

# DAN KESTERKE

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DIRECTOR OF BANDS / PERCUSSIONIST / MUSIC EDUCATION

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## CONTACT

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## PROFILE

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As an experienced leader in music education and performance, I have a proven track record in growing and leading successful music programs and achieving high levels of student engagement and performance excellence. Through leadership, strategic planning, and collaboration, my ensembles build thriving and engaging future music teachers and performers.

## ENSEMBLES

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Marching Band  
Concert Band  
Pep Band  
Jazz Band  
Percussion Ensemble  
Brass Ensemble  
Woodwind Ensemble

## COURSES

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Music Theory Fundamentals  
Music Theory I  
Music Technology  
Advanced Conducting  
Secondary Music Methods  
Instrumental Methods  
Woodwind Methods  
String Methods  
Brass Methods  
Percussion Methods

## EXPERIENCE

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Director of Bands, Siena Heights University

### 2018-2025

- Chair, Department of Music
- Team Leader of Recruiting, Visual and Performing Arts
- Curriculum Committee
- Graduation Committee
- Education Committee
- Managed 40K Budget for Bands
- Oversaw 35% growth in enrollment
- Implemented Digital Marketing and Creation

Band Director, Adrian Public Schools

### 2008-2018

- Developed and managed comprehensive band program grades 6-12
- Achieved superior ratings at district and state festivals.
- Increased student engagement and grew enrollment in marching band.
- Introduced new courses (Music Appreciation, Guitar) which diversified student engagement.
- Community outreach with the marching band, jazz band, and drumline at local events and parades.

Band Director Addison Community Schools

**2003-2008**

- Developed and led instrumental music grades 5-12
- Fostered Growth from 15 students to 60 students.
- Built community concert series with the Music Appreciation class.
- Large ticket purchasing of uniforms, instruments, etc.
- Grant writing for programs and musical theater.

**Additional Music Performance Experience**

Adrian Symphony Orchestra, Adrian, MI

**Percussion Section 2017 - 2023**

- **Performance Excellence:** Regularly performed with the orchestra, contributing to high-quality performances and audience satisfaction.

The Croswell Opera House, Adrian, MI

**Percussionist / Music Director 2004 - Present**

- **Musical Contributions:** Performed as a percussionist for numerous musicals and shows.
- **Leadership:** Served as Music Director for several productions, enhancing the overall quality and success of performances.

Flowers On the Grave

**Drummer / Arranger 2020 - Present**

- **Artistic Collaboration:** Member of an original rock band, contributing to musical arrangements and performances.
- **Digital Presence:** Published music on digital platforms, increasing reach and engagement.

Triplicity

**Faculty Jazz Quartet Member 2017 - Present**

- **Musical Performance:** Performed with the jazz quartet, contributing to diverse musical experiences and community engagement.

The Dan Kesterke Band

**Leader and Performer 2009 - 2019**

- **Community Engagement:** Performed music for various events in Lenawee County, fostering community involvement and entertainment.

**Education**

- Master of Music Education, University of Michigan
- Bachelor of Music Education, Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, MI
  - Minor in Percussion Performance, Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, MI