

JUDGES BIO:

Tom Santino — Pembroke Pines, Fl

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Tom Santino received his Bachelor's Degree in Music Education from the University of South Florida and his Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from Nova Southeastern University. Tom began his teaching career as the founding Director of Bands at G. Holmes Braddock Sr. High School in Miami Florida in the fall of 1990. Tom directed the marching band, concert bands, jazz bands, and winter guards at Braddock from 1990 through 1997. In the fall of 1997, Tom became the Director of Bands at Howard Doolin Middle School in Miami during the school's opening year. From 1998 to 2003 Tom directed the musical ensembles at Indian Ridge Middle School in Davie Florida. During his five years at Indian Ridge Tom directed the concert and jazz bands, orchestra, and choral groups. From 2003 to 2006 Tom served as Assistant Director of Bands at Flanagan High School in Pembroke Pines Florida. Currently, Tom is an Assistant Principal at McArthur High School.

Tom Santino began his drum corps career marching in the Florida Wave, before moving to Suncoast Sound. Tom finished his marching career with the Concord Blue Devils. Tom's instructional experience began in 1990 as a brass instructor with the Magic of Orlando. From 1994 to 1996 he served on the brass staff of the Concord Blue Devils, and in the fall of 1997 he began his first season as Caption Head for the Boston Crusaders. From 2002 through 2004 Tom Served as Brass Caption Head for The Syracuse Brigadiers. During this period of time The Brigadiers won the DCA championships. In 2002, Tom assisted Magic of Orlando in setting several records en route to becoming DCI Division II World Champion. Magic became the first corps to win a championship after an inactive season, achieved the highest score in the history of Division II Finals, and was the first Division II corps to achieve DCI Division I Finalist status all in one season. The following year, Tom helped the corps maintain their Finalist status in their first season back in Division I. Tom returned to the Crusaders brass staff in 2004 as a Brass Technician. In 2005 and 2006 Tom once again served as Brass Caption Head for Boston Crusaders. In January of 2007 Tom returned to the Syracuse Brigadiers to serve in the position of Brass Coordinator. Tom currently serves as a clinician and adjudicator throughout the United States.

Tom currently lives in Pembroke Pines, FL.