

OFFICIAL PROGRAM

*10th Annual*

2015

# ALL-STATE



*January 24, 2015*



DEVOS HALL  
MIDDLE SCHOOL STRING ORCHESTRA  
HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA  
MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND  
HIGH SCHOOL BAND

DEVOS BALLROOM D  
HIGH SCHOOL JAZZ ENSEMBLE

# 2015 MSBOA All-State High School Band Program

Program order subject to change

**Flashing Winds**

Jan Van der Roost

**Loch Lomond**

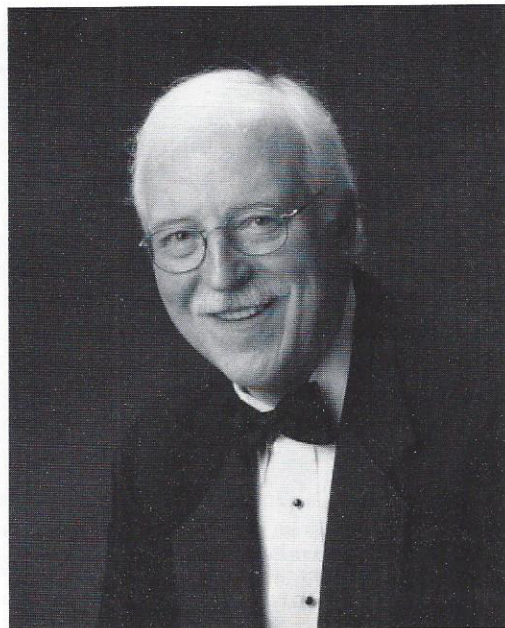
Frank Ticheli

**Jupiter from "The Planets"**

Gustav Holst  
arr. James Curnow

**Incantation and Dance**

John Barnes Chance



## John Thomson - Guest Conductor

**John A. Thomson** served for twenty-five years as Director of Bands at New Trier High School in Winnetka, Illinois. Earlier in his career, he was Director of Bands at East Allegheny High School near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Under his leadership, NTHS and EAHS ensembles developed into premiere ensembles performing at numerous state and national events including three appearances at the prestigious Midwest Clinic in Chicago. The ensembles regularly performed with established guest conductors, accompanied well-known solo artists, and collaborated with various contemporary composers leading to sixteen world premiere performances. Additionally, the New Trier Wind Ensemble completed successful concert tours of Europe and Australia. For many summers, Mr. Thomson conducted student and staff bands at Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp in Twin Lake, Michigan, and has conducted the camp's International Band in Europe.

Currently, Mr. Thomson is an adjunct faculty at the Chicago College of Performing Arts at Roosevelt University, observes student teachers for Northwestern University, and is active as a guest conductor, clinician and adjudicator. He is a contributing editor and new music reviewer for *The Instrumentalist* Magazine with multiple articles and interviews to his credit.

A native of Pennsylvania, Mr. Thomson received his bachelors and masters degrees from Carnegie Mellon University in trombone performance and music education, where he studied with Richard Strange and Philip Catelinet. While completing course work towards a PhD in Music Education at Northwestern University, he served for two years as a Teaching Assistant in both the departments of Conducting and Music Education, where he studied with John Paynter and Bennett Reimer.

Mr. Thomson is an elected member of the American Bandmasters Association, a multiple recipient of the National Band Association's *Citation of Excellence*, a recipient of the American School Band Directors Association's *Stanbury Award*, and a member of the Phi Beta Mu Illinois Band Directors Hall of Fame at Northwestern University. He serves on the ABA Goldman Citation Award Committee and the NBA Revelli Composition Award Committee.