

Scott Bersaglia

Scott Bersaglia serves as Director of Bands for Pikeville Independent Schools where he leads all aspects of the instrumental music curriculum and chairs the Fine Arts department. Bersaglia has led the school's junior high and high school wind and percussion ensembles to numerous distinguished performances throughout his tenure.

Bersaglia is Founder and Music Director of the Sacred Winds Ensemble and President of Sacred Winds Ministries. Noted ensemble performances include the Baptist Church Music National Conference in New Orleans, LA and the Kentucky Music Educators Association Conference. Most recently, the ministry completed their second international music and mission outreach to Guayaquil, Ecuador working with the the Orquesta Sinfónica Cristiana del Ecuador, the Universidad de las Artes, the Centro Ecuatoriano Norteamericano de Guayaquil, and the Orquesta Sinfónica de Guayaquil.

Bersaglia has commissioned several works for various ensembles including choral, string chamber, wind chamber, and wind ensemble. He has worked with noted composers Donald Grantham, Evan Chambers, John Vander Gheynst, Jody Nagel, and David Maslanka, and Pulitzer-Prize winning composers William Bolcom and Steven Stucky. In April 2015, Bersaglia's composition, *Time To Say Goodbye* (for solo trumpet and wind ensemble), was premiered in Carnegie Hall.

Bersaglia earned the Doctor and Master of Music degrees, summa cum laude, in conducting from The University Texas at Austin and the Bachelor of Music Education degree, magna cum laude, from Morehead State University. His principal conducting teachers are Jerry Junkin, Richard Miles, and Greg Detweiller. In addition to public school teaching, Bersaglia has held conducting positions at Campbellsville University, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and The University of Michigan. In 2008, Bersaglia was Assistant Conductor to H. Robert Reynolds for the Michigan Symphony Band.

Bersaglia was a conducting finalist for the United States Air Force Band in 2001 and, in 2005, he participated in the Young Conductor/Mentor Project sponsored by the National Band Association. Bersaglia was awarded the High School Teacher of the Year by the Kentucky Music Educators Association District Nine in 2013 and received the McDonald's Tri-State Teacher of the Year in 2017.

Bersaglia is a member of the Conductors Guild and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia. He also holds honorary memberships in Tau Beta Sigma, Kappa Kappa Psi, and Phi Beta Mu International Band Fraternities for his artistic and scholastic contributions to the field of instrumental music education.

Bersaglia has contributed articles to several volumes of GIA Publications' *Teaching Music Through Performance in Band*. He has appeared as a guest conductor and clinician throughout the Southern United States and Midwest and has presented at the Midwest International Band and Orchestra Conference, the Fellowship of American Baptist Musicians National Conference, and four times for the Kentucky Music Educators Association State Conference. He recently made his international conducting debut by invitation of Maestro Dante Anzolini of the Orquesta Sinfónica de Guayaquil.

A native of Hazard, KY, Bersaglia currently resides in Prestonsburg with his wife, Jennifer, and their daughters Isabella Matea and Emmaline Grace.