



RICK RODRIGUEZ, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF BANDS/PERCUSSION SPECIALIST

Rick Rodriguez ("Mr. Rod") has become a nationally known and well-respected percussion clinician and holds a Bachelor's degree in Music Education from the University of North Texas. He is currently in his 12th year as percussion director at Cedar Ridge High School in Round Rock, TX. Rick was previously the percussion specialist and wind ensemble assistant at Spring High School for 16 years.

During Mr. Rod's tenure at Spring High School, the Spring Percussion Ensemble received numerous awards and honors in both marching and concert activities. Some of these awards and events include the Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic Percussion Ensemble, The *Music For All* National Concert Band Festival, and Bands of America marching events along with many other festival performance and drum line awards.

Mr. Rod has performed in and instructed the world-famous University of North Texas P.A.S. Drum Line and was a snare drummer and staff member of the Concord Blue Devils Drum and Bugle Corps. He has also worked with Phantom Regiment and Blue Knights and was on the adjudicating staff for Drum Corps International (DCI) for four years. Rick is a busy private teacher and percussion master class consultant, while also writing and arranging various percussion ensemble and drum books. He has taught and/or arranged percussion music for many top high school percussion ensembles throughout the state, including Spring High School, Westfield High School, Marcus High School, Cedar Park High School and Haltom High School. Rick Rodriguez is currently endorsed by the educational programs of Pearl Drums, Innovative Percussion Sticks and Mallets, Evans Drum Heads, and the Zildjian Cymbal Company and has published works through Boosey & Hawkes and C. Allan Publications.