

Roger Gilliam Music Director and Conductor



The 2007-2008 Concert Season marks the fifteenth season for the Mesquite Symphony Orchestra under the Musical Direction of Roger Gilliam. Prior to his appointment as the Music Director and Conductor of the MSO in 1994, Mr. Gilliam served as Interim Music Director for the 1993-94 MSO Concert Season.

Mr. Gilliam has been involved since 1981 in community music organizations, having served as a member of the Town North Community Band from 1981 to 1993 and from 1986 to 1993 as its Music Director and Principal Conductor. In 1990, Mr. Gilliam was one of the founders of the Bravura Wind Ensemble. From 1988 to 1990, he was a playing member of the MSO, serving as Principal Trumpet.

Mr. Gilliam holds a Bachelor of Music degree from Southern Methodist University, where he was Principal Trumpet in the Wind Ensemble, the Chamber Orchestra, the Opera Orchestra and the Dallas Civic Symphony. He received a Master of Music degree from the University of Hartford in Hartford, Connecticut. Mr. Gilliam has performed as a member of the Corpus Christi Symphony, the Hartford Symphony, the Connecticut Opera Orchestra and was a founding member of the Galliard Brass Quintet. Mr. Gilliam has studied conducting with James R. Jones, formerly with the Dallas Symphony Orchestra and trumpet with Bill Hipp, Richard Gianguilio and Robert Nagel. SeeSaw Music, in New York has published seven of Mr. Gilliam's compositions and several of his works are available through the Robert King catalog. His brass quintet, **3 Episodes for Brass** was performed by the New Louisville Brass Quintet and a non-published work for wind ensemble, **Quotient 1969**, was performed by the SMU Wind Ensemble. In 2002, Mr. Gilliam started **RGC Music**, a music publishing company that publishes music for all instruments and ensembles.

Mr. Gilliam is also active as a performer and teacher. In addition to being the Adjunct Brass Instructor at North Lake College in Irving, he works with several different schools teaching private brass lessons, including Forney, Mesquite and Garland. He is also active as a clinician, working with both orchestras and bands. Mr. Gilliam serves as the Sunnyvale School District Director of Bands.