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Keith W. Hodgson is an Assistant Professor and Division Head of Music Education at the University of the Arts in Philadelphia, PA. He teaches graduate & undergraduate conducting, percussion methods, oversees the music education minor program, the Master's in Teaching program and observes student teachers in their field placements. Mr. Hodgson is currently President-Elect to NAFME's Eastern Division, is a Past-President of the New Jersey Music Educator's Association, a National Board Certified Teacher, the recipient of the 2014 New Jersey Governor's Award in the Arts for Leadership in Music and was a Grammy Nominated Music Educator Quarter Finalist in 2014. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education from William Patterson University, NJ and his Masters Degree in School Leadership and Administration from Rowan University, NJ with Supervisor and Principal Certifications.

Mr. Hodgson spent the majority of his twenty-six years career as a music educator and high school band director at Mainland Regional HS in NJ. He built and directed a three-tiered concert band program, two jazz ensembles, an extensive chamber ensemble program, a competitive marching band and an active TRI-M Music Honor Society chapter. In addition, he taught AP Music Theory, Keyboard & Guitar classes.

Mr. Hodgson is the Conductor and Music Director for the South Jersey Area Wind Ensemble, an adult community band of music educators and professional musicians. Mr. Hodgson has held the principal conducting post of the SJAWE since it's founding in 1997 and has performed at the NJMEA State conference in 2000, 2005 & 2011 and the Association of Concert Band's National Convention in Allentown in 2014 as well as the Sousa Band Festival at the Kennedy Center in Washington DC in 2017. The SJAWE actively performs to sold out community concerts 4-5 times each year, has commissioned 14 works for wind band, and annually collaborates with high profile guest conductors and a side by side program with 50+ nominated high school band students. The SJAWE was the only 2006 recipient of the Sudler "Silver Scroll Award" by the John Philip Sousa Foundation recognizing outstanding community concert bands in North America.

Mr. Hodgson has presented sessions at the MidWest Band Clinic in Chicago, the NAFME Eastern Division Conference in Rhode Island, numerous NJMEA Conferences and also the NJEA Conference in Atlantic City. Mr. Hodgson is an active guest conductor for high school honor bands, community bands and summer music camps and a high school and collegiate band clinician and guest speaker. As a conductor, he has studied with Ed Lisk, Stephen Melillo, Anthony Maiello, Peter Boonshaft and Mallory Thompson among others.

In 2016, Mr. Hodgson was honored as the recipient of the 2016 Distinguished Service Award by the New Jersey Music Educators Association, a distinguished Conn-Selmer Institute VIP and nominated to the 2016 Class of the American School Band Directors Association. Mr. Hodgson resides in Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey with his wife Jennifer who is a high school band director. Mr. Hodgson has served on multiple NJDOE committees on teacher evaluation, student growth objectives, model curriculum and most recently to rewrite the Core Curriculum Content Standards in the Arts for the state of New Jersey.

Mr. Hodgson is also the Head Director of the American Music Abroad Gold Tour, an annual three week summer European music tour of 150 band & choral students performing in five countries. He and his wife have been directors on the AMA Gold Tour since 1998.

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