

Tony D'Andrea - 2008



Tony D'Andrea was director of Bands at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga from 1982-2005. Upon retirement, UTC honored him with the prestigious title of Professor Emeritus of Music. Professor D'Andrea's responsibilities while DOB included the Symphonic Band, Marching Band, Jazz Band and Pep Band. He also taught courses in Applied Saxophone, Band Management and Organization, Woodwind Methods, Advanced Conducting, Marching Band Techniques, and Teaching Instrumental Music in Secondary Schools. Professor D' Andrea's entire teaching career (1961-2005) has been in Tennessee. Prior to UTC, he was Director of Bands at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Additional responsibilities at UTM included courses in Applied Saxophone, Flute and Clarinet. Professor D'Andrea's successful public school teaching was at Knoxville Doyle High School and Knoxville Gibbs High School. While in Knoxville, he was also Coordinator of Instrumental Music for the Knox County School System.

Before becoming a Music Educator, D' Andrea toured with the Tony Pastor Band, The Billy May Band, The Charlie Spivak Band, The Dean Hudson Band, The David Carroll Band and The Bernie Cummins Band playing lead Alto, Flute and clarinet. He also toured with and lor backup to Buddy Holly, Bobby Darin, Paul Anka, James Brown, Patti Page, Pat Boone, Glen Campbell, The Everly Brothers, Sonny and Cher, Ray Charles, Tennessee Ernie Ford, Andy Williams, Liberace, The Andrew Sisters, The Three Stooges, Warren Covington, Les Elgart, Buddy Morrow, Bob Crosby, Ringling Brothers/Barnum and Bailey Circus, Johnny Puleo and the Harmonica Rascals, Holiday on Ice World Premiere Performances (1961-1981) and others. D' Andrea studied privately with Harvey Nevins of Bridgeport, Connecticut, Carmine Caruso of New York City, Sid Cooper of New York City, Eugene Steinquest of Cookeville, Tennessee and David Van Vactor of Knoxville, Tennessee.

Professor D' Andrea maintained an active profile in all aspects of music education throughout the state and region. His affiliation with professional music organizations is extensive and varied and includes the following: ETSBOA (past officer and Hall of Fame Recipient), WTSBOA (past officer), MTSBOA, CBDNA, MENC, TMEA, NBA, TBA, Phi Beta Mu (past president), Phi Mu Alpha (past faculty advisor), American Federation of Musicians, Local 80 (board member). D' Andrea's guest appearances as a Concert Band Conductor, Orchestra Conductor, Jazz Band Conductor, adjudicator, clinician and performer enabled him to be visible throughout the United States and Europe. His career in music has spanned 53 years and continues through his retirement.