

# Brass Band of Central Florida's



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## KEY NOTES



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## BBCF SELECTS NEW MUSIC DIRECTOR!



The BBCF is very pleased to announce that Chad Shoopman has accepted the position of Music Director of the BBCF.

Chad is an avid conductor and trumpet player in demand world-wide. Originally from Tucson, Arizona, Mr. Shoopman works primarily for the Walt Disney World Co. in Orlando, Florida. He performs extensively as lead trumpet and conductor for a wide variety of musical endeavors including The Main Street Philharmonic, Disney's Candlelight Processional, The Naples Philharmonic Orchestra, The Florida Orchestra, Chuck Owen and The Jazz Surge, the hr-Big Band in Frankfurt, Germany, and Gordon Goodwin's Big Phat Band.

Chad is also in demand as an educator, clinician, and adjudicator. His effort and commitment to music education in these roles has brought him recognition and acclaim throughout the United States, Canada, Japan, and Germany. As a clinician for Disney's Magic Music Days, Mr. Shoopman works with over 80 high school and college bands and orchestras from all over the world every year.

As a studio musician, Chad has recorded numerous projects for Walt Disney World, Tokyo Disneyland, television, radio, and feature films including Danny Elfman's score to the motion picture "Extreme Measures" starring Hugh Grant and Gene Hackman.

Chad received a Bachelor's degree in Music Education ('96) and a Master's degree in Conducting Performance ('99) from the University of Arizona. He currently resides in Windermere, Florida with his wife Susan and daughter Sophia Camille.

## BBCF PLACES SECOND AT US OPEN BRASS BAND CHAMPIONSHIPS



On November 7th, The BBCF competed in the US Open Brass Band Championships where they won Best March for Padstow Lifeboat, won Outstanding Percussion section and despite a stellar performance, placed 2nd to the Fountain City Brass Band.....



Dee McAfee, Charlie Peshek and Dustin Burgess in warm-up for the US Open performance



The Buskers group performing.

The weekend began with an evening Buskers Preview hang where small sections of some of the competing brass bands performed an entertaining array of musical numbers. BBCF rocked the house with a Blood, Sweat and Tears Medley and Earth, Wind and Fires' version of "Got To Get You In To My Life" which were also performed the following day between band set-ups for the main competition.



## Directors Corner

### UPCOMING CONCERTS

**July 3, 2010:** Patriotic Concert at Royal Highlands Community, Leesburg, FL 7:00 PM

**July 10, 2010:** Performance for Florida Bandmasters Association/ASBDA (private engagement)

**August 10, 2010:** Performance for the Military Order of the Purple Heart (private engagement)

**September 11, 2010:** Concerts (2) at the *St. Luke's Concert Series*, St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Oviedo, FL 2:00 and 7:00 PM

**September 21, 2010:** BBCF Brass Ensemble concert at *Seminole State College*, Sanford, FL -

Welcome to the inaugural newsletter for the Brass Band of Central Florida! My name is Chad Shoopman, the new Music Director/Conductor of this unique and amazing musical ensemble. It is my honor to lead these talented performers who represent the best and brightest from the Central Florida area. During the week, they are educators, businessmen, law enforcement officers, musicians, students, and the finest professionals in their chosen fields. These talented musicians volunteer their time and talent to the endeavor of creating brass and percussion music at the highest level. Once you experience the BBCF, I know you will be a fan for life! This newsletter will be the best way to keep up with the band's schedule, its members, fundraising opportunities, and competition results. I invite you to experience wonderful and exciting concerts performed by the finest players in one of the most unique ensembles in the country.

Musically yours,  
Chad Shoopman

Member  
Spotlight



## DEE MCAFEE

Dee attended the Florida State University in Tallahassee, Florida and received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Trumpet Performance in 1986. His teachers include Billy Rousch of the Glen Gray Orchestra, William Hill from the New England Conservatory of Music, Larry Black with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra and Brian Goff at Florida State University.

Considered to be one of the preeminent soprano cornet players in the United States today, in October 2007 Dee was invited by conductor Russell Gray to perform as Soprano Cornet with the world-famous Leyland Band at the *2007 National Championships of Great Britain* at London's Royal Albert Hall. Dee's services are also in demand in the United States, as he assisted the Fountain City Brass Band (Missouri) in winning a third North American Brass Band Championship Section title in 2009.

Dee is currently a member of the world famous Herald Trumpets at the EPCOT resort at Walt Disney World. Dee also performs with *Uptown*, Orlando's favorite funk band, and at St. Margaret-Mary Church in Winter Park, where he is a frequent featured performer, notably as flugelhorn soloist on "Silent Night" on the CD "Sounds of Christmas" from St. Margaret Mary Church. This cd has sold thousands of copies and is a liturgical favorite in the Orlando church scene. Dee has been featured with such jazz and soul artists as Marcus Roberts, Rex Richardson, Freddie Hubbard, the Temptations, Vinnie Di Martino, Dick Oates, Ira Sullivan, Ray McKinley, and Larry Elgart Big Band. He has also performed as first trumpet at the *Seaside Music Theatre* in Daytona Beach, the Lite Beer "*World's Toughest Rodeo*" and with the *Clyde Beatty/Cole Brothers Circus*.

In addition to being a busy freelance musician, Dee is the Director of Bands at the St. Margaret-Mary Catholic School in Winter Park, and is the father of 5 great children, three of them trumpet players.

Dee is a founding member of the BBCF.



## Messages from our Fans!

"BBCF are without doubt one of the most inspired groups of musicians I have had the pleasure of meeting. They continue to impress with their fantastic musicianship and professionalism, but above all, they are a great bunch of guys."

Kevin Lea  
Jaguar (Coventry) Band  
Coventry, UK

Dear BBCF,  
It was a pleasure to meet you all at the US Open last year and I have enjoyed keeping touch with several of you since. Your latest CD is great and looking forward to hearing you under your new MD soon.

Best wishes,  
John Ward  
Resident Conductor Desford Colliery Band UK

## Member News!

Brad Gillet, Cornet, got married to Jennifer Griggs on Saturday, March 6 at 5:00 pm at the International Palms Resort in Cocoa Beach. A brass ensemble played at the ceremony with BBCF members Charlie Peshek, Dee McAfee, Rachelle Jenkins, Kerry Couch, and Bob Tucker.

Former member Nicole Kline, Tenor, was married to Don Smith at Leu Gardens in Orlando on March 28th at 10:00 am. The brass ensemble performing included BBCF members Dee McAfee, Gail Robertson, Bob Tucker Charlie Peshek . Also playing was Ben Lieser.

Congratulations to Jonathan Katz on his graduation from Edgewater High School and to Marco Martinez on his graduation from Rollins College!