

FACULTY PROFILE



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Biography

Jeffrey Scott Doebler serves as director of music education and bands at Valparaiso University, where he also conducted the Handbell Choir from 1992-2000. His previous experience includes public school teaching in Emmetsburg, Iowa, and Shakopee, Minnesota, as well as graduate teaching assistantships at Valparaiso University and the University of Minnesota. He is equally effective when working with younger students, older students, and professional musicians. Dr. Doebler holds music education degrees from Luther College (B.A.), Valparaiso University (M.M.), and the University of Minnesota (Ph.D.).

He is a native of Palatine, Illinois. Professor Doebler's career of more than 25 years in music education has achieved a unique balance of conducting, teacher preparation, leadership in the profession, and working with musicians from the beginning through professional levels, but all aspects of his vocation have had an ultimate focus on teaching. He has been recognized for excellence in teaching by peers, colleagues and students. Dr. Doebler was the recipient of the 2008 Carlo A. Sperati Award from Luther College, for outstanding achievement in the field of music.

In 2006, Dr. Doebler was named Outstanding University Music Educator of the Year by the Indiana Music Educators Association, and also received the Chicagoland Outstanding

Music Educator Award from Quinlan & Fabish Music. Professor Doebler is the 2005 recipient of the Valparaiso University Alumni Association Distinguished Teaching Award. Also in 2005, he was inducted into Phi Beta Mu, national band conductors fraternity, and Sigma Alpha Iota presented him its national award, Friend of the Arts. In 1999, Dr. Doebler received a First Annual Students' Choice Teacher of the Year Award from Alpha Phi Omega and Mortar Board. He has been listed twice in Who's Who Among America's Teachers. In 2001, he received the Orpheus Award "for significant and lasting contributions to the cause of music in America," by the Valparaiso University Chapter of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia. It is believed that this was the first Orpheus Award bestowed by the VU Chapter in its then 40-year history. Professor Doebler is active throughout the year as a guest conductor, consultant, and clinician, and has appeared professionally in over 20 states, Canada, Malta, Australia, New Zealand, and China. In a typical year, Dr. Doebler will work with over 3000 students, representing nearly 150 schools. He has served as a community music conductor, church music director, and also as director of Royal Brass Ensembles for the Minnesota Renaissance Festival, the nation's largest such festival. As a high school teacher, Dr. Doebler earned a reputation for leading the transformation of struggling bands into model programs. He was also active in site-based management and district-wide strategic planning. At the university level, his interpretations, repertoire selection, conducting, and leadership have been highly praised.

Dr. Doebler has conducted and prepared ensembles for performances in the Sydney Opera House (Australia), Severance Hall (Cleveland), Orchestra Hall (Chicago), St. George's Basilica

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(Malta), Oriental Performance Hall
(Shanghai), Grand Opera Theatre
(Hangzhou), Wrigley Field (Chicago),
Orchestra Hall (Minneapolis), Ordway
Music Theatre (St. Paul), EPCOT,
Disneyland, and for events such as the
International Special Olympics, and
the NCAA National Gymnastics and
Volleyball Championships. During the
summers of 2005-2009, Dr. Doebler
traveled to China as an invited lecturer
and guest conductor on American
music education and concert band
music. And in July of 2006, Professor
Doebler served as director of the jazz
band for the National Youth Gathering
of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in
America (ELCA) in San Antonio. Dr.
Doebler is a former president of the
Indiana Music Educators Association
(IMEA), and currently serves as editor
of IMEA's state journal. In past years,
he has served IMEA as convention
chair, All-State Future Music Educators
Colloquium chair, contributing editor,
convention future planning chair,
professional development chair, and
co-chair of the strategic planning
steering committee. A leader in
Indiana's teacher education reform
project, Dr. Doebler served as chair of
both the Fine Arts Advisory Group and
the Licensure Committee of the Indiana
Professional Standards Board. For
the Indiana Bandmasters Association,
he has conducted the All-Region and
All-District Honor Bands, and will
conduct the All-State Band in 2011. He
has served Lutheran Summer Music,
the national Lutheran high school music
camp, as concert band conductor
and guest conductor, handbell choir
conductor (founder), summer program
director, and faculty affairs coordinator.
Dr. Doebler is founder and conductor
of a professional-level concert band,
Windiana, which debuted in 2001 at
the Indiana Convention Center. In
2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009, Windiana
completed highly-acclaimed concert

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tours of China, and has been invited
back for 2010. Windiana will also
tour Australia in 2010. Professionally,
Dr. Doeblner holds memberships in Pi
Kappa Lambda, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia,
Sigma Alpha Iota, Phi Beta Mu, Music
Educators National Conference, Indiana
Music Educators Association, National
Band Association, Indiana Bandmasters
Association, College Band Directors
National Association, College Music
Society, Iowa Bandmasters Association,
Association of Concert Bands,
American Guild of English Handbell
Ringers, and the World Future Society.

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