



# THOMAS A. TORRENTO

## EDUCATOR / ARTIST / CONSULTANT

### TEACHING ACTIVITY

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**Grosse Pointe Public Schools** 2018 - present

**Director of Bands (Grades 5-12)**

6th Grade Brass/Percussion & Woodwind Classes, Middle School Concert Bands, High School Concert Bands, Marching Band, Jazz Band, District Level Honor Bands Director, Summer Music Festival Director, & Student Teacher Host.

**Van Dyke Public Schools** 2012 - 2018

**Director of Bands (Grades 6-12)**

6th Grade Brass/Percussion & Woodwind Classes, Middle School Concert Bands, High School Concert Bands, Marching Band, Curricular Jazz Band, Department Chair, 5th-12th Grade Music Curriculum Author, & Student Teacher Host.

### SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY

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**Kansas Bandmasters Association - Mid Level Honor Band** 2023  
Conductor

**Kansas Bandmasters Association - Convention** 2023  
Presenter  
*The Art of Grant Writing - Overcoming Shrinking Budgets in Education*  
*The Art of Rhythm Instruction - Channeling Your Inner Rhythm Master*

**Michigan Music Conference** 2022  
Presenter/Moderator  
*The Future of Music Education - Lessons Learned Post Pandemic*  
*(A Panel Discussion)*

**Eastern Michigan University** 2022  
Presenter  
*Creative Ways to Fund Your Program*  
*The XYZ's of Being a Music Teacher - Things I Wish I Knew Before Year 1*


**Michigan Schools Band & Orchestra Association** 2021  
Presenter  
*Staying Musically Motivated During Remote Learning (Session for Students)*

**Dearborn Public Schools** 2021  
Presenter/Consultant  
*Grant Writing for Title I Schools*

**Oakland University** 2017  
Presenter/Guest Speaker  
*Marching Band Teaching Strategies for the Non-Competitive Program*  
*The XYZ's of Being a Music Teacher - Things I Wish I Knew Before Year 1*


### CONTACT

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### EDUCATION

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**Oakland University** **Current**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Music Ed.

**Sam Houston State University** 2015  
American Band College Program  
Master of Arts - Conducting

**Eastern Michigan University** 2012  
Bachelor of Music Education  
Instrumental Music

### ACCOLADES

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**Grammy Museum / Recording Academy (2023)**  
*Music Educator Grammy Quarter-Finalist*

**Grosse Pointe Public Schools (2022)**  
*Parcells Middle School Teacher of the Year*

**MSBOA (2019)**  
*District XVI Band Director of the Year*

**Michigan Department of Education (2019)**  
*Region 9 Teacher of the Year*

**School Band & Orchestra Magazine (2018)**  
*50 Directors Who Make A Difference*  
*Michigan Recipient*

## GUEST FESTIVAL CLINICIAN

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- Romeo High School
- Romeo Powell MS
- Eisenhower High School
- Shelby Junior High School
- Fitzgerald High School
- Lincoln High School
- Lincoln Middle School
- Fordson High School
- Roseville Middle School
- Madison Heights High School

## SERVICE WORK

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### MSBOA - District XVI Executive Board

*Treasurer (2020 - present)*  
*2nd VP for Solo & Ensemble (2018 - 2020)*  
*Secretary (2015 - 2018)*  
*Technology Chair (2013 - 2015)*

### Genesis the Church - Royal Oak

*Worship Leader (2018 - present)*  
*Technology Director (2016 - 2023)*  
*Musician On-Boarding (2016 - 2023)*

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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- MSBOA
- NAfME
- MEA / NEA
- Mu Phi Alpha

## NEW MUSIC CONSORTIUMS

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- Monarch Migration, Jaime-Donjuan (2023)
- Symphony #1, Standridge (2023)
- Kyiv 2022, Balmages (2022)
- (Not) Alone, Standridge (2022)
- The Loop, Loggins-Hull (2019)
- Stagefire, Hammer (2019)
- Ash & Stone, Grant (2018)
- Darklands Legends, Standridge (2017)
- Frogs, Standridge (2017)
- Washington to Springfield, McCloskey (2015)

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

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**Tom Torrento Music LLC.** 2022 - present

### Owner/Operator/Consultant

Trumpet/Vocalist for Hire, licensed K-12 Music Educator, Educational Consulting, Music Education Resource Creator & Procurement, Web-Based On-Demand Educational Course Content Creator, Marching Band Drill Production

**Phaeton Trumpets** 2022 - present

### Endorsing Artist/Educator

## PUBLICATIONS

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**Rhythm Master (A New Sequential Curriculum)** 2022

Tom Torrento Music LLC.

**Tone Master (A New Ensemble Development Sequence)** TBA

Tom Torrento Music LLC.

## PERFORMING ARTIST ACTIVITY

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**PBM** 1997 - present

### Co-Founder/Trumpet/Vocals

#### USA Discography

Reunion - PBM Records (2023)  
In Sleep EP - PBM Records (2010)  
One Sip at A Time - Planet Detroit Records (2006)  
The Manchester Sessions - PBM Records (2003)  
Overview - PBM Records (2003)  
The Black EP - PBM Records (2002)  
I Think I'm President Now - PBM Records (1999)  
Hello Studio - PBM Records (1998)

#### International Discography

Unearthed - RF Records (2008)  
Wait Until the Ride Stops - RF Records (2008)  
Click & Enjoy - RF Records (2007)  
Play Things - RF Records (2006)  
The White Album - RF Records (2005)  
The British at Midem - RF Records (2004)  
Turn & Enjoy - RF Records (2003)

**Drew DeFour** 2009

### Trumpet/Flugelhorn

Troubadour - Self Released (2009)

## GRANTS & AWARDS

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**Mr. Hollands Opus Foundation (\$240,167)** 2014 - 2017

**GP Foundation for Public Education (\$96,100)** 2018 - 2023

**Wilson Foundation (\$25,000)** 2020 - 2022

**MSGCU (\$10,000)** 2012 - 2023

**Donors Choose (35,246)** 2013 - 2023

**Other Miscellaneous Grants & Awards (\$35,858)** 2012 - 2023

**Total Grants & Awards Income - \$442,371**