

Brian Bettger - Bio - SCSBOA

Brian Bettger is an active educator, performer, writer, clinician and adjudicator in the Southern California area. He graduated *Summa cum Laude* from the University of Northern Colorado with degrees in Trumpet Performance and Music Education, and was the lead trumpet player in the award-winning UNC Jazz Lab Band 1 for four years under Gene Aitken. Mr. Bettger earned a Masters Degree in Instrumental Conducting from California State University Fullerton and an Administrative Credential from California State University San Bernardino.

His 31 year career in education includes public schools in Riverside and Fontana, Riverside Community College, and directing the Jazz Studies Programs at Chaffey College and California State University Fullerton. His SCSBOA Honor group directing credits include the 1990 Junior High School Honor Jazz Band and the 1992 and 2000 High School Jazz All-Stars. Mr. Bettger is currently the Principal of Rio Hondo School in the El Monte City School District.

A published author and composer, Mr. Bettger has written and arranged more than 130 works for professional, military and school ensembles, authored a recent article for Leadership Magazine, and co-written two screenplays currently seeking production. As a trumpet player he has performed with the Pacific Symphony Orchestra, Disneyland Band and Fanfare Trumpets, Tommy and Jimmy Dorsey Orchestras, Harry James Tribute Band, Frank Sinatra, Mel Torme, Joe Williams, Bobby McFerrin, Chick Corea, Natalie Cole, Barry Manilow, Wayne Newton, the Ink Spots and U-2, among others.