



Mile High Freedom Band Expands Leadership New Associate and Assistant Directors

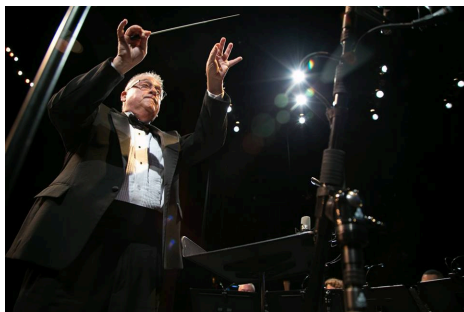
Denver, Colorado — September 23rd, 2015 - The Mile High Freedom Band is pleased to announce the addition of Gary Hoffman as Associate Director and Donnie Lemley as Assistant Director. Both gentlemen will be joining Artistic Director Derek Hebert in leading the organization as they begin their 32nd season.

"The addition of Gary and Donnie to our artistic staff will be an enormous benefit to the entire Mile High Freedom Band organization." noted Hebert when asked about the newest additions to the staff.

Gary Hoffman received both his Masters and Bachelor degrees in Music Education from the Dana School of Music at Youngstown State University. His teaching career spanned 30 years including 23 years as a High School Band Director. His high school bands consistently achieved Superior and Excellent ratings at the district, state, and national level. As a member of the Ohio Music Education Association, he was quite active throughout the state as an adjudicator for concert band and solo and ensemble competitions and was an honorary member of the American School Band Director's Association. Gary has served as Assistant Director of the South Florida Pride Wind Ensemble and as a founding member and Vice President of the Gay Men's Chorus of South Florida.

Donnie Lemley received his Bachelor degree in Music Education from Kansas State University and a Masters in Music Performance from the University of Missouri. He has taught in public schools in Kansas and Colorado since 2001 teaching students from 5th grade through high school. He has performed with various notable trumpet players and institutions including the Kansas City Symphony, Denver Gay Men's Chorus, Colorado Symphony Orchestra, and the Fifth of Brass Quintet.

"These two men bring extraordinary passion, dedication, and talents that will help MHFB continue to grow and advance our commitment to making a positive impact on the LGBT community through music." said Hebert.



Gary Hoffman



Donnie Lemley

About the Mile High Freedom Band

As the preeminent LGBT instrumental music organization of the Rocky Mountain region, the Mile High Freedom Band performs musical events that engage, excite, educate, and entertain audiences and develops performers of all abilities. The Mile High Freedom Band is committed to making a positive contribution to the LGBT and other communities through its performances and activities.

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