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## BAND DIRECTOR

- Seven First Divisions in UIL Sight-Reading
  - Two First Divisions in UIL Concert
  - Ten First Divisions in UIL Marching as assistant director
  - Eleven years of experience at Middle School level, two years at High School level
  - Strong pedagogy; comfortable teaching woodwind, brass, and percussion
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**Harlandale High School**, San Antonio, TX, 2013 - 2015

*Associate Band Director*

- **Taught marching fundamentals**
- Planned, organized, and **ran drill rehearsals**
- Organized and implemented **student leadership curriculum**
- Marching band earned **consistent UIL first division** every year I was there
- Prepared non-varsity band for its first **UIL first division** in six years
- **Created music history curriculum** and collaborated with other instructors across district
- Educated Band Boosters in the practices and implementation of Roberts Rules of Order
- **Led staff development sessions** for HISD music teachers (SmartMusic and Charms Office)
- **Mentored two student teachers** and four future music majors

**San Felipe Memorial Middle School/Del Rio Middle School**, Del Rio, TX, 2004 - 2013

*Assistant Band Director*

- Taught all 6<sup>th</sup> grade band classes for five years
- Transformed beginner classes to fully homogenous instrumentation within two years
- **Increased beginner enrollment by 21%** from 165 to over 200 students
- Took 6<sup>th</sup> grade band to first ever festival in 2007 where they won **Best in Class**
- Team-taught 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade band classes for four years
- Earned **consistent UIL first division and sweepstakes** with the non-varsity band
- Assisted with the middle school and high school mariachi classes
- Taught non-varsity mariachi in 2012-2013, earning 1st place, outstanding vocalists, outstanding trumpets, and outstanding armonia section in our class at festival
- **Organized and ran marching rehearsals** for the Del Rio High School marching band
- Marching band earned **consistent UIL first division** Marching ratings 2006-2012

**Mineral Wells Junior High/Travis Elementary**, Mineral Wells, TX, 2002 - 2004

*Assistant Band Director*

- **Improved UIL sight-reading ratings** for Mineral Wells Junior High from previous years
- **Increased beginner enrollment by 50%** from 80 to over 120 in one year
- Rehearsed with solos and ensembles for the **UIL State Solo & Ensemble Contest**

**Private Lesson Instructor**, Greater Fort Worth Area, September 1998 - July 2003

- Taught 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade horn lessons, with **more than 40 students** one semester
- Consistently placed students in the **All-Region** and **Area** level bands
- Five students I taught later went on to make the **Texas All State Band**
- Worked as Marching Tech with Burleson High School and Arlington Bowie High School

## EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATION

**Bachelor of Music**, University of Texas at Arlington, December 2001  
*Texas Secondary Music Certification (Grades 6-12)*  
**Primary Instrument, French Horn**

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## OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**ABA Academy**, Arlington, TX, 2015 – Present

- Learned insurance billing protocols, to bill for over 25 clients; bookkeeping and billing for my family's therapy practice
  - **Studied autism treatment** at facility focused on training therapists
  - **Developed music curriculum** for effective treatment of children with autism
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## NOTABLE SKILLS AND ATTRIBUTES

### Computer Skills

Microsoft Office, Google Docs,  
**Charms Office Assistant, SmartMusic,**  
Sibelius & Finale Music Notation Software,  
PyWare Drill Design, Audacity Audio Editor,  
QuickBooks, HTML/CSS Web Design

### Personal Character Traits

Organized, Dependable,  
Fast Learner, Goal-Minded,  
Problem Solver, Detail-Focused,  
Team Player, Encourager, Optimistic  
**Calm composure in stressful situations**

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## SELECTED PERFORMING EXPERIENCE

**Del Rio Christian Fellowship Praise Team**, Del Rio, TX 2004 - 2013  
*Vocals, Trumpet, Bass, Keyboard, Multimedia, Sound Engineer*

**Mariachi La Diferencia**, Del Rio, TX, 2008 - 2009  
*Trumpet*

**Calvary Chapel Fort Worth Praise Band**, Haltom City, TX 2000 - 2004  
*Horn, Flugelhorn*

**University of Texas at Arlington**, Arlington, TX, 1996 - 2000  
*Horn - Wind Ensemble, Orchestra, Concert Band, Horn Choir*  
*Mellophone, Drill Instructor (4 years), Section Leader (1 year) - Marching Band*  
*Clarinet - University Band*

**Lone Star Drum & Bugle Corps**, Commerce, TX, 1996  
*Mellophone*

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## REFERENCES

**Mr. Jesse Brijalba**  
*Band Director*  
*Del Rio MS*

**Mrs. Monica Ruiz-Mills**  
*Fine Arts Supervisor*  
*Harlandale ISD*

**Mr. Ricardo Rios**  
*Fine Arts Coordinator*  
*San Felipe Del Rio CISD*  
*Head Band Director, Del Rio HS*