held at Villanova University

#### **FESTIVALS CONDUCTED**

Middle School String Fest for PMEA District 12

Middle School String Fest for PMEA District 10

Middle School String Fest for PMEA District 8

Assistant Conductor for PMEA Region 6 Orchestra Festival

Berks County Music Festival Orchestra

Dauphin County Orchestra Music Festival

#### **OTHER**

Organist and Choir Director at St. Pius X Roman Catholic Church, Broomall, PA (1990-2004)

Freelance Violinist, Trumpeter and Organist for over 26 years

Former member of the Barbershop Quartet “Abracadabra”

Member of the Board of Directors of the “Association of Church Musicians in Philadelphia” (ACMP)

Former member and chorus director in the “Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America” (SPEBSQSA)

Kidney Donor (1997), and organ transplant advocate

**Joseph Brennan** received his Bachelors and Masters degrees in Music Education from Temple University while studying violin with Julian Meyer. While at Temple University, Mr. Brennan also participated in small ensembles on Trumpet. He is the director of the string program at Haverford Middle and High Schools, a position he has held for the past 28 years. Joe is also the Music Department Co-Chair for the Haverford Township School District. He directs three orchestras at the secondary level and also teaches general music at the Middle School. In 2006, Mr. Brennan was recognized by the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) with the Citation of Excellence Award. Mr. Brennan has presented sessions at past American String Teachers Association (ASTA) National Conferences, Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic, Music Educators National Conference (MENC) conferences, PMEA Conferences, other state music educator conferences in Texas, Ohio, New Jersey, Virginia, and Delaware, as well as a (MENC) sponsored string workshop at Temple University. Mr. Brennan has been a guest conductor for various Pennsylvania String/Orchestra festivals. He has been a conducting fellow at the Conducting Workshop for Music Educators at the Juilliard School. Mr. Brennan is the President-Elect of PADESTA. Mr. Brennan has brought many string chamber ensembles and orchestras to perform at PMEA annual state conventions. The Haverford High School Orchestra has participated in a "Side-by-Side" rehearsal and performance with the Philadelphia Orchestra. The Haverford High School Symphony Orchestra represented the State of Pennsylvania by performing in **America's 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**, a national event, with President Bush in attendance, to commemorate the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first permanent English settlement in the US, namely Jamestown. Prior to coming to Haverford, Mr. Brennan taught a Suzuki program in Readington Twp. School District in New Jersey. Mr. Brennan is the former music director, organist, and choir director at St. Pius X Church in Broomall, PA. He continually performs as a violinist and trumpeter throughout the Philadelphia area. Mr. Brennan lives in Hainesport, New Jersey with his wife and children and enjoys doing many DIY homeowner projects. Since being a kidney donor, Mr. Brennan, has been an advocate for organ donor awareness.