

Carroll Gotcher Bio

Carroll Gotcher has been the band director at Jackson County (Gainesboro) TN since 1994. Under his direction, the band has been awarded numerous Superior ratings at local, regional, and state festivals in solo/ensemble, marching, jazz, concert, and sight-reading festivals. The band travels extensively, having performed in Nashville, Chattanooga, Memphis, Atlanta, Louisville, St. Louis, San Antonio, Charleston, Chicago, Philadelphia, and Washington, D.C.

Gotcher is a frequent performer on euphonium, trombone, and baritone horn in the Green Hills Wind Ensemble, Music City Brass Ensemble, Big Band Sound Orchestra, Four Horns Jazz Combo, and the Southern Stars Brass Band. He also conducts the Cookeville Community Band and maintains an active schedule as a clinician and adjudicator, as well.

He and his wife, Jane Anne, live in Cookeville, TN with their children Kira and Vance.

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PROFILE

Dedicated and experienced music educator and conductor with over 30 years of leadership in band direction and performance. Proven track record in building successful music programs, community ensembles, and music education initiatives. Passionate about fostering musical excellence in students and communities alike.

EXPERIENCE

Director of Bands

Jackson County Schools, Gainesboro, TN — 1994 - Present

Lead and coordinate all aspects of the band program across Jackson County Schools.

Developed a comprehensive curriculum for instrumental music education grades 6–12.

Achieved consistent superior ratings at regional and state festivals.

Mentored young music educators and facilitated professional development.

Band Director

Kingsbury Junior/Senior High School, Memphis, TN — 1988-1991

Directed junior high and senior high bands, building enrollment and engagement.

Organized performances, competitions, and community outreach programs.

Cultivated student musicianship through individualized and ensemble instruction.

CONDUCTING AND PERFORMANCE LEADERSHIP

Cookeville (TN) Community Band — 2016-Present

Lead a multi-generational ensemble in performances throughout the region.

Collaborate with local arts organizations and civic groups to promote community music.

Big Band Sound Orchestra — 2013-Present

Direct a professional jazz ensemble performing classic and contemporary big band repertoire.

Arrange music and manage bookings for events and festivals.

EDUCATION

University of Tennessee, Knoxville — MS, Music Education - 1993

Tennessee Technological University — BS, Music Education - 1988