



Kathie Van Lare

Band Adjudicator

Born and raised in Calgary, Kathie has been teaching music in the Calgary area for over thirty years. Recently retired from the Calgary Board of Education, Kathie continues teaching the jazz bands at Holy Trinity Academy in Okotoks and also directs the Foothills Music Society Concert Band and the Westwinds Gold Jazz South Big Band.

Kathie is active as a guest conductor and adjudicator throughout western Canada and has also served on faculty with Musicamrose and the Calgary Regional Summer Band Workshop. Concert and jazz bands under her direction have been the recipients of numerous “Gold Awards” and “Superior” ratings and her groups have been invited as featured performers on several occasions. In 2012 Kathie received the Alberta Band Association Elkhorn Award as the “Band Director of the Year” and in 2017 she received the Vondis Miller Legacy Award, again presented by the Alberta Band Association.

Kathie continues to be active as a free-lance musician (trumpet) and has performed with many groups including among others, the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra, the Rocky Mountain Symphony Orchestra, Prime Time Big Band, Calgary Jazz Orchestra, Alberta Winds and Altius Brass.