

# 2018 Wind Band Conducting Symposium

## Guest Clinician

Allan McMurray - Professor of Conducting Emeritus and Distinguished Professor - University of Colorado

Allan McMurray is an internationally acclaimed artist conductor, teacher, author and collaborator. He has conducted professional orchestras, ballet, opera and contemporary chamber ensembles, but it is his passion for wind music and the teaching of conducting that has inspired the majority of his artistic career.

Professor McMurray was Director of Bands and the Robert and Judy Charles Professor of Conducting at the University of Colorado from 1978 until 2013. During his tenure he developed the master and doctoral programs in Instrumental Conducting and the summer conducting symposium that for over 25 years was co-sponsored by the College Band Directors National Association. Under his leadership, the University of Colorado Wind Symphony performed by invitation at the First International Conference for Wind Ensembles at the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester, England, the Japan Band Directors Conference in Nemo Nu Sato Japan, the World Association of Symphonic Bands and Ensembles in Hamamatsu, Japan and at two national conventions of the College Band Directors National Association. Professor McMurray has also produced numerous recordings including two recordings with the University of Colorado Wind Symphony, published by Klavier and released through Naxos, featuring the music of composers Carter Pann, Daniel Kellogg and Frank Ticheli with collaborating artists Patrick Mason, baritone, Jennifer Bird-Arvidsson, soprano and the Grammy Award winning Takacs String Quartet. He has also created and published (GIA Publications) a groundbreaking set of three DVDs on the teaching of conducting entitled *Conducting from the Inside Out*. In 2004, in recognition of the international impact of his teaching and professional activities the University of Colorado and its Board of Regents honored Allan McMurray with the lifetime appointment of Distinguished Professor.

Allan McMurray has, throughout his career, been a strong advocate of commissioning and performing new works by gifted composers. He has conducted premieres of over one hundred new works and has received praise for his artistry in bringing their works to life from such notable composers as Pulitzer Prize winners George Crumb, Michael Colgrass, Steven Stucky, Karel Husa and CU composers Dan Kellogg and Carter Pann.

As Professor of Conducting Emeritus and Distinguished Professor of the University of Colorado, Professor McMurray has been recognized as one of the leading teachers of wind ensemble and conducting in the world. In demand as a visiting artist, he has guest conducted and taught conducting in over 200 colleges and conservatories internationally. He has been a featured conductor throughout the United States and in seventeen countries worldwide. Since his retirement from the University of Colorado in 2013 McMurray has continued to be active as a guest conductor, keynote speaker, and teacher of conducting. His 2017-18 calendar includes professional engagements in Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Louisiana, Nebraska, New Mexico, New York, Texas, Utah, Washington, Canada and Singapore.

Allan McMurray's wife Judy claims that he has "failed" retirement!

