

(to be selected from)

Mother Earth Fanfare.....David Maslanka
Persistence.....Richard Saucedo
O Nata Lux.....Morten Lauridsen
Ponte Romano.....Jan Van der Roost
"Gallop" from First Suite for Band.....Alfred Reed

Dr. Kenneth G. Bodiford

Dr. Kenneth G. Bodiford has served as the Director of Bands and Assistant Professor of Music at Jacksonville State University in Jacksonville, Alabama for the past twenty years. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Music Education at Jacksonville State University, his Master of Music in Music Education and Wind Ensemble Conducting degree at East Carolina University and his Doctorate of Musical Arts in Instrumental Conducting degree from The University of Alabama.

Dr. Bodiford is the conductor of the Jacksonville State University Chamber Winds, which is the top performing wind ensemble at the university. This ensemble has performed for regional and national venues such as the Alabama Music Educators Conference and the Bands of America Concert Festival Regionals. The ensemble also performs on campus and throughout the northeast Alabama and Georgia regions.

Dr. Bodiford is also the director of the internationally known "Marching Southerners." Since Dr. Bodiford's appointment to the Jacksonville State University director's position, the band program has consistently grown in both quantity and quality each year. Under his leadership, The Marching Southerners have grown from approximately 144 members to a membership in excess of 400. They have been included in the Congressional Record of The 111th Congress U.S. House of Representatives for their production, "Of Thee I Sing," performed in Gubernatorial, and Presidential inaugural parades as well as the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, and most recently, were chosen to lead the 2012 London New Year's Day Parade.

Dr. Bodiford also served as the Executive Director of the Spirit of Atlanta Drum and Bugle Corps (JSU Spirit) from 2001 until 2007. Under his leadership, the corps consistently ranked among the elite top twelve corps in the nation at the DCI World Championships. As well, he was appointed to the staff of the U.S. Army All American Marching Band that performs at the U.S Army All American Bowl. In addition to his Director of Bands responsibilities, Dr. Bodiford teaches the instrumental conducting courses at the university and maintains a busy national schedule as a clinician, adjudicator and guest conductor.

Throughout his career, Dr. Bodiford has studied with some of the nations finest conductors. As an undergraduate student, his mentor and band director was Dr. David L. Walters, Director Emeritus, Jacksonville State University. He has also studied with conductors such as Dr. William Wiedrich, University of South Florida, Dr. Robert Ponto, Oberlin Conservatory, Dr. Ken Ozzello, The University of Alabama, and Dr. Frank Battisti, New England Conservatory.

Most recently, Dr. Bodiford was nominated for the 2013 Music Educator Award presented by The Recording Academy and the GRAMMY Foundation.