

Band and Instrumental



Steven Sherman



Valerie Sherman

Steven Sherman has been educating students for over 35 years and is presently a full time music instructor at Red Deer College. He is coordinator of the music department, teaches music business (career/product/performance/production), and directs the Jazz Ensemble and the Symphonic Winds. He had been working at Red Deer College as a part time instructor for over 15 years, and was director of the Innisfail Instrumental Music Program and Coordinator of Music prior to accepting a full-time position at Red Deer College in 2004. Mr. Sherman studied music in California, graduating from the University of Southern California with a degree in Music Education. He also attended California State University at Northridge and Los Angeles Valley Community College.

Mr. Sherman was honoured to be a recipient of the 2009 Alberta Band Director's Elkhorn Award, David Perkin Award and the John Phillip Sousa Foundation Legion of Honour. He was inducted into the Town of Innisfail Hall of Fame, and received the prix Les Cabot Award and the Central Alberta Administrators Association Outstanding Teaching Award. While in California he received the Teacher Hall of Fame (Anaheim School District) Award for outstanding new teacher. Besides teaching at RDC, Steven and his wife, Valerie, own Entertainment Plus (a music consultant company) and EP Publishing. Mr. Sherman has been very active as a musical director for over 20 productions in Central Alberta, as well as a jazz, trumpet and bank clinician/adjudicator throughout Alberta.

Val Sherman graduated in 1973 from the University of Southern California, with a degree in music education and has been working with young instrumentalists ever since. She moved to Canada in 1975 with her husband and young family, where she started the first elementary band program in Calgary. She served on the board of directors of the Alberta Band Association, as their treasurer. In Innisfail, Valerie was the band director at John Wilson Elementary School,

Chinook Center School, and the Innisfail Middle School. She also had the position of choir director at the Innisfail United Church for ten years. Valerie has worked as a flute clinician in Alberta and Los Angeles, and has taught privately for over 35 years. She actively writes and arranges solos and ensembles, as well as, concert band music for young bands. She is co-owner of Entertainment Plus, and has performed musical dinner theatre throughout Alberta. Although Valerie has officially retired, she is currently teaching band at a French school in Red Deer, Alberta, as well as, teaching flute at Red Deer college.